

COLUMBIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

August 18, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

President Shawver called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Present at the meeting were:

Vincent Shawver, President
Neil Martin, Vice President
Dallas Ayde, Director
Sherri Thackham, Director

Jeff Sperline, Sperline Raekes Law
Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager
Maura Monk, Recorder

Absent
Marilyn Dickenson, Director

Guests: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Martin motioned to approve the agenda as submitted. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of August 4, 2023

Director Thackham motioned to approve the minutes of August 4, 2023. Director Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

2023-2024 Budget

Mr. Strifert presented the 2023-2024 Budget with a 3.5% rate increase. Director Thackham motioned to approve the 2023-2024 Budget. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

38th to Van Giesen Liner

Mr. Strifert recommended the Board reject all bids and rebid the project due to the bid criteria being for the liner to be laminated together. Only one of the four bids received met that requirement. The rebid and revised qualification on the liner will go out for bid on Monday, August 21, 2023. The closing date will be September 7, 2023, and the contract can be awarded at the next Board meeting. Director Ayde motioned to reject all bids and rebid the 38th to Van Giesen Liner Project with the revised qualifications. Director Thackham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Brush Filtration System

Mr. Strifert reported that at the next Board meeting there will be a Sole Source Agreement with a letter from Aqua Systems for the Board to approve for the Brush Filtration System purchase.

2024 Grant Opportunities (Small/Large Scale)

Mr. Strifert reported that we are still waiting as there was no announcement reported on the grants.

NEW BUSINESS

Operations Report.

Mr. Strifert reported that we had to replace pump motors at a few of the smaller pump stations. The small aquatic weed treatments that were implemented have shown great results. CID will be working with the Department of Transportation (DOT) on the removal of invasive "Trees from Heaven." Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) has issued a mandatory removal of these trees. The purchase of uniform polo shirts with embroidered logo was discussed for the District Manager, Board members, and office staff.

Director Thackham motioned to approve the purchase of seven (7) shirts for District Manger Curt Strifert. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Further discussion ensued.

Director Thackham amended the motion to add the approval for District Manager, Curt Strifert to obtain bids from vendors and samples to present at a future board meeting for office staff and Board members. Director Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2023-2024 Engineering Contract

Mr. Strifert reviewed the Engineering Service Evaluation for the firms responding to the District's annual request for qualifications. The District received responses from Budinger & Associates, RH2, and JUB Engineers. Discussion was brought up that there was no hourly rate in any of the contracts. Legal Counsel Mr. Sperline recommended the Board make a motion to allow for the amendment that firms provide us with their hourly rate to be submitted in writing by email. The contract will be awarded at the next board meeting. Director Thackham motion to allow the amendment of the hourly rate to be submitted in writing by email. Director Martin seconded. Motion carried.

Tree Contract

Mr. Strifert reported that the Tree Service contract is expired and needs to go out for bid again. The contract has been revised to add three additional categories for pricing: 1) Tree Shrub Removal, 2) Tree Trimming, and 3) Tree Stump Grinding. The Tree contract will go out for bid on August 21, 2023. The closing date will be September 7, 2023. The contract can be awarded at the next Board meeting with the lowest average of the pricing of the three categories will be the winning bid.

Benton County Interlocal Agreement

Mr. Strifert reported that he negotiated with the county to have access to county pricing for materials and no charge per yard on the raw material at Owens Pit. The agreement has been consolidated into one agreement. Director Ayde motion to accept the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement as provided by Benton County. Director Thackham seconded. Motion carried.

2023 Newsletter

The Board agreed that the 2023 Newsletter will be available on our website. A draft will be presented at the next meeting for review and approval.

Used Rubicon Gate – NSID

Mr. Strifert discussed the opportunity to purchase from Naches-Selah Irrigation District a used Rubicon gate. Naches-Selah Irrigation District bought the gate new in 2009 and removed it in 2011 because it was too small for their needs. The total cost is \$26,000 for the gate and also includes any 2024 programming update from Rubicon. The cost for a new Rubicon gate is 40,000. Mr. Strifert proposed that we offer \$12,500 for the used Rubicon gate if it is in good condition. Director Martin motioned for District Manager Curt Strifert to offer \$12,500, for the used Rubicon Gate. In the case Naches-Selah Irrigation District counter offers it will be brought back to the Board to approve. Director Thackham seconded. Motion carried.

SePRO Sole Source

Mr. Strifert presented the SePRO Sole Source Agreement with UPL, NA for the purchase of an extra tote of Cascade Endothall for aquatic weed control to the Board for approval. Director Thackham motioned to approve the Sole Source agreement with SePRo for the Cascade Endothall tote. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

September 1st Meeting Date

Mr. Strifert reported that he will not be able to attend the September 1, 2023, board meeting as he will be out of town Labor Day weekend. The Board agreed to move the meeting to Friday, September 8, 2023. Director Thackham motioned to change the meeting date from Friday, September 1, 2023, to Friday, September 8, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Shawver suggested that the September 15th meeting be moved up an hour to accommodate the annual canal tour. Director Thackham motioned to change the September 15th meeting time from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Shawver moved the meeting into Executive Session at 11:05 a.m., for 20 minutes, to discuss legal risk continued and/or proposed action. The meeting moved to open session at 11:30 a.m.

Director Ayde motion to present KID with the Drought Relief Temporary Pumping and Carriage Agreement along with letter from legal counsel as drafted. Director Thackham seconded. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR DISCUSSION

There was nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

President Shawver adjourned the meeting at 11:34 a.m.

Vincent Shawver, President

Neil Martin, Vice President

Sherri Thackham, Director

Dallas Ayde, Director

Marilyn Dickenson, Director

ATTEST:

Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager