

COLUMBIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
May 6, 2022

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
Marilyn Dickenson, Director

Gary Weatherly, JUB Engineers
Jeff Sperline, Sperline Raekes Law
Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager
Lila Freshment, Recorder

Guests: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of April 15, 2022

Director Ayde motioned to approve the minutes of April 15, 2022. Director Thackham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

March Vouchers

Voucher 01	Reimburse Revolving Fund	\$ 167,734.86
	Voucher Total	<u>\$ 167,734.86</u>

The Board reviewed and discussed the April Vouchers. Director Thackham motioned to approve the vouchers as submitted. Director Dickenson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

March Financial Statement

The Board reviewed and discussed the March Financial Statement.

Work Orders by Division

The Board reviewed and discussed the work orders in their respective divisions.

OLD BUSINESS

Department of Natural Resources Update

The discussion was moved to Executive session.

Rubicon Gate Grant

Mr. Strifert reported the application for the Mid-Canal Automation Grant has been submitted.

Owens Pit Interlocal Agreement

The agreement is still being negotiated. Mr. Strifert requested the District be allowed to record the amount of rock taken from the pit each month and submit it to the County for invoicing. Benton County agreed to change the interlocal agreement as requested. The language regarding liability was changed to read that each party will be responsible for any liability caused by their own negligence.

District Credit Card

The discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Operations Report

The Bureau has released a new funding opportunity for a Water Efficiency Grant. Mr. Strifert suggested the District apply for a \$200,000 grant for lining. The District's share of \$200,000 and matching Bureau funds would give us the opportunity to complete up to a \$400,000 project. The District's share could be taken from our project reserves for lining Capital Improvements Fund. The project would be completed in 2024. The size of the project would require hiring an outside contractor. Discussion followed. Mr. Strifert will gather more information on the project he is proposing and report back to the Board. Mr. Strifert reported that water start-up is complete. Operations staff is nearly caught up with work orders.

Barker Ranch

Barker Ranch contacted the District offering to lease the District water rights. They are not interested in selling them. Discussion followed. Mr. Strifert stated that District revenues from the additional water rights would not cover the cost of the lease and since the water rights are leased, at some point they could be taken away. After further discussion, the Board instructed Mr. Strifert to decline the offer.

Irrigation Leader Tour

Board member reviewed and discussed the Irrigation Leader Tour that took place on April 27th and 28th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Shawver moved the meeting into Executive session at 11:12 a.m. for 30 minutes, to discuss an employee termination of employment, the DNR land purchase and current litigation. The meeting was moved to open session at 11:42 a.m.

Director Thackham motioned to approve the Interagency Agreement between the Department of Natural Resources and Columbia Irrigation and to give Mr. Strifert signature authority. Director Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR DISCUSSION

President Shawver inquired about the funding of the Wanawish Dam rebuild that took place in the late-1990's. Mr. Weatherly explained the District received funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for disaster relief for flood damage. Mr. Strifert passed out time sheets for the Directors.

ADJOURNMENT

President Shawver adjourned the meeting at 11:53 a.m.

Vincent Shawver, President

Neil Martin, Vice President

Sherri Thackham, Director

Dallas Ayde, Director

Marilyn Dickenson, Director

ATTEST:

Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager