

COLUMBIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING  
March 1, 2024

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Shawver called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Present at the meeting were:

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

Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager  
Lila Freshment, Recorder  
Jeff Sperline, Sperline Raekes Law

**Guests:**

None.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Minutes of February 16, 2024**

Director Martin motioned to approve the minutes of February 16, 2024. Director Thackham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**February Vouchers**

Voucher 01	Reimburse Revolving Fund	\$130,085.43
Voucher 02	Aqua Systems 2000	\$ 49,000.00
Voucher 03	Aqua Systems 2000	\$ 51,000.00
	Total All Vouchers	<u>\$230,085.43</u>

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

### **Funds Transfer – Surplus Fund to O&M**

Director Thackham motioned to approve the transfer of \$100,000 from the Surplus Fund to the O&M Fund to pay Aqua Systems 2000 for the new screens at Hitchcock and The Lakes LID's. Director Dickenson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **January Financial Statement**

The Board reviewed and discussed the January Financial Statement.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Work Orders by Division**

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

### **Brockman LID**

The project will need to be postponed until next year. Benton PUD won't be able to research and get the load calculations done in time. Once the PUD is able to get it completed Mr. Strifert will have more information regarding the project.

### **38<sup>th</sup> to Van Giesen Liner**

The grant has undergone review and has been submitted to the Bureau of Reclamation. Although a decision is not expected until May at the earliest, it is more likely to be announced around July.

### **AquaSystems**

Both systems have been installed, commissioned, and are primed for operation. They are user-friendly, with simple operation procedures that the crew can easily manage and adjust if necessary. Anticipated benefits include a substantial reduction in Hitchcock's electric bill.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Operations Report.**

Lateral 1 is nearing completion. The field crew just completed the final application of shotcrete between Bowles and Carlson Rd. Additionally, the concrete canvas project is progressing well with only two anchor trenches needing concrete. Operations staff is caught up on spraying that we got behind on due to the snow. Crews are working on burning tumbleweeds, however, have only been able to burn two days due to the wind. They are also finishing up cleaning the canal of silt and hauling it off.

Mr. Strifert is exploring the possibility of acquiring Apple 10 iPads to enhance our field operations, as these tablets are compatible with our mapping system, unlike our current Samsung tablets. He is inquiring with US Cellular, our current service provider, to determine if we can upgrade or trade in our existing tablets for the new iPads. Additionally, Mr. Strifert aims to reach out to Apple Support to inquire about the availability of a business management solution that would allow centralized control over all the tablets simultaneously.

**Benton Conservation District**

Benton Conservation District approached CID about the Heritage Landscaping Program and wanting to get help to secure grant funding to help conserve water in Benton County. Mr. Strifert will find out more information and come back to the board to initiate a further discussion.

**Safety Meeting Policy**

Moved to Executive session.

**Northwest Irrigation Operators Meeting**

Discussion moved to the March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**


President Shawver moved the meeting into Executive session at 11:03 a.m., for 30 minutes, to discuss potential legal risks of current or proposed action. At 11:33 a.m. the Executive Session was extended for 10 minutes. At 11:43 a.m. extended for an additional 10 minutes. The meeting was moved to open session at 11:53 a.m. No reportable action was taken.

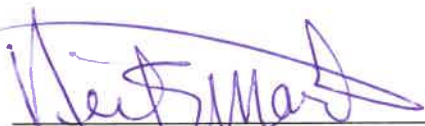
**DIRECTOR DISCUSSION**

Director Shawver stated that Board needs to conduct the biennial policy review within the next couple of meetings. A review of Robert Rules or Order will take place at the April mid-month meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Shawver adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

  
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ATTEST:  
  
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Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager