

COLUMBIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING  
August 5, 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

Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager  
Lila Freshment, Recorder  
Jeff Sperline, Sperline Raekes Law\*  
(Video Conferencing\*)

**Guests:** None.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

President Shawver moved the meeting into Executive Session at 9:12 a.m. for 20 minutes, with two extensions for five and ten minutes to discuss potential litigation. The meeting was moved to open session at 9:46 a.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Minutes of July 15, 2022**

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

**July Vouchers**

Voucher 01	Reimburse Revolving Fund	\$ 202,171.84
	Voucher Total	<u>\$ 202,171.84</u>

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

**June Financial Statement**

The Board reviewed and discussed the June 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**

Mr. Strifert was informed by the Department of Natural Resources that they have sent an official response by mail. The District should receive it soon.

### **Owens Pit Interlocal Agreement**

Mr. Strifert reported that the Interlocal Agreement has been approved by the County with one change that needs to be approved by our Board. The price of the rock will increase from \$1.20 to \$1.50 per yard with a 5% administrative fee. Director Martin motioned to approve the Owens Pit Interlocal Agreement with the change in the cost of buying the rock. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Approval of Policy Revisions**

Copies of the revised policies were presented to the Board for review and approval.

Director Thackham motioned to approve Policy 3.0 – Records Management. Director Dickenson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Director Thackham motioned to approve Policy 3.3 – Capital Improvements. Director Dickenson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Union Contract**

Mr. Strifert reported that the Union accepted District's offer. The contract is for four years with a cost-of-living increase for the first year of 4% and 3% for the following years and an annual clothing allowance of \$800 per year. When we receive the contract from the Union it will be presented for approval at a future board meeting.

### **Grant #R23AS00008**

Mr. Strifert reported that the grant application has been submitted for the eight Rubicon gates. Mr. Strifert reported he received notification that the District was not selected for the Drought Contingency Plan Grant. Most of those were awarded to California, Arizona, and Colorado.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Operations Report**

Mr. Strifert reported that our field crew has been very busy completing work orders. Operations staff have also been working to remove aquatic weeds in Lateral #1 and at the end of the main canal with the excavator. The excessive heat has been putting extra pressure on pump motors. One of the pump station motors at the Lakes had to be pulled and sent in for repair. It was reset yesterday and is being wired in today. Mr. Strifert reported that Frank Tiegs's water carriage contract is expiring at the end of this year. Mr. Strifert will negotiate a three-year contract with a 4% annual increase.

**Budget – 2022/2023 Fiscal Year**

Mr. Strifert presented the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Draft Budget. Director Martin motioned to approve the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Budget and a 3% rate increase to assessment rates. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Directors Martin, Ayde, and Dickenson approved. Director Thackham opposed. Motion carried.

**LID #52**

Director Thackham motioned for the District to share the cost of repairing the LID #52 pump station with costs to the LID of \$6,693.09. Director Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**DIRECTOR DISCUSSION**

Director Shawver discussed tree removal.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Shawver adjourned the meeting at 12:04 p.m.

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Neil Martin, Vice President

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ATTEST:

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Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager