

# COLUMBIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

April 21, 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

Gary Weatherly, J.U.B. Engineers  
Jeff Sperline, Sperline Raekes Law  
Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager  
Lila Freshment, Recorder

## Absent

Marilyn Dickenson, Director

**Guests:** Luke Dahl, 3480 Northlake Dr., West Richland

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Luke Dahl is in District without a water right and is asking for a water right for his property. Mr. Strifert explained that the line near his property belongs to Local Improvement District (LID) #62. The LID was designed to serve a certain number of acres and is already at capacity. He will attempt to find someone in the LID willing to transfer a portion of water right to him. If he is successful, he will bring it to the Board for approval.

## CONSENT AGENDA

### Minutes of April 7, 2023

Director Martin motioned to approve the minutes of April 7, 2023. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Department of Natural Resources Update

Mr. Strifert asked to move the DNR update to Executive Session.

### LID #38 North Update

Mr. Strifert discussed the best option is to make improvements to LID 38 East instead of adding a new LID 38 North pump station. Mr. Strifert spoke to PUD and the cost to add a new pump station would be over \$50,000. He will have more information on the cost of upgrading the current pump at the next Board meeting.

### **Bylaws Revision**

The Board reviewed Draft #2 of the Bylaws Revision. Director Thackham motioned to approve the Bylaws Draft #2 with changes as suggested by Attorney Sperline. Director Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Operations Report**

Mr. Strifert reported on water start-up. He has been assisting in the field because the District has been behind due to multiple pipeline breaks. Mr. Strifert stated he received notice from the Bureau of Reclamation that we had not been selected for the large-scale water and efficiency grant for the eight Rubicon Gates. President Shawver asked about the break on Desert Dove in West Richland. Mr. Strifert reviewed the information on the break and showed pictures of the damage. Mr. Strifert spoke to the Board about doing aquatic weed treatments more often to try to control the weeds when they are smaller. This would require the District to purchase a third tote of Endothall for spot treatments in between the big treatments to reduce the number of mats of weeds in the water after a large treatment. The expected result would be cleaner water. The additional expense, however, would put us over our chemical budget this year. Mr. Strifert asked the Board to consider it and decide at the next meeting.

### **Highland Drain**

Moved to Executive session.

### **Policy 5.4 Meals, Coffee, and Light Refreshments**

The Board reviewed the policy. Director Ayde motioned to approve Policy 5.4. Director Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Yakima Basin Joint Board Meeting Review**

President Shawver and Vice-President Martin reported on the Yakima Basin Joint Board Meeting. The Joint Board has tours scheduled this year on June 29<sup>th</sup> and September 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

President Shawver moved the meeting into Executive Session at 11:25 a.m. for thirty minutes to discuss current and potential litigation. The meeting was extended for ten minutes at 11:55 a.m. The meeting was moved to open session at 12:05 p.m.

Director Martin motioned to authorize payment to the Department of Natural Resources in the amount of \$43,234.85 for material removed from the clay pit. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

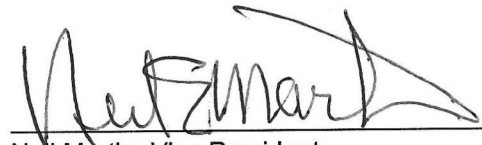
**DIRECTOR DISCUSSION**

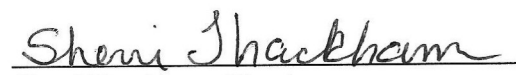
The Board will view training videos as time allows.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Shawver adjourned the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

  
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Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager