

COLUMBIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

March 3, 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
Marilyn Dickenson, Director

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

Guests:

Larry Martini, LID 38

John Winters, Sand Hill

Melissa Stoker, Sand Hill

Suzanne Goecke, Sand Hill

Micky Denke, LID38

Maggie Winters, Sand Hill

Brad Goecke, Sand Hill

Garth Hatch

Jake Stoker, Sand Hill

Ralph Collins, Sand Hill

Phyllis Goecke, Sand Hill

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Representatives from LID 38 addressed concerns with low pressure. Representatives from Sand Hill private irrigation system requested to move to a different diversion or help with finding another solution to their water issues. Mr. Strifert is currently researching a solution for LID 38. He will also look into a solution for the patrons in the Sand Hill system.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of February 14, 2023

Director Thackham motioned to approve the minutes of February 14, 2023. Director Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

February Vouchers

Voucher 01	Reimburse Revolving Fund	\$176,250.18
Voucher 02	Automated Gates	<u>\$193,703.40</u>
	Total All Vouchers	\$369,953.58

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

January Financial Statement

The Board reviewed and discussed the January Financial Statement.

OLD BUSINESS

Department of Natural Resources Update

Legal Counsel Mr. Sperline reported that there is no update to report.

Shop Pole Building Update

Mr. Strifert provided an update on the Shop Pole Building. The contractor has completed the building and we are now just waiting for the garage doors, which should be here in a couple of weeks. The County would not issue the approval until the approach is paved. Mr. Strifert is in the process of getting bids for the asphalt paving.

Tree Contract Update

Mr. Strifert reported that all required documentation has been received from Superior Tree Service, and he will contact them next week to get them started on projects.

Work Orders by Division

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

NEW BUSINESS

Operations Report

Mr. Strifert showed the Board security camera views at the Shop. The crew has been working on burning weeds on the canal and cleanup in preparation for the upcoming water season. The End of Canal Automation Grant is now complete and ready to be closed out. Mr. Strifert reviewed the PL-566 Watershed Program with the Board and reported that he has begun the application process. The program helps plan and implement watershed projects.

Joint Board Meeting Report

Agenda item was tabled until next meeting.

LID #38 North

Mr. Strifert reported on the low-pressure problem discussed during public comment. LID 38 was originally designed for a third pump station. It is a large LID consisting of 178 parcels and 219 acres. Mr. Strifert recommends expanding the LID and adding a pump station to help with the water pressure. If expanding the LID is not feasible an additional pump could still be added. The Board agreed to have Mr. Strifert explore the options, power, engineering, and costs and report back to the Board.

Water Start Date

Mr. Strifert reported that the water start date may need to be delayed up to a week. Tentatively, the District will start filling the canals on March 20 -27th. Mr. Strifert will provide an update for the water start date at the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Shawver moved the meeting into Executive Session at 11:53 a.m., for 20 minutes, to discuss current and potential litigation. The meeting was extended at 12:13 p.m., for an additional 10 minutes, extended for 5 minutes at 12:23 p.m., and extended another 5 minutes at 12:28 p.m. The meeting was moved to open session at 12:33 p.m.

DIRECTOR DISCUSSION


President Shawver announced the next Joint Board will be on March 24th. Memorial services for Sheila Thackham will be held at Life Tributes, 314 W. 1st St, Kennewick, on March 11th, 2023, from Noon – 3:00 p.m. Sandwiches will be provided, and potluck dishes are appreciated.

ADJOURNMENT

President Shawver adjourned the meeting at 12:37 p.m.



Vincent Shawver, President




Neil Martin, Vice President



Sherri Thackham, Director



Dallas Ayde, Director



Marilyn Dickenson, Director

ATTEST:


Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager

