

# COLUMBIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

May 5, 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

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

**Guests:** Frank McGowan, Elmridge Farms

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Frank McGowan addressed the Board regarding Elmridge Farms private irrigation area also known as Sand Hill Association. He left documents for the District to review. Mr. Strifert stated he would review them and contact Mr. McGowan next week.

## CONSENT AGENDA

### Minutes of April 21, 2023

Director Martin motioned to approve the minutes of April 21, 2023. Director Thackham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### April Vouchers

Voucher 01	Reimburse Revolving Fund	\$220,809.46
	Total All Voucher	<u>\$220,809.46</u>

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

### March Financial Statement

The Board reviewed and discussed the March Financial Statement.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **LID #38 North Update**

Mr. Strifert reported that the cost of upgrading the pump station to 480-volt 3 phase power is \$6,000. The total cost to upgrade including the variable frequency drive, pump and motor is approximately \$20,000 - \$25,000.

### **Work Orders by Division**

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

### **Highland Drain**

Mr. Strifert reported that Kennewick Irrigation District installed four drains at the Highland Drain. There will probably be two more drains needed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Operations Report**

Mr. Strifert informed the Board that the purchase of four extra totes of Endothall herbicide will put us approximately \$17,000. over our chemical budget but will provide us with enough for an additional four mini applications in between the large treatments. This could substantially reduce the weed growth in the canal and lead to cleaner water. The Board unanimously agreed to move forward with the purchase. Mr. Strifert reported that everyone should have water now except for some patrons with work orders for valve repairs.

### **Resolution 2020-8**

Item moved to Executive Session.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

President Shawver moved the meeting into Executive Session at 10:42 a.m., for 45 minutes, to discuss current and potential litigation. The meeting was extended to 11:26 a.m., for an additional 5 minutes. The meeting was moved to open session at 11:30 a.m.

President Shawver stated there was no reportable action.

## **DIRECTOR DISCUSSION**

Director Shawver announced the Yakima Basin Joint Board is hosting a tour on June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

President Shawver adjourned the meeting at 11:39 a.m.

  
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ATTEST:   
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Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager