

COLUMBIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

June 2, 2023

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

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

Guests: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Thackham motioned to approve the agenda as submitted. Director Dickenson seconded with an amendment to approve the agenda adding an Executive Session. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of May 19, 2023

Director Thackham motioned to approve the minutes of May 19, 2023. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

May Vouchers

Voucher 01	Reimburse Revolving Fund	\$166,332.82
Voucher 02	Rubicon Water	\$ 15,761.50
		<u>\$182,094.32</u>

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

April Financial Statement

The Board reviewed and discussed the April Financial Statement.

Work Orders by Division

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

OLD BUSINESS

LID #38 East Update

Mr. Strifert reported after further research the best option for upgrading LID 38 East is to install a 60 hp/ 480-volt pump. Benton PUD will need to add a new pole and transformer estimated at \$10,000. The estimated total cost of the upgrade is approximately \$40,000, to be paid by the LID over a three-year period. If parts are available, the project will be completed by the end of July.

Director Thackham motioned to authorize the expenditure and a 3-year repayment plan for LID 38 East, as presented by District Manager Curt Strifert. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bender / 786 S. 38th Ave./Seepage

Mr. Strifert reported that the District has been monitoring the water in the drainage ditch at 786 S. 38th Avenue in West Richland. There is no water in the ditch at this time. The District will continue to monitor it. Lining the canal in this area was discussed. Mr. Strifert will provide more information on lining costs at a future meeting.

Brush Filtration System

Mr. Strifert reported that he will be meeting with an engineer and sales representative from Aqua Systems for a site visit. The four LIDs being considered for the brush filtration system trial are #04 (Hitchcock), #63 (Belmont), #46 (The Lakes), and #02 (Soggie).

NEW BUSINESS

Operations Report

Mr. Strifert discussed security upgrades for the office. We have less weeds growing in the canal right now due to the dirty water, which causes no light for the weeds to grow. We did our first lower end canal system weed treatment in an area by Kennewick High School.

2024 Grant Opportunity (Small/Large Scale)

Mr. Strifert asked the Board to consider whether they would like to apply for small or large scale grants.

Fund Transfer Approvals

Office Manager Lila Freshment requested approval to transfer funds to the Operation and Maintenance Fund to reimburse project expenses.

Director Ayde motioned to approve the transfer of \$81,615.32 from the Capital Improvement Fund to the Operation & Maintenance Fund to reimburse expenses for the End of Canal Automation Project. Director Diickenson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Director Dickenson motioned to approve the transfer of \$42,367.93 from the Project Fund to the Operations & Maintenance Fund to reimburse the expenses for the Elite Sod Liner Project. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Director Thackham motioned to approve the transfer of \$68,770.03 from the Project Fund to the Operations & Maintenance Fund to reimburse expenses for the Lateral #1 Liner Project. Director Dickenson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Shawver moved the meeting into Executive Session at 10:58 a.m., for 17 minutes, to discuss current and potential litigation. The meeting was moved to open session at 11:17 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 29th, 2023. The Board members were given a copy of the Employee Handbook with the revisions. It will be reviewed at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

President Shawver adjourned the meeting at 11:21 a.m.



Vincent Shawver, President



Neil Martin, Vice President



Sherri Thackham, Director



Dallas Ayde, Director



Marilyn Dickenson, Director

ATTEST: 

Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager