

COLUMBIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
October 6, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

President Shawver called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Present at the meeting were:

Vincent Shawver, President
Neil Martin, Vice President
Dallas Ayde, Director
Sherri Thackham, Director

Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager
Lila Freshment, Recorder

Absent
Marilyn Dickenson, Director

Guests:

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of September 15, 2023

Director Martin motioned to approve the minutes of September 15, 2023. Director Thackham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Minutes of September 29, 2023

Director Martin motioned to approve the minutes of September 29, 2023. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

September Vouchers

Voucher 01	Reimburse Revolving Fund	\$216,841.21
Voucher 02	SePRO – Herbicide	<u>\$134,565.16</u>
	Total All Vouchers	\$351,406.37

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

August Financial Statement

The Board reviewed and discussed the August Financial Statement.

OLD BUSINESS

Letter of Support – Wanawish Dam NOAA Fish Passage & Restoration Project

Mr. Strifert requested the Board to review the Letter of Support for the Wanawish Dam NOAA Fish Passage & Restoration Project and asked for a motion to approve and accept. Director Martin motioned to approve the Letter of Support for the Wanawish Dam NOAA Fish Passage & Restoration Project. Director Thackham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

38th to Van Giesen Liner Project

Mr. Strifert reported that the original qualifying bid for the liner project that was awarded to Western Environmental Liner did not meet the lowest responsible bidder requirements. Mr. Strifert recommends delaying the project and applying for a grant for a buried liner. We can use the budgeted funds for the Rubicon and the Liner project to line 1,850 feet of the canal up by Valley View. We have not received the notice to proceed for the Rubicon gate grant, so it will be moved to next year's budget.

Director Thackham motioned to reject the bid due to not being a qualified bidder for the 38th Van Giesen Liner Project. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Director Thackham motioned to combine line item #69 and #71, in the 2023-2024 budget and rename the budgeted item to Valley View Liner. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2024 Grant Opportunities

Mr. Strifert reported that there has been no announcement reported on the grants.

2023-2024 Tree Contract

Mr. Strifert announced that we received one qualified bid from Superior Tree Service for \$288.00 per hour. Director Martin motioned to award the 2023-2024 Tree Contract to Superior Tree Service. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Benton County Interlocal Agreement

Mr. Strifert explained that the Benton County Interlocal Agreement, which was approved at a previous board meeting, has been revised to include wording to cancel the two previous interlocals. Director Martin motioned to approve the revision to the Benton County Interlocal Agreement. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Work Orders by Division

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

NEW BUSINESS

Operations Report.

Mr. Strifert reported that the crew is dropping canal levels due to decreased usage. The weed problem has significantly decreased with the extra tote that we had purchased and more frequent weed treatments. Since we cancelled the liner project this year and prices are higher than anticipated we will not be purchasing an excavator this year. Instead, Mr. Strifert recommended to purchase one ¾-ton truck for the crew supervisor and one ditch rider truck. The Crew Supervisor truck will be moved to the maintenance fleet.

SePRO Sole Source Agreement

Mr. Strifert recommended the District to continue the sole-source agreement with SePRO for aquatic chemicals for 2023-2024, by resolution. They are the sole source for some of the products that we use and provide Nautique at no additional charge (included in the contract) and the only supplier that offers a "canal guarantee." Director Thackham motioned to approve Resolution No. 2023-3, for the sole source agreement with SePRO for the aquatic weed program for the 2023-2024 season. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Surplus Items

Mr. Strifert recommended approval to send the Lincoln Gas Powered Welder to Booker Auction. Director Martin motioned to approve Mr. Strifert to send the Lincoln Gas Powered Welder to Booker Auction. Director Thackham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2024 Board of Directors Elections

The Board discussed the upcoming election for Divisions 4 & 5. Petition of Candidacy's need to be submitted by Monday, November 6th at District office.

Board of Directors Evaluation

Board members each discussed and reviewed how they perceived the Board has performed this past year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There is no business to discuss.

DIRECTOR DISCUSSION

Mr. Strifert reminded the Board that the next board meeting will be next Friday, October 13, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. There will be no meeting on Friday, October 20, 2023. The Washington State Water Resources Annual Conference will be held Nov. 29 – Dec. 1, 2023, at the Davenport Hotel, Spokane, WA. President Shawver, Vice President Martin, Director Thackham, District Manager, Curt Strifert and Legal Counsel Jeff Sperline will attend.

ADJOURNMENT

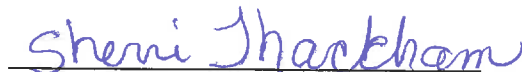
President Shawver adjourned the meeting at 11:29 a.m.



Vincent Shawver, President



Neil Martin, Vice President



Sherri Thackham, Director



Dallas Ayde, Director

Marilyn Dickenson, Director

ATTEST: 

Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager