

COLUMBIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
May 3, 2024

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

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

Guests:
None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of April 19, 2024

Director Thackham motioned to approve the minutes of April 19, 2024. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

April Vouchers

Voucher 01	Reimburse Revolving Fund	<u>\$246,690.36</u>
	Total All Vouchers	\$246,690.36

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

March Financial Statement

The Board reviewed and discussed the March Financial Statement.

OLD BUSINESS

Work Orders by Division

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

Heyden Permit Approval

The District has received the fully executed Right-of-Way Encroachment Permit as well as payment for a long-term permit.

Yakima Basin Joint Board Meeting/Tour

All tour arrangements have been finalized. Registration has been opened, and staff will ensure that all board members are registered. President Shawver reviewed the Joint Board Meeting held on April 24th.

Roza Irrigation District Excavator

Scott Revell, District Manager of Roza, will have a formal agreement drafted for the purchase and payment of the excavator. Mr. Strifert will have further details at the next meeting.

Knutzen Engineering/Kennewick Housing Authority

Mr. Strifert stated that the City of Kennewick has agreed to supply city water for irrigation for the affordable housing apartment complex being constructed at 410 E 10th Avenue.

NEW BUSINESS

Operations Report.

The work order volume is still high, with various team members putting in overtime and working on their days off to address them. Mr. Strifert received positive feedback from The Lakes LID regarding the AquaSystem filtration system; the screens are clean, and the system is performing well. Mr. Strifert stated that within the next couple of weeks plans to treat staff to a well-deserved lunch as a token of appreciation for their hard work during these challenging weeks.

Emergency Canal Shut Down

The District was notified of a potential canal breach at Desert Gold RV Park on Columbia Park Trail. A section of ground had sloughed off and water was draining into the pond below. Mr. Strifert made the decision to shut down the canal for further investigation. After draining the canal, it didn't seem to affect the amount of water draining into the pond, indicating the majority of it may be a ground water issue. Field crews lined the canal in that area with 8 inches clay and will continue to monitor the situation for any changes. The District began refilling the canal on Wednesday and all delivery was restored by Friday morning.

Additionally, staff are working to set up a text message notification system for the District to alert patrons of significant outages or similar incidents. This will provide timely updates at an affordable cost. Patrons will be offered the option to share their cell phone numbers to receive these notifications.

Bond Discussion

Mr. Strifert proposed exploring the possibility of obtaining an \$8 million bond to address capital projects to include canal lining. The board expressed no objections and authorized Mr. Strifert to conduct research on bond acquisition, including interest rates and payment terms.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

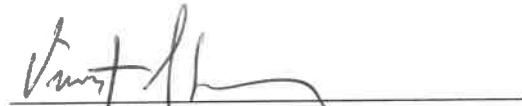
President Shawver moved the meeting into Executive session at 10:57 a.m., for 13 minutes, to discuss current litigation. The meeting was moved to open session at 11:10 a.m. No reportable action was taken.

DIRECTOR DISCUSSION

Director Dickenson inquired about the safe handling and disposal policy, which Mr. Strifert mentioned is currently in progress. There was also a discussion about relocating the office to the shop location, with Mr. Strifert noting that this conversation needs to take place soon. He suggested the possibility of utilizing the existing shop and renovating it rather than starting anew. Mr. Strifert discussed the L&I fine received of \$4800, he intends to appeal it. There's a 15-day window to set up the appeal phone call. Given our positive history with L&I, Mr. Strifert believes there's a good chance of reducing the fine. The next meeting will address any updates on this matter, including potential payment or further appeals to Olympia.

ADJOURNMENT

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



Vincent Shawver, President



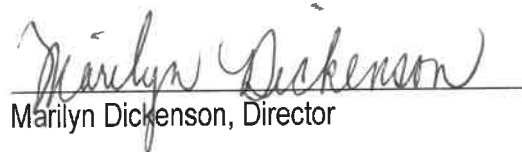
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ATTEST:



Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager