

COLUMBIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
June 7, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

President Shawver called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. Present at the meeting were:

Vincent Shawver, President	Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager
Neil Martin, Vice President	Lila Freshment, Recorder
Dallas Ayde, Director	Jeff Sperline, Attorney
Sherri Thackham, Director	
Marilyn Dickenson, Director	

Guests:

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of May 17, 2024

Director Thackham motioned to approve the minutes of May 17, 2024. Director Dickenson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

May Vouchers

Voucher 01	Reimburse Revolving Fund	<u>\$493,094.39</u>
	Total All Vouchers	\$493,094.39

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

Director Ayde motioned to approve the transfer of \$82,553.86 from the Capital Improvement Project Fund to the Operation & Maintenance Fund to reimburse expenses for the Washington to 8th Street Liner Project. Director Dickenson seconded, and the motion carried.

Director Ayde motioned to approve the transfer of \$9,814.06 from the Capital Improvement Project Fund to the Operation & Maintenance Fund to reimburse expenses for the Lateral 1 Phase 2 Liner Project. Director Dickenson seconded, and the motion carried.

April Financial Statement

The Board reviewed and discussed the April Financial Statement.

OLD BUSINESS

Work Orders by Division

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

Yakima Basin Joint Board Tour

Mr. Strifert reported that forty-one people have signed up for the tour, but there is no additional information to report at this time.

Roza Irrigation District Excavator

Mr. Strifert informed the board that he received a bill of sale from Roza Irrigation District for a surplus 2006 Cat 314C Excavator, priced at \$45,000. This equipment is being sold "as is," without warranty. Maintenance records are included. CID may take possession immediately and pay by October 31, 2024.

Director Martin motioned to authorize Mr. Strifert to purchase the excavator for \$45,000, Director Thackham seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Lineage Water Permit

Water from Lateral 2 will be used for dust and fire control. Initially, the permit was to be issued to Lineage, but it was instead obtained by Signal Restoration Cleanup Company who is doing the work. The agreement was signed for a fee of \$1,250 per week, for a duration of 8-10 weeks.

Panorama Vista Storm Pond Facility

Mr. Strifert contacted the City of West Richland for additional information and learned that according to construction notes, the city will not take over the area. Lots #18-31 share an equal 1/13th ownership of the lot.

The owners can either install water with a riser and determine among themselves the payment responsibilities or seek board approval for all thirteen owners to relinquish their water rights and exit the Local Improvement District (LID) due to the parcel's status.

NEW BUSINESS

Operations Report.

Mr. Strifert reported that the Kennewick Flume caught on fire yesterday due to a brush fire from a homeless encampment. Upon inspection, it appears there is no major damage. To prevent future incidents, there is a need to clear cut the area. Mr. Strifert suggested collaborating with the BNSF Railroad and the City of Kennewick to share the costs, rather than having CID cover the entire expense. He plans to reach out to both the City of Kennewick and BNSF next week to discuss the matter.

Mr. Strifert reported he has signed off on the irrigation drawings for the Highland Vineyard Phase 2 development. The developer will install the infrastructure to the canal for a pressurized system and the District will construct the pump station and charge the costs back to the Local Improvement District (LID), incorporating those expenses into the sale of the lots. While the pump station will be built in-house, the electrical work will need to be contracted out.

SSWEP Grants

Mr. Strifert distributed copies of the Notice of Award from the Bureau of Reclamation for the Cox Spillway Liner Grant. This was for funding up to \$88,000. The District was not awarded the grant for the Rubicon Gates. The Bureau stated both applications were among the highest rated, however only one grant per entity is allowed per round. The next round of funding closes on July 7th, so there is an opportunity to revise and resubmit the Rubicon grant application. Mr. Strifert suggested making a few enhancements to the application. The previous submissions were made in January.

Director Dickenson motioned that Mr. Strifert revise and resubmit the Rubicon grant application. Director Ayde seconded. The motion was carried.

#24 Dump Truck

Mr. Strifert informed the Board that the District has only one operational dump truck right now. Originally, the plan was to acquire two new dump trucks over the next two off-seasons. He found two identical 2012 Freightliner dump trucks with fewer than 200,000 miles each, priced between \$90,000 and \$120,000 per unit, available immediately for auction. He emphasized the importance of capitalizing on the current lower prices by purchasing through an auction, which ensures a competitive bidding process. Mr. Strifert proposed either securing financing for the two dump trucks or alternatively, increasing the revolving account by \$270,000 for one month to cover the purchase cost outright.

Director Thackham motioned to authorize Mr. Strifert to offer between 90K-120K per dump truck. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Director Martin opposed. Motion Carried.

Director Thackham motioned to increase the revolving fund by \$270,000 to \$520,000 for one month. Director Dickenson seconded the motion. Director Martin opposed. Motion Carried.

Wanawish Dam Grant

The Yakima Fisheries are taking the lead on a project that involves grant applications for feasibility studies and research. They were awarded a \$473,000 grant for research and feasibility studies specifically for Wanawish Dam, aimed at identifying potential improvements. If the studies indicate viable improvements, the next step would be to apply for a grant for construction. Any proposed improvements would require the District's approval. Overall, this is promising news for potential advancements.

Policy 4.2 – Protection of District Canal Rights-of-Way

Attorney Sperline recommended this be moved to Executive session.

July 5th Board Meeting

Director Thackham motioned to move the July 5, 2024, Board meeting to June 28th at 9 am. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Shawver moved the meeting into Executive session at 11:19 a.m., for 30 minutes, to discuss legal risks of proposed action. It was extended by 15 minutes at 11:49 a.m. The meeting was moved to open session at 12:04 p.m. No reportable action was taken.

DIRECTOR DISCUSSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

President Shawver adjourned the meeting at 12:08 a.m.

Vincent Shawver, President

Neil Martin, Vice President

Sherri Thackham, Director

Dallas Ayde, Director

Marilyn Dickenson, Director

ATTEST:

Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager