

COLUMBIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
July 19, 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, Attorney

Guests: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of June 28, 2024

Director Thackham motioned to approve the minutes of June 28, 2024. Director Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

CID/KID Drought Agreement

Mr. Strifert is waiting for a call back from KID. There is no new information to report at this time.

2024 Newsletter

The Board reviewed the newsletter and approved it with suggested changes. Highlights include a Yakima Basin Joint Board tour summary and a brief outline of activities. The back section covers capital improvements and grant funding details.

CID Office

Mr. Strifert informed the Board of a potential office building on Columbia Drive. The Board discussed the building's location and age, noting potential benefits and considering the resale value of our current building. He invited the Board to tour the site prior to the end of the meeting.

Kennewick Trail & Pathways Plan

Mr. Strifert was requested to provide feedback by July 19 on a committee proposal for the City of Kennewick to develop a major trail pathway aimed at promoting health, fitness, and recreation for Tri-Cities residents. Mr. Strifert reviewed the proposal and his feedback to them with the Board and discussion followed. He will be submitting his comments to the City today. The proposal will go out for public comment next week.

NEW BUSINESS

Operations Report.

Mr. Strifert reported on the current challenges with low water levels in the Yakima River, which are making it difficult to maintain adequate water flow in the canal. There has been a significant increase in weed growth in the canal due to high water temperatures. Mr. Strifert informed the Board that we may exceed our weed budget if the weed growth continues. He will keep the Board updated on developments. The field crew has removed and chipped the trees near the Kennewick Flume. Weldy LID, one of our larger pressurized LID's motors failed and damaged the Variable Frequency Drive (VFD). Mr. Strifert was able to purchase a replacement motor and use the spare VFD purchased last year, and functionality should be restored by tomorrow. A new VFD has been ordered and will be swapped out so that we can maintain a spare. There will be an opening celebration for the Cle Ellum fish passage next Wednesday.

Yakima Basin Integrated Plan Meeting Review

President Shawver provided a detailed report on the recent Yakima Basin Integrated Plan meeting he attended.

Keewaydin Park Bridge

The Board reviewed the topic of the Keewaydin Park Bridge. Director Thackham motioned to postpone further discussion until the next meeting, Director Dickenson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Drought Watering Schedule

The Board engaged in a discussion on the matter and subsequently decided to table the issue for future consideration. Director Martin motioned to table the discussion until the next meeting. Director Dickenson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

DIRECTOR DISCUSSION

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Shawver moved the meeting into Executive session at 10:56 a.m., for 5 minutes, to discuss current litigation and performance of a public employee. The meeting moved into open session at 11:01a.m.

Director Thackham motioned to move the meeting to 1045 W. Columbia Drive, Kennewick WA. Director Dickenson seconded the motion.

The meeting was reconvened at 11:15 a.m., at 1045 W. Columbia Drive. All were present except Director Martin. The Board viewed and discussed the property. Director Thackham motioned to authorize Mr. Strifert to make offers to purchase the building located at 1045 W. Columbia Drive and allow him to work with lenders to obtain a loan which would include the building price and the needed remodeling. Director Dickenson seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

President Shawver adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m.



Vincent Shawver, President



Neil Martin, Vice President



Sherri Thackham, Director



Dallas Ayde, Director



Marilyn Dickenson, Director

ATTEST:



Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager