

**COLUMBIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING**  
December 4, 2024

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Shawver called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. Present at the meeting were:

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| 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.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**  
None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Minutes of November 15, 2024 & November 22, 2024**

Director Martin motioned to approve the minutes of November 15, 2024. Director Ayde seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Director Martin motioned to approve the minutes of November 22, 2024. Director Ayde seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**November Vouchers**

Voucher 01	Reimburse Revolving Fund	<u>\$196,078.25</u>
	Total All Vouchers	\$196,078.25

The Board reviewed and discussed the November Vouchers. Director Thackham moved to approve the vouchers as submitted. Director Martin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**October Financial Statement**

The Board reviewed and discussed the October Financial Statement.

## OLD BUSINESS

### **Work Orders by Division**

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

### **Riverside Shotcrete Liner**

Mr. Strifert provided a brief update on the status of the project that Columbia Pumping is doing. The work is progressing well and is expected to be finished next week.

### **CID/KID Drought Agreement**

Mr. Strifert noted that there are currently no new updates to report on this matter. He will continue to monitor the situation and provide further information as it becomes available.

### **New CID Office**

Moved to Executive session.

### **KSD Bridges**

Moved to Executive session.

### **Safety Meeting**

Mr. Strifert reported that the field crew has requested Dickey's BBQ for the safety meeting lunch, which is scheduled for 11:45 AM on December 20th. Mr. Sperline will be in attendance to facilitate a workplace safety training video.

## NEW BUSINESS

### **Operations Report**

Mr. Strifert provided an update on the progress of Capital Improvement projects. Work on the shotcrete being done by our crew began yesterday, focusing on the downstream section near Van Giesen. If everything goes well it could be finished as soon as next week. Progress has also been made on shaping and trenching for the exposed liner at Columbia Park Trail.

### **Homeless Clean-Up**

Mr. Strifert stated that he has been contacted by the City of Richland about an area near Les Schwab on Tapteal where homeless encampments have formed. He has contacted our tree contractor to remove the shrubs in that area. The District is responsible for cleaning up around our canals. Mr. Strifert is searching for a professional service that handles this type of biohazard clean-up. Costs could be significant and may cause the District to exceed its budget for canal maintenance.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Shawver moved the meeting into Executive session at 8:45 a.m., for 20 minutes, to discuss current litigation and legal risks of current or proposed action. The meeting was moved to Open session at 9:05 a.m.

Director Thackham motioned authorizing Mr. Strifert to submit an offer for a new office building in the amount discussed during Executive session. Director Ayde seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Director Thackham motioned to authorize the District manager to apply for a loan, including the remodel, contingent upon the offer being accepted, as discussed in the Executive session. Director Ayde seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### DIRECTOR DISCUSSION

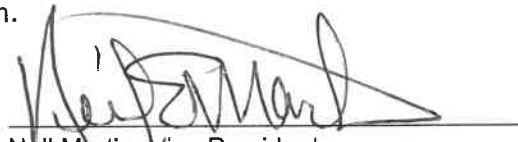
Mr. Strifert provided the Board with an overview of the logistics for the upcoming WSWRA conference, highlighting key events in the weekend itinerary, including the Rubicon dinner and the meeting with the Bureau of Reclamation.

### ADJOURNMENT

President Shawver adjourned the meeting at 9:12 a.m.



Vincent Shawver, President



Neil Martin, Vice President



Sherri Thackham, Director

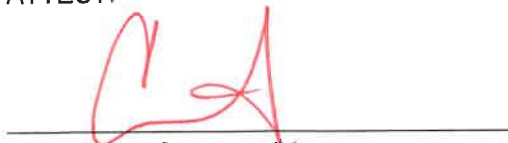


Dallas Ayde, Director



Marilyn Dickenson, Director

ATTEST:



Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager