

COLUMBIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
March 17, 2023

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

Guests: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of March 3, 2023

Director Thackham motioned to approve the minutes of March 3, 2023. Director Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Update

Mr. Strifert reported that there is no update.

Shop Pole Building Update

Mr. Strifert provided an update on the Shop Pole Building. The garage doors are being installed today, after which the building will be complete. The road approach has been paved and the County will be out sometime today to approve the final building permit.

Funds Transfer – Columbia Pumping

Ms. Freshment requested the Board's approval to transfer funds from the Capital Improvement Fund to Operation & Maintenance (O & M) to cover expenses for Columbia Pumping for the Birtle Spillway Liner in the amount of \$193,703.40. Director Thackham motioned to approve the transfer to the O & M Fund in the amount of \$193,703.40 to pay Columbia Pumping. Director Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Water Start-up

The District will start water on Sunday, March 26, 2023.

LID #38 North Update

Mr. Strifert provided an update and will provide more information at the next Board meeting.

Sand Hill Irrigation System Update

Mr. Strifert reported that the patrons of the Sand Hill private irrigation system decided to leave their system as is due to the upfront cost involved in changing.

NEW BUSINESS

Operations Report

Mr. Strifert reported that the crew has been burning and spraying weeds and setting drum screens and foot valves before the water startup.

Attorney Contract

President Shawver stated the District received one response to the annual request for qualifications from Attorneys. The response was from the District's current attorney, Jeff Sperline of Sperline Raekes Law. Director Ayde motioned to approve attorney Sperline Raekes Law contract extension for one year. Director Dickenson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Policy Revisions – Bylaws, Policy 1.1, Policy 2.2

Copies of the revised policies were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Additional changes were made to the Bylaws, to include the RCWs for the special and emergency meetings. Staff will include the changes and present an updated draft for approval at the next meeting.

Director Thackham motioned to approve Policy 2.2 – Manager Policy. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Joint Board Meeting Report

President Shawver reported on the highlights of the Joint Board Meeting.

Yakima Basin Integrated Plan Meeting Report

President Shawver and Vice President Martin reported on the highlights of the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Shawver moved the meeting into Executive Session at 10:48 a.m., for ten minutes, to discuss current litigation. The meeting was moved to open session at 10:58 a.m.

March Voucher

Voucher	Bishop Contracting-Pole Building	<u>\$189,138.00</u>
	Total Vouchers	\$189,138.00

The Board reviewed and discussed the March Mid-month Voucher for the Shop Pole Building. Director Thackham motioned to approve the vouchers as submitted. Director Dickenson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Columbia Park Spillway

Mr. Strifert reported that the repair at Columbia Park Spillway is complete.

DIRECTOR DISCUSSION

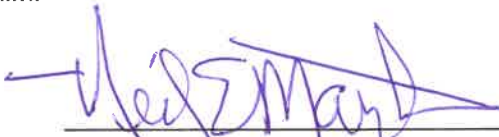
Director Martin asked about the gate being open on 36th Avenue. Mr. Strifert said the crew has been doing work on the canal in that area. He will look into the gate being locked. Director Ayde asked about metering all water usage or other options to monitor water waste. Discussion followed. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT


President Shawver adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.



Vincent Shawver, President



Neil Martin, Vice President



Sherri Thackham, Director



Dallas Ayde, Director



Marilyn Dickenson, Director

ATTEST.


Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager