

COLUMBIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
August 16, 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 Thackham seconded the motion. Director motioned to amend the agenda to remove the minutes of July 19, 2024. Director Ayde seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of August 02, 2024

Director Thackham motioned to approve the minutes of August 2, 2024. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

LID 63 AquaSystems Screen

Cost and payback options for the screen were discussed. The total cost of the screen is \$57,393.00. Director Thackham motioned to approve Mr. Strifert to order the screen for LID 63. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried. Director Thackham motioned to use 50% of LID reserves with a two-year payback.

CID Office

Mr. Strifert reported that the building and sewer line inspection has been done. There is one low spot with a slight belly but no damage to the line. The building is in good condition. The walk-through with the architect will be done next week. The challenges of moving the Board tables were discussed.

38th to Van Giesen Liner Grant

Mr. Strifert reported we were not selected for the grant. The Bureau of Reclamation will contact Mr. Strifert to review the application either by phone or email. He will then have more information on why we were not selected. The Board agreed to resubmit the grant application if it becomes available again.

NEW BUSINESS

Operations Report

Operations staff are laying county rock on the canal road from Washington to 19th and rolling rock in on both sides of the canal to restore it to the original slope and raising the freeboard to allow the canal to be used as an inline reservoir with the Rubicon gates. The clay rock will also keep the weeds from growing. The new trucks are proving effective, enabling larger rock loads per trip.

The Kennewick School District is installing a fence at Washington Elementary by the canal road. The trees between the fence and the canal were found to be in poor condition and need to be removed. The school district will cover 75% of the project cost, as they had allocated funds for trimming. The District will contribute \$6,500 from our tree budget and remove the wood.

YBJB September Tour

The board members wanting to go on the tour were confirmed. The office will get the board registered for the September tour, which is now open to anyone interested in attending.

Kennewick School District Tree Removal

Covered in the operation report.

BOD Canal Tour

Mr. Strifert recommended conducting the annual canal tour during the off-season between the end of November to Mid-December. This way, we can observe the crew applying shotcrete or lining.

Tree Contract

The District received one bid for the contract. The bid was received from Boyd's Tree Service for \$325.00/hour for tree and shrub removal and \$225.00/hour for stump removal and grinding. Director Thackham motioned to accept the bid for the 2024-2025 contract, with Director Dickenson seconding. The motion carried.

Engineering Contract

Engineering contract bids were received from JUB and All West. Director Martin motioned to retain JUB for the 2024/2025 contract. Director Thackham seconded. The motion carried.

PUD ROW Crossing Agreement

Benton PUD submitted a permit request for an aerial crossing near the Soggie Pump Station, passing overhead and upstream of the Hitchcock Gate to add a power pole. Director Thackham moved to approve the Benton PUD crossing agreement, which was seconded by Director Ayde. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Shawver moved the meeting into Executive session at 10:38 a.m., for 20 minutes, to discuss current litigation, legal risks of current or proposed action, and performance of a public employee. It was extended by 15 minutes at 10:58 a.m. It was extended by 15 minutes at 11:13 a.m. and extended by 10 minutes at 11:30 a.m. The meeting was moved to open session at 11:40 p.m.

DIRECTOR DISCUSSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

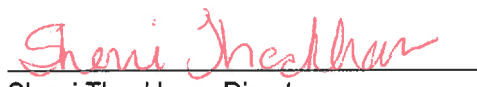
President Shawver adjourned the meeting at 11:42 a.m.



Vincent Shawver, President



Neil Martin, Vice President



Sherri Thackham, Director



Dallas Ayde, Director

Marilyn Dickenson, Director

ATTEST:



Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager