

March 10, 2020

The Board of Directors for the Roza Irrigation District met and convened in regular session in the conference room at the Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District Field office at 1105 Yakima Valley Hwy. in Sunnyside, Washington on Tuesday March 10, 2020. Present were President Ric Valicoff, Vice-President Jim Willard, Director Jason Sheehan, Director Jason Don, Director Will Jones and District Manager Scott Revell, Assessment Clerk/Assistant Secretary Kristel Espinoza, Watermaster Clay Bohlke, Maintenance Superintendent Dave Rollinger. District Attorney Tom Cowan.

Audience members: Tanner Winckler, Stan Schweissing-HDR Engineers and Allan Evans-HDR Engineers and Chad Stuart U.S.B.R – Yakima Field Office Manager.

The President called the meeting to order at 9:08 A.M. and requested the Board consider the consent agenda as presented:

- a. Minutes of February 11, 2020 Board meeting.
- b. Status of Investments Report – February 29, 2020.
- c. Treasurer's Report– February 29, 2020.
- d. Claims.
- e. 2020 water on date.
- f. Master Services Agreement Amendment with HDR.
- g. Declaration of surplus equipment.

The following claims are approved for payment: payroll numbers 29481-29484 in the amount of \$3,482.61. Vouchers numbers 63687-63697, 63771-63792, 63801-63816 and 63824-63897 in the amount of \$711,895.20 and electronic payments 01-20, 0420, 05-20, 12-192, 20-04, 20-05, 3-20 and 4-20 in the amount of \$272,183.99 from the period of February 4, 2020 to March 10, 2020.

It was moved by Mr. Willard, seconded by Mr. Jones and unanimously passed to approve the consent agenda.

District Manager Revell reported that Reclamation had issued a full water supply forecast for the proratable irrigation districts at the March river operations meeting. Mr. Revell noted the snowpack was 93% to 114% of average, depending on the location methodology used, and reported that the next water supply forecast will be issued on April 6.

Mr. Chad Stuart with Bureau of Reclamation discussed title transfers of United States Bureau of Reclamation assets which allows the Secretary of Interior to administratively approve title transfer of certain Reclamation infrastructure without separate approval from Congress. The Roza canal system from 11.0 mile downstream and 18 pumping stations and laterals together with ditch rider houses and headquarters complex look to be good candidates for title transfers. Mr. Stuart noted the process can begin with a letter of request to the local Reclamation office and the Reclamation was still crafting the review process.

District Manager Revell noted Mr. Sonnichsen was ill and updated to the Board a revised Enclosed Conduit System schedule to reflect 2019 dollars and pricing. Mr. Revell noted the remaining piping projects will take ten years to complete and entail installation of 124 miles of pipeline and the District has received approximately \$705,119 in grants from Bonneville Power Administration because of the power reduction associated with converting from open ditch to piped laterals.

District Manager Revell directed the Board to Mr. Sonnichsen's written report and requested for Approval of Request for Service 6 with HDR Engineers. At the September 2019 Board meeting the Board requested additional information concerning the cost associated with the construction and operation of the Near Shore Pumping Plant and the Floating Pumping Plant alternatives and that Staff develop an FPP 30% level design scope of work to provide more certainty. The 30% level design should provide more certainty on the FPP costs by addressing factors such as duration of construction and the implications of the drawdown on the total water supply. A guaranteed maximum cost cannot be determined without direct input in terms of design, construction methods and costs from the construction companies that would be building the project and requires some method of design-build be implemented to contract with a construction company for this work.

Staff has engaged with United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) and Washington Department of Ecology in their completion of the environmental review for Kachess Drought Relief Pumping

Plant and the development of a feasibility report and other documents to support their completion of the environmental review.

Staff is proposing and recommends approval of the Request for Services with HDR Engineering which includes: Task 1 covers the administration costs associated with completion of the entire Request for Services, Task 2 and 3 are aimed at moving forward with the development of an Environmental Impact Statement, which is required as part of the joint National Environmental Policy Act/State Environmental Policy Act process, Task 4 involves coordinating with USBR Dam Safety to leverage any potential mutually beneficial goals as the Dam Safety group conducts major maintenance at Kachess Dam and too address any potential conflicts this project may have with maintaining risk neutrality for Kachess Dam as design changes are made to the NSPP. Task 5 covers evaluation of floating pumping plant manufactures and identification of costs of the vendor installations. Task 6 would evaluate Alternative delivery methods for constructing and financing this project and help staff and the Board of Directors determine which Alternative Delivery method is best suited for this project. Task 7 is for geotechnical work that will be needed to support moving forward with the alternative delivery process.

Mr. Revell noted the Department of Ecology has pledged \$1.0 million towards completion of Tasks 1 through 5 through a Reimbursement Agreement, which is being finalized. Following discussion, Mr. Willard moved, seconded by Mr. Jones and unanimously approved entering into the Request for Services No. 6 under the Master Services Agreement dated March 10, 2017, amended March 10, 2018 and amended March 10, 2020. Upon motion by Mr. Willard, seconded by Mr. Don and unanimously authorized the District Manager to enter into a Reimbursement Agreement with the Washington State Department of Ecology Office of Columbia River.

Fleet Supervisor J.C. Soto requested approval from the Board for the CAT 330 Excavator Refurbishment and to purchase a new triple axel trailer. Mr. Soto noted that the District had budgeted \$300,000 in 2020 for equipment. Following discussion, Mr. Sheehan moved, seconded by Mr. Willard and unanimously approved refurbishment on the CAT 330 Excavator in the amount of \$287,000 and purchase of a new triple axel trailer in the amount of \$15,000.

District Manager Revell presented the staff report for the proposed Roza operations and maintenance budget for 2020. Following discussion of the background information detailed in the staff report, Mr. Sheehan moved, seconded by Mr. Willard and unanimously approved the 2020 budget.

Mike Schwisow joined the meeting via telephone conference.

WSWRA's governmental affairs specialist Mike Schwisow updated the Board on the 2020 legislative session issues.

Watermaster Clay Bohlke presented, and the Board reviewed the Watermaster's monthly report.

District Manager Revell presented, and the Board reviewed the District Manager's monthly report.

District Manger Revell noted Engineering Manager Wayne Sonnichsen was not in attendance due to illness to present his monthly report.

The President declared the Board to be in executive session for an estimated twenty minutes beginning at 11:07A.M. pursuant to:

- a. Executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). Potential and pending litigation-State v. Acquavella, Terrace Heights Sewer District, Kennewick Irrigation District and Kachess Community Association.
- b. Executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(2)(a)(iii). To evaluate legal risk of a proposed action.
- c. Executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b). Selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate.

President Ric Valicoff returned at 11:27 A.M. and noted the Board would be in executive session for approximately additional ten minutes.


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No further business appearing and upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board did there upon adjourn at 11:33 A.M. on Tuesday March 10, 2020.

ATTEST:


SECRETARY


PRESIDENT