

The Board of Directors for the Roza Irrigation District convened in regular session on Tuesday July 11, 2023. Present were President Ric Valicoff, Vice-President Jim Willard, Director Tanner Winckler, Director Jason Sheehan, Director Jason Don, and District Manager Scott Revell. Engineering Manager Wayne Sonnichsen, Watermaster Dave Rollinger, Assistant Watermaster Aaron Wiederspohn, Maintenance Superintendent Dave Clappitt and Assessment Clerk/Assistant Secretary Kristel Espinoza.

Via telephone conference: District Attorney Brian Iller.

The President called the meeting to order at 9:08 A.M.

District Manager Revell requested to amend the agenda to include “Resolution 1-2023 Declaring an Emergency”. Mr. Willard moved, seconded by Mr. Sheehan, and unanimously approved amending the agenda and added “Resolution 1-2023 Declaring an Emergency”.

The President requested the Board consider the consent agenda as presented:

- a. Minutes of June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Regular Board meeting.
- b. Status of Investments Report – June 30, 2023.
- c. Treasurer’s Report– June 30, 2023.
- d. Claims.

The following claims are approved for payment: Payroll numbers 29668 - 29670 in the amount of \$5,146.57. Voucher numbers 68672 – 68912 – 68961, 68963 – 68966, 68978 – 69055 and 69056 - 69133 in the amount of \$329,995.70 and electronic payments 05-2023, 05-23, 18-23, 19-23, 20-23, 21-23, 23-19, 23-20, 23-21, 23-22 in the amount of \$304,927.03 from the period of June 6, 2023, to July 11, 2023

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

District Manager Revell requested to modify the agenda and add “July water supply forecast and drought management.” Mr. Sheehan moved, seconded by Mr. Willard, and unanimously approved amending the agenda and added “July water supply forecast and drought update.”

District Manager Revell discussed the water supply being at 72%, down from 73% in mid-June. Director Jason Don expressed a desire for extending the water season into October. Director Tanner Winckler noted his concerns for water availability in July versus September/October. Following discussion, Mr. Don moved, seconded by Mr. Winckler, and unanimously approved to extend the pooling deadline to September 12, 2023.

District Manager Revell gave an informational overview to the Board on cloud seeding to enhance water supply. He explained that modern cloud seeding occurs in many places to induce additional precipitation in the form of both rain and snow, most cloud seeding in the west occurs from October to March using silver iodide dispersed using airplanes and consulting with a meteorologist. Cloud seeding has been examined in the Yakima Basin and the state paid for cloud seeding in 1977 through a contract with DNR and UW. Washington requires a permit process from the Department of Ecology’s Air Quality Program. Mr. Revell noted staff has been in contact with the Bureau of Reclamations cloud seeding expert and Idaho Power staff responsible for managing their program. No action was requested from the Board.

District Manager Revell updated the Board on the Drainage Improvement District #11 (DID #11) budget. Director Ric Valicoff, Watermaster Dave Rollinger and District Manger Scott Revell will meet with DID #11 Board of Directors on July 18, 2023, in Moxee to review their draft 2024 budget. No action was requested from the Board.

The President recused himself from executive session and left the room.

The Vice-President declared the Board to be in executive session for an estimated sixty minutes beginning at 10:32 A.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.

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- b. Executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(2)(a)(iii). To evaluate the legal risk of a proposed action.

District Manager Revell returned at 11:32 A.M. and noted the acting officer had determined that the Board would be in executive session for an additional fifteen minutes.

District Manager Revell returned at 11:47 A.M. and noted the presiding officer had determined that the Board would be in executive session for an additional five minutes.

The Vice-President returned the Board to regular session at 11:53 A.M.

Engineering Manager Somnichsen reported to the Board on the Industrial Systems Multiple Project Agreement. Industrial Systems Inc. has been doing work related pump station upgrades for Enclosed Conduit System projects, including electrical panel design and fabrication under a five-year Multiple Project Agreement with an end date of June 2023. Staff advertised a Request for Qualifications in the Yakima and Tri-Cities Herald's on May 7<sup>th</sup> and May 14<sup>th</sup>. Statements of qualifications were received from four companies. Staff ranked the companies and Industrial Systems had the highest score. Following discussion, Mr. Don moved, seconded by Mr. Winckler, and unanimously approved entering into a 5-year Multiple Project Agreement with Industrial Systems Inc. for Professional Services.

District Manager Revell updated the Board on the NPDES Aquatic Herbicide permit renewal. Roza submitted detailed comments on the draft permit in March and Ecology issued partial permit revisions in May, which did not address many of the issues identified previously. Roza has scheduled a meeting with the permit writer and supervisor. Staff has been preparing the administrative record for an appeal to the Pollution Control Hearings Board since late 2021 and has informed Ecology executives of those preparations. No action was requested from the Board.

President Ric Valicoff recused himself and left the room.

District Manager Revell discussed with the Board the 2023 Union Gap Irrigation District (U.G.I.D.) Water Carriage Agreement. Roza has been conveying water via the Roza Main Canal and intertie with Wasteway 3 on a temporary basis since 2018. Roza legal counsel and U.G.I.D. have reviewed the 2023 U.G.I.D. agreement which terminates at the end of the 2023 season and requires Roza to do the connection work at U.G.I. D's expense and include an additional insurance requirement. President Ric Valicoff recused himself from discussion and voting. Following discussion, Mr. Don, made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sheehan, and unanimously approved to authorize the District Manager to enter into the 2023 Union Gap Irrigation District (U.G.I.D.) Water Carriage Agreement.

Watermaster Dave Rollinger presented, and the Board reviewed the Watermaster's monthly report.

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

Engineering Manager Somnichsen presented, and the Board reviewed the Engineering Manager's monthly report.

No further business appearing and upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the Board did there upon adjourn at 12:22 P.M. on Tuesday July 11, 2023.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY

PRESIDENT