

The Board of Directors for the Roza Irrigation District convened in regular session on Tuesday May 9, 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 Clampitt and Assessment Clerk/Assistant Secretary Kristel Espinoza.

Audience members: Chad Stuart – United State Bureau of Reclamation (U.S.B.R.), Yakima Field Office Manager and Chris Duke – Columbia-Cascades Area Office Manager.

Via telephone conference: District Attorney Brian Iller.

The President called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. and requested the Board consider the consent agenda as presented:

- a. Minutes of April 11th, 2023, Regular Board meeting.
- b. Status of Investments Report – April 30, 2023.
- c. Treasurer's Report– April 30, 2023.
- d. Claims.

The following claims are approved for payment: Payroll numbers 29664 - 29665 in the amount of \$19,208.53. Voucher numbers 68540 – 68556, 68628 – 68636, 68637, 68638 – 68671 and 68685 - 68744 in the amount of \$661,944.37 and electronic payments 03-2023, 03-23, 10-23, 11-23, 12-23, 13-23, 14-23, 15-23, 23-10, 23-11, 23-13, 23-14, 23-15, 23-16 in the amount of \$342,146.21 from the period of April 3, 2023, to May 9, 2023.

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

Chad Stuart, Yakima Field Office Manager and Chris Duke, Columbia Cascades Office Manager updated the Board on several topics.

Mr. Chad Stuart discussed the Kachess Dam repair and the future for Bumping Dam and the impact for Roza.

The U.S.B.R. power pole replacement schedule was slated to start next month; Mr. Chad Stuart noted it had been delayed.

The electrical switchgear at Roza Dam was inspected again by U.S.B.R. staff and was found to not be at the point of near imminent failure and replacement can be delayed slightly and will be scheduled in the next cycle of years.

Mr. Chad Stuart updated the Board on the canal system title transfer process. Roza staff has discussed transfer of the main canal 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 transfer. Roza staff will meet with U.S.B.R. field office staff in July to review the process.

District Manager Revell reported that Reclamation issued a May water supply forecast for the proratable irrigation districts of 86% water supply forecast, which is up from 82% in April.

District Manager Revell and the Board discussed the September Board meeting date, which immediately follows the Labor Day holiday. Following discussion, Mr. Don moved, seconded by Mr. Winckler and unanimously approved to move the regular schedule meeting to Tuesday, September 12, 2023.

District Manager Revell reported to the Board on the long-term weather trends and noted the long- range forecasts are indicating that conditions coming out of the La Nina pattern are now beginning to form an El Nino pattern with warmer and dried weather in the Pacific Northwest. Mr. Revell discussed supplemental water leasing and changes in the farm economy affecting the leasing water during droughts. Staff does not expect large quantities of water available for lease in the next drought compared to 2015.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 9, 2023

District Manager Revell updated the Board on the Union Gap Irrigation District intertie and is drafting a carriage agreement, which will be presented to both parties when the agreement is in draft form.

District Manager Revell updated the Board on the Drainage Improvement District #11 and the 1960 contract between Roza and Yakima County. DID #11 Board of Directors along with Roza staff met on April 19th in Moxee and discussed several ways that they could reduce costs. 60% of that Roza is contractually required to fund beginning in 1961. No action was requested from the Board.

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

The President declared the Board to be in executive session for an estimated ten minutes beginning at 12:05 P.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 and National Marine Fisheries.
- b. Executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(2)(a)(iii). To evaluate the legal risk of a proposed action.

The President returned the Board to regular session at 12:18 P.M.

No further business appearing and upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the Board did there upon adjourn at 12:18 P.M. on Tuesday May 9, 2023.

ATTEST:



 SECRETARY



 PRESIDENT