

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 Winkler, 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.

Via telephone conference: District Attorney Brian Iller.

The President called the meeting to order at 9:07 A.M.

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

- a. Minutes of July 11th, 2023, Regular Board meeting.
- b. Minutes of July 19th, 2023, Special Board meeting.
- c. Status of Investments Report – July 31, 2023.
- d. Treasurer’s Report– July 31, 2023.
- e. Comparative Balance Sheet report for the six periods ending June 30, 2023.
- f. Statement of Income Expense report for the six periods ending June 30, 2023.
- g. Claims.

The following claims are approved for payment: Payroll numbers 29671 - 29672 in the amount of \$852.40. Voucher numbers 68967 – 68977, 69134 – 69182 and 69189 - 69255 in the amount of \$403,632.98 and electronic payments 06-2023, 06-23, 22-23, 23-23, 23-23, 23-24, 23-25 in the amount of \$309,409.54 from the period of July 6, 2023, to August 8, 2023

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

District Manager Revell updated the Board on the August water supply forecast which remained at 72%,

District Manager Revell reported to the Board on the Benton County Interlocal Agreement, which allows for the district to share equipment and supplies with Benton County during emergency situations. Mr. Revell noted that interlocal agreements between local agencies are authorized under state law and that the district insurance follows the vehicle and equipment. District’s legal counsel has reviewed Benton County’s standard agreement and has been approved to form. Following discussion, Mr. Don made a motion, seconded by Mr. Winkler, and unanimously approved authorizing the District Manager to enter into the proposed interlocal agreement with Benton County.

District Manager Revell discussed the 2022-2023 winter work program list detailed in the staff report. Mr. Revell noted some of the maintenance projects will address issues that have arisen during the 2023 irrigation season and several projects from last winter’s program which will be finished this winter. A few of the projects include: the second phase of the Pump 14 Enclosed Conduit System, five minor piping projects, replace the last three siphon drain valves, fifteen main canal concrete panel repairs, several road repairs/improvements, Wasteway 3 clean out, twenty courtesy valves. The project’s cost an estimated \$3,151,400 and will be funded from the operation and maintenance budget, 2022 & 2023 capital plan as well as prior appropriations by the Board. Following discussion, Mr. Don made a motion, seconded by Mr. Willard, and unanimously approved the proposed winter work program and authorize the funding schedule as presented.

District Manager Revell presented the 2024 vehicle and equipment authorization to the Board and noted the district has an unexpected opportunity to purchase up to four pickup trucks and an excavator before the start of the 2024 fiscal year in January. The district’s 2024 replacement schedule includes one ditchrider pickup, three supervisor pickups, and one pump shop truck. Staff has examined the purchase of an excavator and recommend purchasing a John Deere 135. Following discussion, Mr. Sheehan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Willard, and unanimously approved 2024 vehicle and equipment purchases up to \$562,580.

Engineering Manager Wayne Sonnichsen updated the Board on the Wasteway 5 Re-Regulation Reservoir embankment repair. Staff cut five holes in the Wasteway 5 Reservoir liner on July 10th to determine the extent of the damage done to the geocomposite drainage system and were able to

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observe that the extent of the soil movement is confined to a 23-foot by 160-foot rectangular area which starts about 16 vertical feet below the top of the embankment. An online meeting was held July 26th with representatives from Coltanche (liner supplier), HDR Engineering, Shannon & Wilson, and staff to discuss options. Mr. Rollinger stated that the reservoir has been a crucial tool for water management during the drought. Mr. Somnichsen noted that minimal work will need to be done to repair the slope under the liner and add in some geocomposite drainage material. The Anderson's who own land north of the reservoir have indicated they will grant a construction easement to do the work on their property. Following discussion, Mr. Winkler moved, seconded by Mr. Willard, and unanimously approved authorizing use of up to \$290,000 from the drought reserve fund.

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.

The President declared the Board to be in executive session for an estimated ten minutes beginning at 12:10 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, Clean Water Act.
- 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 12:20 P.M. and noted the presiding officer had determined that the Board would be in executive session for an additional five minutes.

The President returned the Board to regular session at 12:25 P.M.

No further business appearing and upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the Board did there upon adjourn at 12:27 P.M. on Tuesday August 8, 2023.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY


PRESIDENT