

The Board of Directors for the Roza Irrigation District convened in regular session on Tuesday November 7, 2023. Present were President Ric Valicoff, Vice-President Jim Willard, Director Jason Sheehan, Director Tanner Winckler and District Manager Scott Revell. Engineering Manager Wayne Sonnichsen, Watermaster Dave Rollinger, Assistant Watermaster Aaron Wiederspohn, Maintenance Superintendent Dave Clampitt, Assessment Clerk/Assistant Secretary Kristel Espinoza, and District Attorney Brian Iller

Via telephone conference: Director Jason Don.

The President called the meeting to order at 9:06 A.M.

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

- a. Minutes of October 10th, 2023, Regular Board meeting.
- b. Minutes of October 23rd, 2023, Special Board meeting.
- c. Status of Investments Report – October 31, 2023.
- d. Treasurer's Report– October 31, 2023.
- e. Comparative Balance Sheet report for the nine periods ending September 30, 2023.
- f. Statement of Income Expense report for the nine periods ending September 30, 2023.
- g. Claims.
- h. Declaration of Surplus items

The following claims are approved for payment: Payroll numbers: 29676 in the amount of \$149.48. Voucher numbers 69427 – 69438, 69510 – 69543, 69546 – 69547 and 69553 – 69613 in the amount of \$816,575.77 and electronic payments 09-2023, 09-23, 10-0423, 23-31, 23-32, 29-23, 30-23 in the amount of \$326,610.70 from the period of October 3, 2023, to November 7, 2023.

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

District Manager Revell reported that the 2024 draft assessment roll was delivered to the Board electronically on November 1, 2023, pursuant to RCW 87.03.250 and was available at the front counter in the Roza office and that notice of the equalization hearing on December 5, 2023, will be published in the Yakima Herald and the Tri-City Herald.

District Manager Revell presented the notice of equalization and noted the specified date and time the board of directors, acting as a board of equalization will meet to equalize assessments pursuant to RCW 87.03.250.

District Manager Revell reported to the Board that Tanner Winckler and Jason Don were the only two candidates to file for election for Division 2 and 4 respectively. The Board declared Tanner Winckler and Jason Don elected as directors for division 2 and 4 for the 2024-2027 term respectively.

District Manager Revell reported to the Board on the draft Selah-Moxee Irrigation District water lease for up to 6,500-acre feet of senior priority date water with a proposed option to exercise date for the 2024 season. Mr. Revell reported that the option expiration date was still under negotiation and the lease costs can be paid by Roza's drought fund. Mr. Revell noted the agreement has been reviewed by legal counsel. Mr. Revell explained that an initial water supply under 50% or over 85% would make the decision much easier. A forecast in the mid-range was a more official call. Following discussion, Mr. Willard moved, seconded by Mr. Sheehan, and unanimously approved authorizing the District Manager to execute the proposed water lease with the Selah-Moxee Irrigation District provided no substantive changes resulted in the final draft.

District Manager Revell reported to the Board regarding the letter to Ecology dated November 3, 2023, laying out the position of Roza and Kittitas Reclamation District on dual source water rights. Mr. Revell noted some properties have irrigable land in an irrigation district and have a water right to a nearby creek and the new owner attempts to transfer the creek right elsewhere without following the land within the irrigation district and creating a new water use which could harm Roza and Kittitas Reclamation District's supply. Both Districts rely on water rights with May 10,

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1905, priority dates and the approval criteria are that transfers cannot negatively affect the total water supply available (TWSA).

District Manager Revell reported to the Board on the upcoming travel by the Board of Directors. Mr. Revell noted the by-laws require the Board to authorize travel by Directors. The Washington State Water Resource Association annual conference in Spokane in December. Following discussion, Mr. Willard moved, seconded by Mr. Winckler, and unanimously approved travel to the WSWRA annual conference for Director Ric Valicoff, Director Jim Willard, and Director Jason Sheehan. Director Winckler and Director Don stated that they were unable to attend.

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 twenty minutes beginning at 11:30 A.M. pursuant to the items listed below and noted action may follow:

- a. Executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). Potential and pending litigation- State v. Acquavella, Terrace Heights Sewer District, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.
- b. Executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(2)(a)(iii). To evaluate the 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.

The President returned the Board to regular session at 11:50 A.M.

No further business appearing and upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the Board did there upon adjourn at 11:51 P.M. on Tuesday November 7, 2023.

ATTEST:



SECRETARY



PRESIDENT