

October 10, 2023

The Board of Directors for the Roza Irrigation District convened in regular session on Tuesday, October 10, 2023. Present were President Ric Valicoff, Vice-President Jim Willard, 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, Assistant Maintenance Superintendent Glenn Bos, and Assessment Clerk/Assistant Secretary Kristel Espinoza.

Via telephone conference: Director Tanner Winckler and District Attorney Brian Iller.

The President called the meeting to order at 9:09 A.M.

District Manager Revell requested to amend the agenda to include item “d” to the executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. And add item “11” policy director. Mr. Willard moved, seconded by Mr. Sheehan, and unanimously approved amending the agenda as stated above.

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

- a. Minutes of September 12th, 2023, Regular Board meeting.
- b. Status of Investments Report – September 30, 2023.
- c. Treasurer’s Report – September 30, 2023.
- d. Comparative Balance Sheet report for the eight periods ending August 31, 2023.
- e. Statement of Income Expense report for the eight periods ending August 31, 2023.
- f. Claims.

The following claims are approved for payment: Payroll numbers 29675 in the amount of \$149,46. Voucher numbers 69302 – 69307, 69386 – 69426 and 69439 – 69509 in the amount of \$404,060.75 and electronic payments 07-2023, 07-23, 23-26, 23-27, 24-2 in the amount of \$312,297.68 from the period of August 3, 2023, to October 10, 2023.

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

District Manager Revell reported the water supply forecast remained at 73% in Mid-September and the 2024 water year began on October 1, 2023. Mr. Revell noted the El Nino patterns that have been evolving and added that El Nino years are not good for water supply but strong El Nino patterns can be good for water supply.

Engineering Manager Wayne Sonnichsen requested from the Board: approval of Wasteway 5 Reservoir North Embankment modification bid award. An invitation to bid for the modification was advertised in the Yakima and Tri-Cities Herald on September 17 & 24, 2023. Mr. Sonnichsen stated that eight bids were received and read aloud on September 29, 2023.

Following discussion, Mr. Willard moved, seconded by Mr. Sheehan, and unanimously approved awarding the Wasteway 5 Reservoir Embankment Modification contract to Culbert Construction as the lowest responsible bid of \$ 268,887.20.

Engineering Manager Wayne Sonnichsen presented to the Board the Main Canal Sealing bid award. Staff advertised for bids on September 17 and 24, 2023. Bids were received until 10:00 A.M. on September 29, 2023. Three bids were received. Following discussion, Mr. Willard moved, seconded by Mr. Sheehan, and unanimously approved awarding the Main Canal Sealing contract to Pacific Coatings, as lowest responsible bid of \$537,680.00.

District Manager Revell, Maintenance Superintendent Glen Bos and Watermaster Dave Rollinger presented pictures and gave a brief overview to the Board on the Main Canal tree removal and trimming. Mr. Revell noted that activities the district began budgeting annually for tree trimming and removal in 2019. Mr. Rollinger noted that Roza crews can remove some trees with saws and excavators and other trees located near power lines or structures and large trees require the services of professional contractors with specialized equipment. Assistant Maintenance Superintendent Glen Bos noted the remaining work in the years ahead and discussed the inventory of the remaining trees to help the Maintenance Superintendent prioritize the need of removal.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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District Manager Revell updated the Board on the Riparian Roundtable advisory group which was established after the Salmon Buffer bill failed to advance during the 2022 legislative session. Roza hosted part of a tour for Riparian Roundtable group in October and is examining issues statewide in anticipation of the latest version of the salmon buffer bill in the 2024 or 2025 legislative session. Mr. Revell noted the working relationships with the state and federal fish and wildlife management agencies in recent years have been very constructive.

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 forty-five-minutes beginning at 10:55 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, Family Farm Alliance Amicus brief.
- 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.

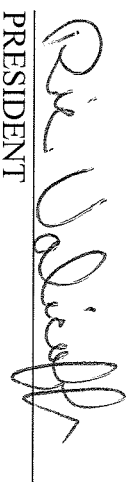
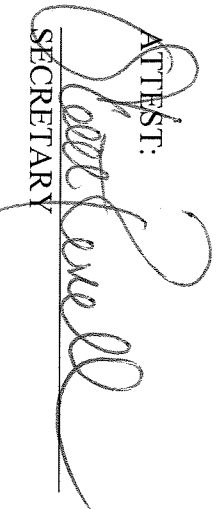
The President returned the Board to regular session at 11:39 A.M.

District Manager Revell discussed with the Board the policy director position which has been vacant since 2017 and is seeking authorization to advertise for recruitment of a policy director. Mr. Revell described a series of water policy, water supply and water administrative regulations issues that the district is facing. Following discussion, Mr. Sheehan moved, seconded by Mr. Don, and unanimously approved to advertise to recruit for policy director position.

No further business appearing and upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the Board did there upon adjourn at 12:17 P.M. on Tuesday October 10, 2023.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY


PRESIDENT