

September 12, 2023

The Board of Directors for the Roza Irrigation District convened in regular session on Tuesday September 12, 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 9:04 A.M. and requested the Board consider the consent agenda as presented:

- a. Minutes of August 8th, 2023, Regular Board meeting.
- b. Status of Investments Report – August 31, 2023.
- c. Treasurer's Report– August 31, 2023.
- d. Comparative Balance Sheet report for the seven periods ending July 31, 2023.
- e. Statement of Income Expense report for the seven periods ending June 31, 2023.
- f. Claims.

The following claims are approved for payment: Payroll numbers 29683 – 29674 in the amount of \$532.38. Voucher numbers 69183 – 69188, 69256 – 69301 and 69308 - 69385 in the amount of \$819,831.08 and electronic payments 07-2023, 07-23, 23-26, 23-27, 24-23, 25-23 in the amount of \$312,297.68 from the period of August 3, 2023, to September 12, 2023.

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

District Manager Revell and Engineering Manager Wayne Sonnichsen updated the Board on the September water supply forecast which remained at 73% and is a 1% increase above the forecast issued in August. Engineering Manager Wayne Sonnichsen provided the current proration schedule for water deliveries and approximate remaining acre feet.

The Board and Staff discussed at length the 2023 seasons drought management to date, grower water use patterns, water user communication, the utility of the Wasteway 5 Re-Regulation reservoir during drought years and current and future availability of Tier II water.

The Board expressed their concerns on the possible availability of Tier II water for the current season and took into consideration and reviewed the restrictions implemented earlier in the season along with reduced demand due to cooler than average weather and a combination of the increase of water supply and some growers not taking all of the water they ordered and the desire to not have operation spills of conveyance water if at all possible. Following discussion, Mr. Don moved, seconded by Mr. Willard, and unanimously approved making a limited amount of Tier II water available.

District Manager Revell presented the 2024 (DID #11) Drainage Improvement District #11 budget to the Board. Director Valicoff and Roza staff met with DID #11 Board of Directors to review their draft budget. The draft proposes an approximate \$20,000 reduction, primarily in labor through reduced staff from 12-month employees to 9-month employees. Following discussion, Mr. Sheehan moved, seconded by Mr. Willard, and unanimously approved Drainage Improvement District #11 proposed draft 2024 budget.

Engineering Manager Wayne Sonnichsen updated the Board on a modification for the Wasteway 5 Re-Regulation Reservoir embankment repair and discussed the previous estimated costs reviewed at the August Board meeting were considerably less. Mr. Sonnichsen explained as the design has progressed, more emphasis has been put on providing enough slope to the filled area to create a rapid pass through of water to the reservoir during runoff events, which has led to an increase in the amount of soil that will need to be transported and compacted. Following discussion, Mr. Winckler moved, seconded by Mr. Don, and unanimously approved allocating funds from the drought emergency fund up to \$550,482 for the repair and modification of the Wasteway 5 Re-Regulation Reservoirs north embankment.

Assistant Watermaster Aaron Wiederspohn updated the Board on the Pump Station switchgear. The existing pump station switchgear is an original installation from the 1950's including original design and configuration which are now nearly seventy years old. The replacement of the switchgear was included in the previous Pump Plant replacement planning in 2017. Staff is examining the prioritization order and projected total costs involved. No action was required from the Board.

District Manager Revell reported to the Board various large capital projects scheduled through 2033; included are Enclosed Conduit System project, main canal floor, Wasteway 6 Re-Regulation expansion and main canal piping. Mr. Revell discussed the different funding scenarios and prioritization.

District Manager Revell updated the Board on cloud seeding to enhance water supply. The staff at Idaho Power who oversee their cloud program will meet with Roza staff to discuss logistical and regulatory issues and program

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costs. Mr. Revell reported he has been asked to present an informational overview on cloud seeding to the Joint Legislative Committee in October.

District Manager Revell presented the 2024 Joint Drains budget and reported the 2023 expenses are tracking closely with the 2023 budget. Mr. Revell noted the joint drains do not include Drainage Improvement District #11 or Roza drains and Roza's 2024 share of the total budget will increase by approximately \$8,500. Following discussion, Mr. Sheehan moved, seconded by Mr. Willard, and unanimously approved the proposed 2024 Joint Drains budget.

District Manager Revell presented the 2024 RSBOJC budget for information purposes and noted that the 2024 budget expenses would increase. Roza's share is approximately \$10,323. Mr. Revell reported the governmental relations consultant will retire at the end of the 2024 legislative session and work could be undertaken through Yakima Basin Joint Board. Mr. Revell added the Board would not take action today and is scheduled to be approved at the November RSBOJC Board meeting. The Board asked several questions about RSBOJC expenses and reserves.

District Manager Revell updated the Board on the 2024 budget planning and discussed the background information detailed in the staff report. No action was requested from the Board.

Break at 11:00 for approximately five minutes.

The President declared the Board to be in executive session for an estimated thirty minutes beginning at 11:06 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.

President Valicoff returned at 11:36 A.M. and noted the Board would be in executive session for approximately ten additional minutes.

President Valicoff returned at 11:46 A.M. and noted the Board would be in executive session for approximately fifteen additional minutes.

The President returned the Board to regular session at 12:00 P.M.

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

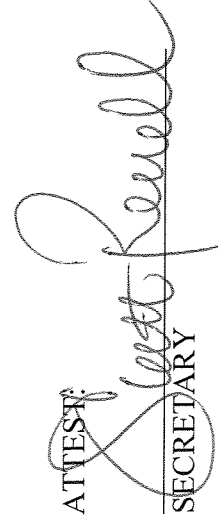
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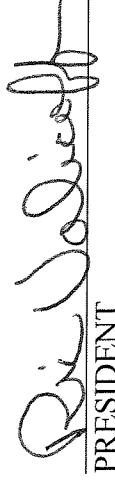
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District Manager Revell referenced the Staff report and updated the Board on the National Pollutant Discharge System Aquatic Herbicide permit and noted the new permit was issued on August 23rd and Roza staff and the legal team have been reviewing it. Mr. Revell noted that staff have been preparing the administrative record to build a base for an appeal. Following discussion, Mr. Willard moved, seconded by Mr. Sheehan, and unanimously authorized the District Manager to file an appeal with the Pollution Control Hearing Board.

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 September 12, 2023.

ATTEST:


SECRETARY


PRESIDENT