

The Board of Directors for the Roza Irrigation District convened in regular session on Tuesday February 6, 2024. Present were President Ric Valicoff, Vice-President Jim Willard, Director Tanner Winckler, Director Jason Sheehan, and District Manager Scott Revell, Policy Director Sage Park, Assistant Watermaster Aaron Wiederspohn, Maintenance Superintendent Dave Clampitt Assessment Clerk/Assistant Secretary Kristel Espinoza and Engineer Technician Steve Hayman.

District Manager Revell noted that Director Don was out of state.

Via telephone conference: District Attorney Brian Iller, Engineering Manager Wayne Sonnichsen, and water-user Will Jones.

Audience members included: water-user Kyle Kilian, U.S.B.R. River Operations Engineer Chris Lynch, U.S.B.R. Yakima Field Manager Chad Stuart, U.S.B.R. Joe Gutierrez and KRD District Manager Urban Eberhart.

The President called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M. and requested the Board consider the consent agenda as presented:

- a. Minutes of January 9, 2024, Regular Board meeting.
- b. Status of Investments Report – January 31, 2024.
- c. Treasurer's Report – January 31, 2024.
- d. Claims.

The following claims are approved for payment: Payroll numbers 29682 in the amount of \$327.30. Voucher numbers 69821 – 69827, 69900 – 69912, 69913 – 69943, 69944 – 69965, 69986 – 70047 in the amount of \$1,289,502.03 and electronic payments 01-24, 02-24, 12-2023, 12-23, 123123, 24-02, 01-24, 24-01 in the amount of \$317,529.97 from the period of January 5, 2024, to February 6, 2024.

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

Chad Stuart, Yakima Field Manager – United States Bureau of Reclamation joined the meeting and provided an update to the Board on the water supply conditions in the basin, the status of Kachess Dam & Bumping Dam repairs. Mr. Stuart discussed power pole replacement costs and schedule and that United States Bureau of Reclamation and Bonneville Power Administration had not extended a contract for pole replacement and Mr. Stuart stated he would set up an internal meeting for examining the steps to transfer of title of the canal system and ancillary facilities to Roza. Also discussed was the flow issues and options to help migrating smolt steelhead without affecting the total water supply available.

Chris Lynch, River Operations Engineer- United States Bureau of Reclamation joined the meeting and provided an update on the 2024 water year to date which are below average and discussed with the Board the various effects of snow accumulation and snow melt. Mr. Lynch reported on the current reservoir content and the total precipitation trends and the 2003 drought patterns.

District Manager Revell reported that Reclamation will issue the first water supply forecast for the proratable irrigation districts on March 4th and noted the snowpack is currently 77% of average in the upper Yakima River mainstream basin and 69% average in the Naches River basin and reservoir storage is 60% of average.

Policy Director Sage Park updated the Board on cloud seeding to enhance water supply and discussed the process for cloud seeding, the components related to a feasibility study, the permitting requirements, and environmental impacts. No action was requested from the Board.

District Manager Revell presented the proposed Roza operations and maintenance budget for 2024 and discussed the background information detailed in the written staff report. Following discussion, Mr. Willard moved, seconded by Mr. Sheehan, and unanimously approved the 2024 budget.

Urban Eberhart discussed the elements of conserving and storing water and groundwater rights in the Yakima Basin.

The President declared the Board to be in executive session for an estimated twenty-five minutes beginning at 11:03 A.M. pursuant to:

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- 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 appeal.
- b. Executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(2)(a)(iii). To evaluate legal risk of a proposed action.

District Manager Revell returned at 11:28 A.M. and noted the presiding officer had determined that the Board would be in executive session for an additional fifteen minutes.

District Manager Revell returned at 11:43 A.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 11:52 A.M.

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

District Manager Revell presented, and the Board reviewed the District Manager's monthly report.

Policy Director Sage Park updated the Board on the monthly meetings report.

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

No further business appearing and upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the Board did there upon adjourn at 12:25 P.M. on Tuesday February 6, 2024.

ATTEST:



Carol Revell

SECRETARY



Rick Wolff

PRESIDENT