

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 5, 2024

The Board of Directors for the Roza Irrigation District convened in regular session on Tuesday March 5, 2024. Present were President Ric Valicoff, Vice-President Jim Willard, Director Tanner Winckler, Director Jason Sheehan, Director Jason Don, and District Manager Scott Revell, Watermaster Dave Rollinger, Assistant Watermaster Aaron Wiederspohn, Maintenance Superintendent Dave Clampitt, District Attorney Brian Iller and Assessment Clerk/Assistant Secretary Kristel Espinoza.

The President called the meeting to order at 9:01 A.M. and requested the Board consider the consent agenda as presented:

- a. Minutes of February 6, 2024, Regular Board meeting.
- b. Status of Investments Report – February 29, 2024.
- c. Treasurer's Report – February 29, 2024.
- d. Claims.

The following claims are approved for payment: Payroll numbers #29683 in the amount of \$180.40, voucher numbers #69966 – 69973, 70048 – 70097 and 70102 – 70172 in the amount of \$892,190.27 and electronic payments #01-24, 02-24, 02-24, 03-24, 04-24, 05-24, 24-03, and 24-04 in the amount of \$316,749.44 from the period of February 2, 2024, to March 5, 2024.

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

District Manager Revell reported the water in storage is 64% of average. Snowpack is currently 83% on the Yakima River mainstream arm and 77% of average on the Naches River arm. District Manager Revell noted there are positive weather forecasts which could improve the water supply. USBR will issue an early water supply forecast on March 27<sup>th</sup>.

District Manager Revell updated the Board on the 2024 drought preparation. Staff are working on operating plans which can be modified as the water supply forecast evolves. Discussion followed regarding the option of leasing water, shutting down the main canal, available drought reserve funds and the pooling cut-off date.

Policy Director Sage Park updated the Board on the cloud seeding feasibility study and the various components of a study. Following discussion, Mr. Don moved, seconded by Mr. Willard, and unanimously approved a cloud seeding feasibility study and authorized the use of drought funds up to \$300,000.

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.

Policy Director Sage Park presented, and the Board reviewed the Policy Director's monthly report.

Engineering Manager Wayne 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 10:52 A.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, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit appeal and water rights.
- b. Executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(2)(a)(iii). To evaluate legal risk of a proposed action.

District Attorney Brian Iller recused himself and left the room at 11:20 A.M.

District Manager Revell returned at 11:37 P.M. and noted the presiding officer had determined that the Board would be in executive session for an additional ten minutes.

The President returned the Board to regular session at 11:43 A.M.

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No further business appearing and upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the Board did there upon adjourn at 11:43 A.M. on Tuesday March 5, 2024.

ATTEST:

  
Scott Renell  
SECRETARY

PRESIDENT

