

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 11, 2024

The Board of Directors for the Roza Irrigation District convened in regular session on Tuesday June 11, 2024, in the training room at the Roza Irrigation District office. 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 Clampitt, Policy Director Sage Park, Assessment Clerk/Assistant Secretary Kristel Espinoza, and District Attorney Brian Iller.

11 Audience members: Please see attached sign-in sheet.

The President called the meeting to order at 9:11 A.M. and requested the Board consider the consent agenda as presented:

- a. Minutes of May 7, 2024, Regular Board meeting.
- b. Minutes of May 17, 2024, Special Board meeting.
- c. Status of Investments Report – May 31, 2024.
- d. Treasurer's Report – May 31, 2024.
- e. Claims.

The following claims are approved for payment: Payroll numbers #29686 in the amount of \$360.79, voucher numbers 70384 – 70407, 70493 – 70551 and 70566 – 70643 in the amount of \$2,412,866.89 and electronic payments 04-24, 05-24, 08-24, 12-24, 13-24, 24-11 and 24-12 in the amount of \$339,527.05 from the period of May 6, 2024, to June 11, 2024.

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

Blair Coke with Clear Risk Solutions presented a risk management award to the district for its superior claim's history.

Biologist Walt Lerrick updated the Board on the 2024 smolt outmigration to Prosser Dam to date and river flows at Prosser. Mr. Lerrick explained that the fish flushing pulses used water conserved under the Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project program in 2023 before prorationing and that survival success was high. The fish flushing pulses using water conserved for 2024 ran out last week and had good amounts of fish going through. This was an informational overview, and no action was requested from the Board.

Chris Lynch joined the meeting and reported to the Board on the testing of the helix fish passage facility at Cle Elum Dam. Fish enter the fish passage through one of the six intake passages tail first. Currently, testing has been done on levels 4, 5 and 6 and noted the positive outcome of those three and there appears to be no harm to fish. Mr. Lynch also updated the Board on the latest water event and noted that June's precipitation average was now at 100% of average as the previous months had all come in below average. Mr. Lynch added that a mid-month water supply forecast would be issued the week of July 17th.

Policy Director Sage Park updated the Board regarding the status of the supplemental water leasing and purchasing and noted she was looking ahead to next year's water supply options.

District Manager Revell updated the Board on wheeling water via Roza's canals and stated several growers have inquired for the 2024 water season. Upon a motion Mr. Willard moved, seconded by Mr. Sheehan to authorize the District Manager to allow water conveyances with a Roza license agreement. Following discussion, Mr. Don requested to table the motion.

District Manager discussed with the Board weekend deliveries. Following discussion, Mr. Don noted that it was not a need right now. Mr. Revell reported it would be deferred until the July meeting date.

District Manager Revell presented the 47% operating plans with delivery information detailed in the June Staff report and requested direction from the Board. Mr. Don mentioned the plans look like a good start and noted it could be adjusted depending on the weather.

Mr. Valicoff also was in favor of the plan and would like to see days added in October.

Mr. Willard agreed both with Mr. Valicoff and Mr. Don regarding the operating plan and would like to see about a week of water in October.

Mr. Sheehan stated if water in October was needed it may require another shutdown in September. Mr. Winckler agreed with Mr. Sheehan and noted he would like to see 4.0 gallons per minute as the minimum delivery amount in July.

Engineering Manager Wayne Sonnichsen updated the Board on the acre feet loss and was working to hold water for summer/mid-season and was apprehensive about getting water to October. The district has been running at 3.3 gallons per minute per acre since the re-start on May 31st. District Manager Revell and Engineering Manager Wayne Sonnichsen noted that the June 11th staff report, includes notice which staff has reiterated that in an attempt to end the season with Roza's water allocation fully utilized, nearly any cushion or variability factor has been eliminated and actual usage patterns in the late season and variable canal efficiencies can still have a significant effect on how the remaining water allocation is used up and can affect the season end date

The 47% B version was crafted on June 10th after the June 11th staff report was issued on June 8th. The 47% B plan was displayed on the screen at the Board meeting but was not presented by staff in detail because the Board's review and extensive discussions were centered on the 47% plan and potential modifications. The Board considered and discussed the 3.6 gallons per minute per acre option but took no further action.

Following a lengthy discussion with Board and Staff, Mr. Willard moved, seconded by Mr. Don and the motion was carried by majority with Mr. Sheehan and Mr. Valicoff in favor of a delivery rate of 3.3 gallons per minute beginning Friday- June 14th through June 25th. Mr. Winckler abstained from voting.

District Manager Revell asked the Board to tentatively set June 25th as a placeholder date for a future special board meeting to review the mid-June forecast information, due to schedule conflicts June 27th was determined to be an acceptable date instead.

The Board did not take any other action on the 47% plan. The Board considered but took no action regarding delivery amounts from June 26th on because a mid-June forecast would be issued during the week of June 17th and reviewed at the special Board meeting scheduled for June 27th. The Board also discussed that the July 2nd forecast would be discussed at the July 9th Board meeting which would also allow time for further peak season delivery modifications before the peak heat arrived,

Engineering Manager Wayne Sonnichsen presented to the Board the RH2 Engineering memorandum regarding pump plant sixteen upgrades and schedule. Roza staff have been working to determine the most cost-effective way to upgrade the district's pump stations. Staff concluded the most cost-effective solution was to only replace pumps as needed and concentrate on upgrading switch gear. Staff asked RH2 Engineering to reassess costs for upgrading pump plant sixteen. Replacing the three B-stage pumps with in-kind pumps and upgrading the switchgear versus upgrading the plant with vertical turbine pumps is the most cost-effective option and maintaining in-kind pumps reduces the lead time for equipment. If an order is placed for the pumps in July, they should arrive mid to late summer of 2025. The total estimated cost included engineering design, bid ready documents for the switch gear and taxes is \$4.7 million. The project would be funded through the capital improvement plan. Following discussion, Mr. Willard moved, seconded by Mr. Sheehan, and unanimously approved the purchase of three replacement pumps and new switchgear for pump plant sixteen.

Engineering Manager Wayne Sonnichsen reported on the engineering firm selection for the Wasteway 6 Re-Regulation reservoir enlargement. The district advertised a Request for Qualifications in mid-March and received responses from three firms. A Request for Proposal was sent to each firm and interviews were scheduled for each firm on May 21st. RH2 Engineering gave notice thereafter that they had determined they were unable to take on the workload and withdrew their bid. District staff interviewed HDR and Jacobs Engineering. Staff recommend negotiating a contractual agreement with Jacobs Engineering as they have earned the highest score from each interviewee. Following discussion, Mr. Don moved, seconded by Mr. Sheehan, and unanimously approved authorization for the District Manager to negotiate a contractual agreement with Jacobs Engineering for engineering design and feasibility of an enlarged Wasteway 6 Re-regulation reservoir.

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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 fifteen minutes beginning at 11:50 A.M. pursuant to:

- a. Executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). Potential and pending litigation- State v. Acquavella, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit appeal, Endangered Species Act, and water rights.
- b. Executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(2)(a)(iii). To evaluate 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 12:04 P.M.

Mr. Willard moved seconded by Mr. Sheehan and unanimously approved to withdraw the earlier stated motion.

Upon a motion by Mr. Willard, seconded by Mr. Don and unanimously approved to authorize the Manager to execute wheeling agreements in the event they become necessary for only the following type of conveyances; groundwater conveyed via Main Canal to another point downstream along the Roza Main Canal, for groundwater into the Roza Main Canal to pump lateral canals and for recovered Roza drain water to Roza Main Canal if within immediate proximity (one mile).

No further business appearing and upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the Board did there upon adjourn at 12:06 P.M. on Tuesday June 11, 2024.

ATTEST:



SECRETARY



PRESIDENT