

June 27, 2024

The Board of Directors for the Roza Irrigation District convened in special session at the Roza Irrigation District Board room at 125 South 13<sup>th</sup> Street in Sunnyside, Washington on Thursday June 27, 2024. Present were President Ric Valicoff, Vice-President Jim Willard, Director Tanner Winckler, Director Jason Don, Director Jason Sheehan, and District Manager Scott Revell. Engineering Manager Wayne Sonnichsen, Watermaster Dave Rollinger, Assistant Watermaster Aaron Wiederspohn, Maintenance Superintendent Dave Clampitt, Policy Director Sage Park, and District Attorney Brian Iller.

Via telephone conference: Assessment Clerk/Assistant Secretary Kristel Espinoza

The President called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M.

District Manager Revell updated the Board on the current drought management information detailed in the staff report and noted an upcoming tour with Caroline Mellor- Department of Ecology Drought Coordinator along with several staff from Ecology headquarters in Olympia who will tour Roza and the basin on July 11<sup>th</sup>. Staff continue to be in communication with legislators to inform them on the latest developments about water supply, financial assistance, and the districts steps to manage the supply during the 2024 season.

District Manager Revell asked the Board to tentatively plan for a placeholder date in mid to late July for a future special joint board meeting with Kittitas Reclamation District.

District Manager Revell reported to the Board regarding the October water allocation and if there is an October water allocation it will not be known until late-September and will be dependent on late season precipitation and noted that Selah-Moxee Irrigation District and Roza Irrigation District staff continue to work with the Department of Ecology and United States Bureau of Reclamation to resolve ambiguities on the maximum allowable transfer amount from the Selah-Moxee water bank.

District Manager Revell updated the Board on Pump 1 during flip flop operations. Staff has examined the time and cost involved and recommends installing a pressure switch at Pump 1, which would allow the emergency float to be chained up and the pump could run at lower flows. The estimated cost should be less than \$3,000. Engineering Manager Wayne Sonnichsen reported the Pomona area gravity deliveries on the Main Canal from milepost 5.5 to 7.8 do not operate properly at exceptionally low flows and noted an orchard at milepost 7.4, may be due to an on-farm delivery system design flaw.

District Manager Revell, Staff and the Board reviewed at length the draft 48% supply operating plan and examined in detail but took no action regarding delivery amounts from 3.3 gallons per minute up to 4.0 gallons per minute through the end of June and the beginning of July. Staff noted several variables which will affect the water plans and added adjustments may be needed particularly if temperatures approach ninety-five plus degrees for more than a few days. Staff and the Board conversed regarding the minimum acceptable peak season delivery amounts during various temperature scenarios and mentioned plans can be adjusted to anticipate when a peak demand period occurs. The Board talked about monitoring water usage patterns and discussed running the season several days into October if possible.

District Manager Revell updated the Board on the provision Kennewick Irrigation District (KID) has in its contract to call on stored water and noted if KID does not call on this water it will be rolled back into the total water supply allocation.

The President declared the Board to be in executive session for an estimated five-minutes beginning at 10:40 A.M. pursuant to:

- a. Executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). Potential and pending litigation- State v. Acquavella.
- 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.

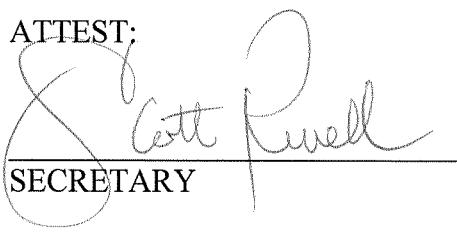
No further business appearing and upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the Board did there upon adjourn at 10:44 A.M. on Thursday- June 27, 2024.

## SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

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ATTEST:

SECRETARY

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PRESIDENT

