

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 10, 2024

The Board of Directors for the Roza Irrigation District convened in regular session on Tuesday September 10, 2024, in the Board 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 and Assessment Clerk/Assistant Secretary Kristel Espinoza.

Via telephone conference: District Attorney Brian Iller and Will Jones.

- a. The President called the meeting to order at 9:06 A.M. and requested the Board consider the consent agenda as presented: Minutes of August 6, 2024, Regular Board meeting.
- b. Status of Investments Report – August 31, 2024.
- c. Treasurer's Report– August 31, 2024.
- d. Statement of Income Expense report for the seven periods ending July 31, 2024.
- e. Comparative Balance Sheet report for the seven periods ending July 31, 2024.
- f. Claims.

The following claims are approved for payment: Payroll numbers #29689 – 29690 in the amount of \$2,189.75, voucher numbers #70828 – 70829, 70899 – 70942 and 70954 – 71019 in the amount of \$826,172.81 and electronic payments #07-24, 08-2024, 08-2024/2, 08-24, 13-24, 14-24, 18-24, 19-24, 20-24, 21-24, 24-17, 24-18, 24-19 in the amount of \$524,394.27 from the period of August 2, 2024 to September 10, 2024.

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

District Manager Revell reported to the Board that U.S.B.R. had issued a water supply forecast of 52% for the proratable irrigation districts that the low-end forecast was now 49%. Mr. Revell noted 15,000-acre feet is the drought carryover target in Rimrock Reservoir due to Bull Trout impacts.

District Manager Revell and Staff updated the Board on water usage from District users. Watermaster Dave Rollinger reported utilizing the Wasteway 4 Re-regulation reservoir to keep at the eighteen points for the whole month. Engineering Wayne Sonnichsen noted the proration schedule would drop down to thirteen or fourteen points the last two weeks of September. Director Don expressed landowners and wine grape growers in his division would like to draw the water season out as long as possible even if animal amounts. Director Willard and Director Valicoff both agreed with extending the water season out as well. No action was requested from the Board.

District Manager Revell presented to the Board the (DID #11) Drainage Improvement District #11 budget for 2025. Director Valicoff and Roza staff met with DID #11 Board of Directors on August 5th and reviewed their 2025 draft budget. The proposed 2025 budget is increased by approximately \$1,300, primarily due to insurance and maintenance supplies. Following discussion, Mr. Willard moved, seconded by Mr. Don, and unanimously approved Drainage Improvement District #11 proposed draft 2025 budget.

District Manager Revell and Staff discussed the 2024-2025 preliminary winter work program list detailed in the staff report. Mr. Revell noted some Staff has prepared an extensive list of maintenance projects which will address issues that have arisen during the 2024 irrigation season and several projects from last winter's program which will be finished this winter. A few of the projects include: the Pump 3 Low Enclosed Conduit System, ten main canal concrete panel repairs, several road repairs/improvements, thirteen courtesy valves, which will complete the process. The project's cost an estimated \$3,151,400 and will be funded from several sources as detailed in the staff report. No action was requested from the Board.

District Manager Revell reported to the Board that the district is need of additional crushed rock for work on the Main Canal Road, lateral canal roads and miscellaneous construction projects and requested from the Board authorization to crush rock at the Houghton pit in the fall of 2024. The proposed amount should create a three-to-five-year supply of crushed rock. The district had been obtaining crushed rock from a pit in Wapato, the price has increased by over 60% in recent months

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and the cost efficiencies are no longer present. Following discussion, Mr. Don moved, seconded by Mr. Sheehan, and unanimously approved authorizing rock crushing at the Houghton pit of up to \$310,500 from the 2024 funds combined with unspent reserves.

The President declared the Board to be in executive session for an estimated twenty minutes beginning at 10:30 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.

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The President returned the Board to regular session at 11:16 P.M.

Engineering Manager Wayne Sonnichsen presented to the Board the (RSBOJC) Roza-Sunnyside Board of Joint Control server system upgrade budget and noted there are several items that Kelly Connect is recommending upgrading. Upgrades will include security system upgrades for all locations, upgrade to the Domain Name System server to increase performance in accessing files, upgrade to new host servers, which aims to improve manageability of RSBOJC's IT infrastructure. These items are included in the RSBOJC budget and Staff at both Roza and SVID will seek approval of these upgrade items by their respective Board of Directors at the October Board meeting.

Engineering Manager Wayne Sonnichsen reported to the Board on the Pump Station 16 pump purchase. Flowserve, the pump manufacturer has recently provided Roza with price quotes for the manufacture of the Pump 16 high lift pump cases. The first (A-stage) and second stage (B-stage) pumps are the same price. Given the favorable price quote staff is seeking approval to upgrade the A-stage and B-stage pumps, a total of six pumps, along with replacement of the switchgear which would set the Pump 16 plant up for long-term reliable service. At the June 11th Board meeting the total budgeted cost approved to upgrade the Pump 16 plant was \$4,466,240. A Pump Station Capital Improvement plan revised September 4th shows an expected cost of \$4,026,240 for this Pump Plant 16 upgrade. Following discussion, Mr. Winckler moved, seconded by Mr. Don, and unanimously approved the purchase of six replacement pumps and new switchgear for pump plant 16.

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

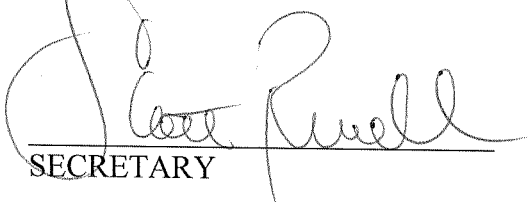
District Manager Revell presented, and the Board reviewed the District Manager's monthly report.

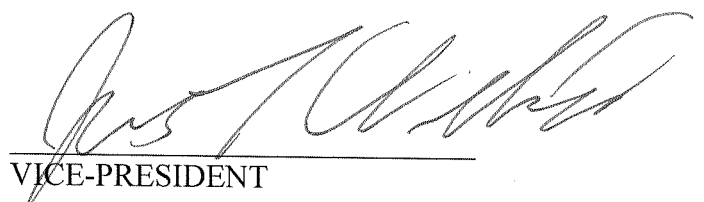
Policy Director Sage Park presented, and the Board reviewed the Policy Director's monthly report.

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No further business appearing and upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the Board did there upon adjourn at 12:35 P.M. on Tuesday September 10, 2024.

ATTEST:


SECRETARY


VICE-PRESIDENT