

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 7, 2025

The Board of Directors for the Roza Irrigation District convened in regular session in the conference room at the Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District Field office at 1105 Yakima Valley Hwy. in Sunnyside, Washington on Tuesday January 7, 2025. 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. Via telephone conference: Walt Larrick.

The President called the meeting to order at 9:04 A.M. and requested the Board consider the consent agenda as presented:

- a. Minutes of December 10, 2024, Regular Board meeting.
- b. Status of Investments Report – December 31, 2024.
- c. Treasurer's Report– December 31, 2024.
- d. Statement of Income and Expense Report, for the eleven periods ending November 30, 2024.
- e. Comparative Balance Sheet Report, for the eleven periods ending November 30, 2024.
- f. Bank Reconciliation- November 30, 2024
- g. Claims.

The following claims are approved for payment: Payroll numbers #29693 in the amount of \$1069.48, voucher numbers #71331 – 71340, 71420 – 71465 and 71469 - 71547 in the amount of \$2,224,520.50 and electronic payments #11-24, 12-24, 20-24, 21-24, 24-28, 24-29, 24-30, 24-31, 30-24, 31-24, 32-24 in the amount of \$326,109.93 from the period of December 3, 2024, to January 7, 2025.

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

Ric Valicoff and Jim Willard executed the Roza Irrigation District Oath of Office for their respective seats following the election. Each read the oath into the record.

District Manager Revell explained that, in accordance with Article 5 of the District By-laws, the Board must be reorganized annually. Upon a motion to nominate Ric Valicoff as President by Mr. Willard, seconded by Mr. Don, Mr. Valicoff was unanimously elected President. Upon a motion to nominate Jim Willard as Vice-President by Mr. Don, seconded by Mr. Sheehan, Mr. Willard was unanimously elected Vice-President.

District Manager Revell noted that the by-laws are required by statute, RCW 87.03.115, to be readopted each year. Following discussion, Mr. Willard moved, seconded by Mr. Sheehan, and unanimously re-adopted the Board by-laws with no changes.

District Manager Revell explained the Delegation of Authority resolution which delegates a series of authorities to the Secretary/Manager and is required to be readopted annually. Following discussion, Mr. Don moved, seconded by Mr. Sheehan, and unanimously approved to re-adopt Resolution #5-2014.

District Manager Revell reported to the Board on the 2025 water supply and drought preparation update. Water in storage is 34% of average. Director Don inquired to Staff about working with Chris Lynch on a memorandum of what the forecast outlook might be, and different scenario options based on current weather patterns. Director Valicoff and Director Sheehan discussed the possibility and options for the district with a 45% water supply.

Mr. Revell explained a series of fishery issues which will affect the 2025 water supply and noted Yakima Basin Joint Board will be funding two additional meetings with Dan Silver to continue the facilitated discussion with Systems Operation Advisory Committee.

District Manager Revell updated the Board on the District Reserves as of October 31, 2024, and discussed the staff report in detail. No action was requested from the Board.

Policy Director Sage Park reported to the Board on the status of Pump 1 lateral canals which cross the Yakima Training Center. On December 18, 2024, Staff had a call with Army representatives to discuss the on base canals and cost estimates to move the canals off the base. Following

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discussion, Director Willard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Winckler and unanimously approved authorizing the District Manager to enter into an interagency agreement with the United States Army to move the Pump 1 High and Low canals off-base.

District Manager Revell updated the Board on certain fish-related expenses. Mr. Revell noted there have been several instances recently where fish related issues have arisen. Staff is requesting to utilize up to \$75,000 in a calendar year from the Water Supply Development fund for fisheries related expenses. Staff will work with federal and state agencies, tribal, statewide, and basin-wide irrigation associations to share or seek reimbursement of expenses wherever possible. Following discussion, Director Don made a motion, seconded by Director Willard and motion carried by majority with Director Sheehan and Director Valicoff in favor and Mr. Winkler opposed, the Board authorized the District Manager to utilize up to \$75,000 from the water supply development fund in a calendar year for fish and fishery related expenses, provided that a written monthly and annual reports of expenses are submitted to the Board of Directors.

District Manager Revell presented the proposed Roza operations and maintenance budget for 2025 and discussed the background information detailed in the written staff report. Following discussion, Mr. Willard moved, seconded by Mr. Sheehan, and motion carried by majority with Director Don and Director Valicoff in favor and Mr. Winckler abstaining, the 2025 budget was approved.

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 updated the Board on the monthly meetings 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 twenty minutes beginning at 11:15 A.M. pursuant to and with action expected afterward:

- a. Executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). To evaluate the performance of a public employee.
- b. Executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). Potential and pending litigation- State v. Acquavella.
- c. Executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(2)(a)(iii). To evaluate legal risk of a proposed action.
- d. Executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b).

President Valicoff returned at 11:35 A.M. and noted the Board would be in executive session for approximately twenty additional minutes.

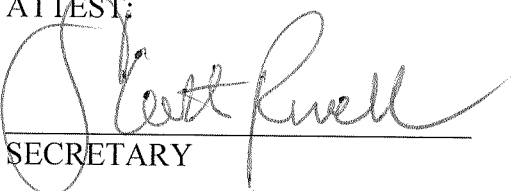
The President returned the Board to regular session at 11:55 A.M.

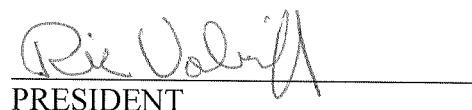
District Manager Revell explained that, in accordance with Article 5 of the District By-laws, the Board is required to appoint a Secretary/Treasurer each year. Upon a motion by Mr. Willard, seconded by Mr. Sheehan and unanimously approved that Mr. Scott Revell be appointed Secretary/Treasurer and be hired as District Manager for 2025, including an increase in his annual salary by 3.5 percent (\$225,398.16 annually) and a one-time addition of 120 hours annual leave, provided the hours do not exceed the cap previously approved by the Board in 2021.

District Manager Revell executed the Roza Irrigation District Oath of Office.

No further business appearing and upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the Board did there upon adjourn at 11:56 P.M. on Tuesday January 7, 2025.

ATTEST:


SECRETARY


PRESIDENT