

# SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

February 27, 2025

The Board of Directors for the Roza Irrigation District convened in special session on Thursday February 27, 2025. Present were President Ric Valicoff, Vice-President Jim Willard, Director Jason Sheehan, Director Tanner Winckler, Director Jason Don and District Manager Scott Revell. Engineering Manager Wayne Sonnichsen, Watermaster Dave Rollinger, Maintenance Superintendent Dave Clampitt, Policy Director Sage Park, Assessment Clerk/Assistant Secretary Kristel Espinoza, District Attorney Brian Iller and Roza Consultant Chris Lynch.

Audience members: David Feldman – Manager, Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District.

Via telephone conference: Biologist – Walt Larrick, Urban Eberhart – District Manager, Kittitas Reclamation District.

The President called the meeting to order at 9:07 A.M.

District Manager Revell updated the Board on the 2025 water supply and discussed the background information detailed in the written staff report. Staff are working on operating plans from 40% to 50% water supply which can be modified as the water supply forecast evolves.

Roza Consultant Chris Lynch reported on the operational issues and USBR's historical approach to maximize stored water. Discussion followed regarding flow measurements, measurement calibration, adjustments during the winter, field checks and the role of the regional office in Boise. Mr. Lynch also explained the Yakima Basin minimum flow table and the instream flow targets at the various locations.

Engineering Manager Wayne Sonnichsen presented 40% and 45% proration scenarios and discussed the effects of storage control. The Board and Staff discussed at length the issues and options of leasing water, length of shutting down the main canal as well as the effects of a shutdown on the main canal, and available drought reserve funds.

Biologist Walt Larrick gave a brief overview of the 1980 federal court decision (Quackenbush) which required water to be released to incubate salmon/steelhead eggs and how the approach has changed over time.

District Manager Revell requested discussion from the Board if the water supply is at 50%, and noted if the drought continues into 2026 the district would need to replenish some or all of the drought funds.

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

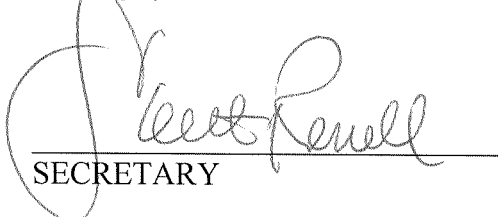
- a. Executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). Potential and pending litigation- State v. Acquavella.
- b. Executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(2)(a)(iii). To evaluate the legal risk of a proposed action.
- c. Executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b). Selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate.

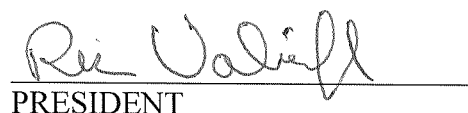
District Manager Revell returned at 10:45 A.M. and noted the presiding officer had determined that the Board would be in executive session for an additional ten minutes.

The President returned the Board to regular session at 10:55 A.M.

No further business appearing and upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the Board did there upon adjourn at 10:55 A.M. on Thursday, February 27, 2025.

ATTEST:

  
SECRETARY

  
PRESIDENT