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The Board of Directors for the Roza Irrigation District met and convened in regular session in the Board room at its office in Sunnyside, Washington on Tuesday, August 9, 2016. Present were President Ric Valicoff, Vice President Jim Willard, Director Dave Minick, Director Will Jones, Director Jason Sheehan and District Manager Scott Revell, Engineering Manager Wayne Sonnichsen, Assessment Clerk/Assistant Secretary Kristel Espinoza, Policy Director Ron Van Gundy, District Attorney Tom Cowan, Assistant Watermaster David Rollinger.

The President called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M. and requested the Board consider the consent agenda as presented:

- a. Minutes of July 7, 2016 Board meeting.
- b. Status of Investments Report- July 31, 2016.
- c. Treasurer's Report- July 31, 2016.
- d. Authorize Claims.
- e. Enclosed Conduit System materials bid advertisement approval.
- f. Declaration of surplus equipment.
- g. Analysis for Kachess pumping plant power transmission.
- h. Authorize District Manager to hire a financial advisor.
- i. Memorandum of Understanding with Department of Ecology regarding Kachess Drought Relief Pumping Plant.

It was moved by Mr. Willard, seconded by Mr. Jones and unanimously passed to approve.

District Manager Revell reported the 25.8 mile landslide recommendations given by the contract Engineer and Geo-technical consulting firm hired that the slough repair be addressed by removing over 40,000 cubic yards of soil before the end of the 2016 irrigation season. Mr. Revell noted the contractor will be hired to remove the soil via the small works roster. Following discussion, Mr. Willard moved, seconded by Mr. Sheehan to ratify the emergency proclamation issued by the District Manager on July 8, 2016; authorize the contract for emergency design to address the 25.8 mile landslide and to authorize use of up to \$190,000 reserve funds to perform the work.

District Manager Revell discussed various drought year operation scenarios and what those would look like in extreme drought years with and without emergency supplemental water from Lake Kachess. Mr. Revell noted the Board's expressed priorities of running the irrigation season until early October if possible, even if doing so required one or more shut downs, leases, pump-backs and severe delivery restrictions. No action was requested of the Board.

The President declared the Board to be in executive session for an estimated twenty minutes beginning at 9:40 A.M. pursuant to:

- a. Executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). Pending litigation- State v. Acquavella and Alliance for the Wild Rockies.

The President returned the Board to regular session at 9:55 A.M.

District Manager Revell presented the Board with the major capital improvement planning and discussed the long term costs for funding each item. No action was taken.

District Manager Revell reported on the revised concrete canal lining sealant plan and noted the District has roughly 14 miles of concrete lined canal remaining to be sealed. Nearly all the water that leaks through the concrete lined sections is picked up by water users downhill who rely on it to fulfill their water allotments. Mr. Revell stated two years had been added to the plan, use of reserve funds has been reduced and no assessment was proposed to increase to fund the work. Staff is examining the effects on the ECS program if \$3 of the assessment were redirected to prioritize sealing. The Board tabled the discussion until more information becomes available.

District Manager Revell presented to the Board the proposed equipment replacement plan. Staff has inventoried the equipment fleet and prioritized the equipment most in need of replacement with a priority on creating new efficiencies. The average expenditures for equipment will be just under \$300,000 per year for 8 years. The Board tabled until the next Board meeting.

Engineering Manager Wayne Sonnichsen addressed to the Board that Staff had crafted a work program to address some of the most pressing maintenance needs. Mr. Sonnichsen noted new

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work force efficiencies are allowing more backlogged maintenance work to be completed. Total non-labor costs will be approximately \$1.27 million. Replacement of the main canal floor, reshaping the main canal, lining/sealing, installing equipment ramps, replacement of panels and expansion joints are a few of the items listed for the 2016/2017 off-season work schedule.

Engineering Manager Wayne Sonnichsen reported to the Board that the District has eliminated use of the underground storage tanks in the Sunnyside yard for fueling equipment since the implementation of the card lock services. Mr. Sonnichsen noted the District's insurance carrier would not extend the coverage against tank failure because the tanks were no longer being used. Decommission of the tanks must be overseen by a certified person and requires sampling of the surrounding soils to determine any leaks from the tanks. Following discussion, Mr. Minick moved seconded by Mr. Willard to authorize the use of up to \$30,000 of undesignated reserve funds to be used for removal of the District's underground fuel storage tanks.

Engineering Manager Wayne Sonnichsen requested authorization to upgrade Wasteway 6 controllers. The current controller is 20 plus years old and are a critical part of the District's infrastructure. During the current irrigation season this control has experienced a series of failures which have been difficult to troubleshoot. Staff has been unable to definitively find and solve the problems causing the failure. Following discussion, Mr. Minick moved, seconded by Mr. Jones and authorized up to \$25,000 for the District's undesignated reserve funds to be used for an upgrade to the Wasteway 6 system controls.

Assistant Watermaster Dave Rollinger presented Watermaster Clay Bohlke's Water Operations report.

The President declared the Board to be in executive session for an estimated thirty minutes beginning at 12:12 P.M. pursuant to:

- a. Executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(2)(a)(iii). To evaluate legal risk of a proposed action.
- b. Executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b).

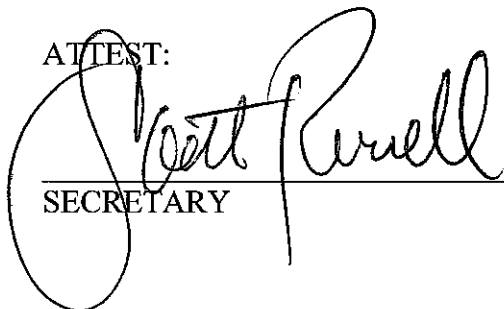
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No further business appearing and upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board did there upon adjourn to Bon Vinos Bistro & Bakery for lunch at 12:59 P.M. on Tuesday August 9, 2016.

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