

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 10, 2015

The Board of Directors for the Roza Irrigation District met and convened in regular session at its office in Sunnyside, Washington on Tuesday, February 10, 2015. Present were President Ric Valicoff, Vice-President Jim Willard, Director Dave Minick, Director Will Jones and Director Ron Grow, District Manager Scott Revell, Assistant Manager-Field Operations Tim Collett, Engineering Manager Wayne Sonnichsen, Assistant Assessment Clerk Kristel Espinoza, Policy Director Ron Van Gundy, Water Quality Specialist Elaine Brouillard (Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District), Water Quality Technician Matt Morgan (Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District), CPA Angela Pratt (Petersen CPA's and Advisors) and Alan Evans (HDR).*

The President called the meeting to order at 9:04 A.M. and requested the Board consider the meeting minutes of January 6, 2015. It was moved by Mr. Willard, seconded by Mr. Grow and unanimously passed, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

The Board and management discussed the 2015 Tier II water charges for 2015. Following discussion, Mr. Minick made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones and passed that the Tier II water charges for 2015 remain the same rate as 2014 at \$48.50 an acre foot.

Engineering Manager Wayne Sonnichsen requested approval to adopt Resolution No. 1-2015 WaterSMART Grant and Resolution No. 2-2015 Water Conservation Field Services Program Grant. Both grants would include the project of applying Aqualastic to the concrete liner between mile posts 17.7 and 19.9. The work would be completed in the 2015-16 off season. Mr. Willard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones and unanimously passed to adopt Resolution No. 1-2015 and Resolution #2-2015.

District Manager Revell introduced Angela Pratt (Petersen CPA's and Advisors) and stated that the District had engaged Petersen Advisors to begin the financial practices review to fulfill the compliance plan submitted to the State Auditor last fall. Following discussion, Mr. Willard moved, seconded by Mr. Jones and unanimously passed, authorizing the District Manager to utilize up to \$10,000 from the District's undesignated reserves for the financial practices review.

Angela Pratt left the meeting.

District Manager Revell requested feedback from the Board and gave an informational overview on the Senate Bill 5628 which is sponsored by Senator Honeyford and would fund water, storm water and floodplain improvement projects through a new property assessment. There was no action taken by Board.

Water Quality Specialist Elaine Brouillard (Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District) reported on the Moxee A drain which collects Roza canal operational spill and agricultural return flow. Currently the Moxee A drain is on Ecology's 303(d) list at Category 5 for bacteria, pH and high water temperature. Ecology suggests using a new program called "Strait to Implementation" to bring the Moxee A drain water into compliance with standards. Other suggested requests include planting trees and vegetation and to discharge the water in rivulet form from the end of the drain to create a wetland at the Yakima River that would cool the water to standards. Mr Van Gundy explained prior tree actions by Roza crew. There was no action taken by Board.

Elaine Brouillard and Matt Morgan left the meeting.

Engineering Manager Wayne Sonnichsen reported to the Board on the reservoir schedule and financing. The Wasteway 5 Re-regulation reservoir construction project is over one third complete. The contract with Scarsella Brothers has a completion date of May 31 for the embankment. The next phase of construction will entail construction of the inlet structure, spillway and pump station. Alan Evans with HDR noted and recommended to Roza Irrigation District that the next phase of construction wait until August to advertise for bids for this contract in order to take advantage of market conditions that may allow for better bid prices.

Alan Evans left the meeting.

Policy Director Ron Van Gundy briefed the Board on the water supply outlook for 2015.

The President declared the Board to be in executive session for an estimated forty-five minutes beginning at 10:48 A.M. pursuant to:

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- a. Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(ii). To evaluate legal risk of a proposed action.
 - b. Pending litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)–State v. Acquavella
- District Manager Scott Revell returned at 12:04 P.M. and noted the Board would be in executive session for an additional thirty minutes.

The President returned the Board to regular session at 12:25 P.M.

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

Engineering Manager Wayne Sommichsen presented, and the Board reviewed the Engineering Manager's monthly report.

Assistant Manager-Field Operations Tim Collett presented, and the Board reviewed, the monthly maintenance report.

The Status of Investments Report for January 31, 2015 was presented.

The Treasurer's Report for January 31, 2015 was presented with fund balances at month end as follows:

Expense	\$ 9,636,737.52
Construction	\$ 336,125.18
Farm Loan 1%	\$ 232,347.79
Reserve	\$ 288,000.00
Memo	\$ 0.00

Mr. Mimick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones and passed, that claims #28923-28963, 54509-54522, 54586-54588, 54590-54673 and 54689-54750 in the amount of \$2,349,095.25 be approved for payment.

No further business appearing and upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board did there upon recess to Bon Vino's Bistro and Bakery for lunch at 12:52 P.M. on Tuesday, February 10, 2015.

ATTEST:



 SECRETARY



 PRESIDENT