

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

September 29, 2015

The Board of Directors for the Roza Irrigation District met and convened in special session in the Board room at its office in Sunnyside, Washington on Tuesday, September 29, 2015. Present were President Ric Valicoff, Vice President Jim Willard, Director Dave Minick, Director Will Jones, and Director Ron Grow, District Manager Scott Revell, Engineering Manager Wayne Sonnichsen, Assessment Clerk Kristel Espinoza, Watermaster Clay Bohlke, Policy Director Ron Van Gundy, District Attorney Tom Cowan.

The Vice-President called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M.

District Manager Scott Revell requested approval to adopt Resolution 4-2015. Mr. Revell reported to the board that the severe drought conditions across the state caused the Governor to declare a state wide drought emergency. The 2015-2016 irrigation season could be a repeat of the 2014-2015 irrigation season. This has prompted the Roza Irrigation staff to pursue all available water supplies for the 2016 irrigation season. A large scale water source that may feasibly be accessed by the next irrigation season is the Kachess Reservoir Emergency Drought Relief Pumping plant. The immediate requirement of engineering services is needed now and the time it would take to implement this selection process would rule out the possibility of accessing the water supply by the desired time frame. Following discussion, Mr. Willard moved, seconded by Mr. Jones and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 4-2015 and waive the standard selection process for procuring engineering services immediately to hire HDR Engineering to perform all necessary engineering and contract management services for the project.

District Manager Scott Revell reported the updated 2015 end of season water supply management plan. Engineering Manager Wayne Sonnichsen followed up with a presentation on the different scenarios. Following questions and discussion from board members, Mr. Jones proposed, seconded by Mr. Minick and unanimously passed, to authorize the District Manager to submit a letter to the Bureau of Reclamation to stop diversions for the 2015 irrigation season on Monday, October 12th.

The President declared the Board to be in executive session for an estimated sixty minutes beginning at 10:19 A.M. pursuant to:

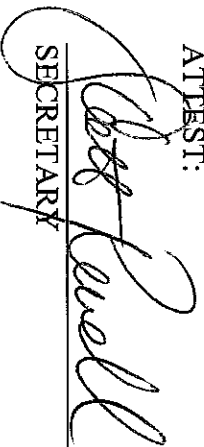
- a. Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(iii). To evaluate legal risk of a proposed action.
- b. Pending litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)–State v. Acquavella.


District Manager Scott Revell returned at 11:19 A.M. and noted the Board would be in executive session for an additional 30 minutes.

The President returned the Board to regular session and adjourned at 11:35 A.M.

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 11:15 A.M. on Tuesday, September 29, 2015.

ATTEST:


SECRETARY


PRESIDENT