

January 9, 2018

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, January 9, 2018. Present were President Ric Valicoff, Vice-President Jim Willard, Director Dave Minick and District Manager Scott Revell, Engineering Manager Wayne Sonnichsen, Assessment Clerk/Assistant Secretary Kristel Espinoza, District Attorney Tom Cowan, Watermaster Clay Bohlke, Maintenance Superintendent Dave Rollinger and Director Will Jones joined the meeting via telephone conference. Absent was Director Jason Sheehan and Mr. Revell noted that Director Sheehan had called to inform him prior to the meeting due to business travel.

The President called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. and requested the Board consider the consent agenda as presented:

- a. Minutes of December 5, 2017 Board meeting.
- b. Status of Investments Report – December 31, 2017.
- c. Treasurer's Report – December 31, 2017.
- d. Statement of Income and Expense Report, for the eleven periods ending November 30, 2017.
- e. Comparative Balance Sheet Report, for the eleven periods ending November 30, 2017.
- f. Claims.

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

Dave Minick and Will Jones executed the Roza Irrigation District Oath of Office for their respective divisions. Mr. Revell confirmed that Director Jones would execute the Oath of Office separately.

District Manager Revell explained that, in accordance with Article 5 of the District By-laws the Board must be reorganized annually.

Upon a motion by Mr. Willard, seconded by Mr. Minick, Mr. Valicoff was unanimously elected President.

Upon a motion by Mr. Minick, seconded by Mr. Jones, 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. Minick moved, seconded by Mr. Willard and unanimously re-adopted the Board by-laws with no changes.

Watermaster Clay Bohlke and Maintenance Superintendent Dave Rollinger presented and the Board reviewed the Mid-Winter off season project update on water construction projects.

Engineering Manager Wayne Sonnichsen reported to the Board on the fuel tank clean-up agreement with Department of Ecology. The DOE sent a letter dated October 6, 2017 suggesting to enroll the District in the "voluntary cleanup program". Staff recommends enrollment in the program to achieve a solution to addressing the contaminated soil in a manner that is consistent with State and Federal laws. Following discussion, Mr. Willard moved, seconded by Mr. Minick and unanimously approved execution of the VCP agreement with the Washington State Department of Ecology.

District Manager Revell presented the draft Roza operations and maintenance budget for 2018.

District Manager Revell reported the District has two long time field employees who are planning to retire in 2018. The cost to the District to fill these positions prior to the planned retirement is \$38,500 per employee. No action was requested of the Board.

Watermaster Clay Bohlke presented an equipment purchase authorization for a larger model trencher than previously approved for by the Board of Directors in October 2017. Mr. Bohlke noted, Staff continued to research and confer with representatives about the abilities and what would meet the needs of the District. Following discussion, Mr. Minick moved, seconded by Mr. Willard and unanimously authorized the purchase of trencher not to exceed \$202,000.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 2018

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

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

President Ric Valicoff returned at 11:00 A.M. and noted the Board would be in executive session for approximately additional thirty minutes.

The President returned the Board to regular session at 11:30 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. Minick and unanimously passed that Mr. Scott Revell be appointed Secretary/Treasurer and be hired as District Manager for 2018. It was noted that this motion included increasing Mr. Revell's annual salary to \$170,000 to match the Quincy Columbia Basin Irrigation District and East Columbia Basin Irrigation District managers' salaries and a one-time addition of 80 hours annual leave.

Mr. Scott Revell executed the Roza Irrigation District Oath of Office.

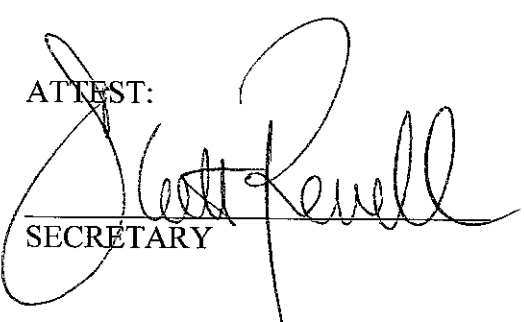
Mr. Revell presented, and the Board reviewed the District Manager's monthly report and explained the status of the Rattlesnake Ridge landslide and potential effects on Roza and Union Gap Irrigation District. Mr. Revell noted that Roza crews worked about \$10,000 of weekend overtime to get the main canal ready for emergency use, but that any such use could cause freeze damage and potentially severely impact the 2018 irrigation season. Mr. Revell stated that doing so would only occur to prevent imminent damage to human life.

Mr. Revell asked the Board to add two surplus vehicles to the agenda. Following discussion, Mr. Willard moved, seconded by Mr. Minick and unanimously approved vehicle #41- 1999 F350 truck and #57- 2000 F-550 spray truck for surplus.

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

No further business appearing and upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board did there upon adjourn to Bon Vino's Bistro at 12:15 P.M. for lunch on Tuesday January 9, 2018.

ATTEST:


SECRETARY
PRESIDENT