

September 10, 2019

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 September 10, 2019. Present were President Ric Valicoff, Vice-President Jim Willard, Director Jason Sheehan, Director Will Jones and District Manager Scott Revell, Engineering Manager Wayne Sonnichsen, Assessment Clerk/Assistant Secretary Kristel Espinoza, Watermaster Clay Bohlke, Maintenance Supervisor Dave Rollinger, District Attorney Tom Cowan. Audience members: Jason Don and Tanner Winckler.

The President called the meeting to order at 9:08 A.M. and requested the Board consider the consent agenda as presented:

- a. Minutes of August 6, 2019 Board meeting.
- b. Statement of Income Expense for the seven periods ending July 31, 2019.
- c. Comparative Balance sheet for the seven periods ending July 31, 2019.
- d. Status of Investing Accounts report – August 31, 2019.
- e. Treasurer's Financial Statement report – August 31, 2019.
- f. Claims.

The following claims are approved for payment: payroll numbers 29448-29451 in the amount of \$4,268.82. Vouchers numbers 62857-62861, 62927-62929, 62931-62978 and 62997-63063 in the amount of \$1,233,483.47 and electronic payments 07-19, 18-19, 19-19, 19-19, 19-20 in the amount of \$297,949.98 from the period of August 2, 2019 to September 10, 2019.

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

District Manager Revell reported that United States Bureau of Reclamation had updated the water supply forecast of 70% for the proratable irrigation districts at the August river operations meeting. The supply forecast improved 1% which was due to cool weather causing irrigation districts with senior water rights to use less than their full entitlements which results in additional water being available to districts with proratable water rights.

District Manager Revell presented an informational overview of the 2019-2020 off season work plan and capital plan update. Watermaster Clay Bohlke noted that two Main Canal siphons would be opened after water season ended for replacement of valves via hot tap and Roza crew would be installing Main Canal expansion joints in the Moxee area plus replacement of several concrete panels.

District Manager Revell updated the Board on the Kachess Drought Relief Pumping Plant. District Manager Revell reported the Kachess Community Association and Wise Use Movement filed a lawsuit against the United States and the State of Washington in federal court in July. The lawsuit alleges a series of items concerning the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan and the Kachess Drought Relief Pumping Plant. Following discussion Mr. Willard moved, seconded by Mr. Jones and unanimously authorized Staff to seek authority to intervene in this lawsuit.

District Manager Revell explained Executive Order No. 13807 requires federal agencies to issue a single environmental document under the National Environmental Policy Act and a single record of decision for all federal authorizations for major infrastructure projects, unless an exception is requested. Roza has formally requested an exception to the one federal decision requirement from the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) and is in the opinion that USBR will be able to issue its decision on Kachess Drought Relief Pumping Plant (KDRPP) more efficiently and that the other permits and approvals can be obtained without further delay if the one federal decision requirement is not applied to the KDRPP. No action was requested from Board.

District Manager Revell reported that the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) has indicated its intent to issue the Notice of Intent (NOI) to perform a Tier 2 Environmental Impact Study for the Kachess Drought Relief Pumping Plant (KDRPP) in late September 2019. Although USBR could issue the NOI on a delayed timeline if a delayed timeline would better align with the design process. District Manager Revell noted Roza staff and the District's consulting team have concluded that issuance of the Notice of Intent in September 2019 is preferable and submitted their preference on September 4, 2019. No action was requested from Board.

District Manager Revell reported the United States Bureau of Reclamation staff identified potential additional cultural resource work that may be needed with respect to the revised design of the project. Ecology has requested the District bear these costs. Following discussion, the Board requested a detailed list of the associated costs. Engineering Manager Wayne Sonnichsen noted he met with Roza's geotechnical consultant Stan Boyle and USBR's Safety of Dams technical

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staff in Denver to discuss the review process and identify any additional information that needs to be provided.

District Manager Revell also discussed the reservoir refill model and USBR's modeling experts in the regional office in Boise have examined the model with input with Roza's consulting modelers and have discussed operation for the system with the hydrologist at USBR'S Yakima Project Field Office. A series of revisions were identified and accounted for in the modeling.

Engineering Manager Wayne Sonnichsen requested from the Board, approval of two task authorizations. Staff has developed a schedule for the District's Pump Station Capital Improvement Plan. The schedule will allow for Pump Stations 14 and 16 to be completed over a four year period. Following discussion Mr. Sheehan moved, seconded by Mr. Willard and unanimously approved Task Authorization No. 4 and Task Authorization No. 5 under the Professional Services Agreement with RH2 Engineering.

District Manager Revell presented the Board with the proposed 2020 RSBOJC budget for informational purposes and noted the proposed changes and use of reserves and explained the one-time expenses related to software. No action was requested of the Board.

District Manager Revell presented the Board with the Engineering Division wage update stating that the existing Engineering Technician II position duties have continued to expand over the past five years when last updated as the District continues to upgrade technology and canal automation instrumentation. Mr. Revell explained the difficulties the Columbia Basin Irrigation District had been encountering to fill engineer positions and that the various labor markets each experienced recruiting difficulties and that Roza was better positioned due to location. Mr. Revell referred to the wage comparisons in other irrigation districts on the staff report and the extent to which the various jobs were comparable and stated that the District's civil engineer position was \$2,000 to \$15,000 below market and the technician positions which were \$2,500 to \$25,000 below market depending on the job. Mr. Revell recommended the Engineer position be increased to \$93,600 and the Engineer Tech I be increased to \$68,640 and Engineer Tech II increased to \$76,960. Mr. Revell stated that the increases would occur in steps rather than in one step. Following discussion, the Board advised the District Manager to administratively update the Engineer Division wage ranges within current market rates.

The President declared the Board to be in executive session for an estimated twenty minutes beginning at 11:12 A.M. pursuant to:

- a. Executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). Potential and pending litigation- State v. Acquavella, Terrace Heights Sewer District and Kennewick Irrigation District.
- b. Executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(2)(a)(iii). To evaluate 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.

The President returned the Board to regular session at 11:36 A.M.

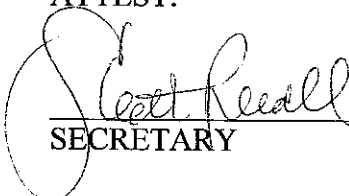
Watermaster Clay Bohlke presented, and the Board reviewed the Watermaster's monthly report.

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


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 at 12:10 P.M. on Tuesday September 10, 2019.

ATTEST:



 SECRETARY



 PRESIDENT