The Board of Directors for the Roza Irrigation District convened in special session on Wednesday September 23, 2020. Those present via telephone conference were President Ric Valicoff, Vice-President Jim Willard, Director Jason Sheehan, Director Jason Don, Director Will Jones and District Manager Scott Revell, Engineering Manager Wayne Sonnichsen, Engineer Tech Steve Hayman, Assessment Clerk/Assistant Secretary Kristel Espinoza, and District Attorney Tom Cowan, Matt Love – Roza Special Counsel.

Audience members via telephone conference: Tanner Winkler, Mel Yanko-USBR, Wendy Christensen-USBR Yakima, Stan Schweissing-HDR, Carolyn Chad-USBR Yakima, Jonathon Penman-Brotzman, Tom Appler, Shawna Castle and Taimadge Oxford

The President called the meeting to order at 9:08 A.M.

Engineering Manager Wayne Sonnichsen reported to the Board on the 2020-2021 Main Canal Lining Project bid proposals and explained that staff reviewed the bids for the Terrace Height Main Canal lining project. Following discussion, Mr. Willard moved, seconded by Mr. Sheehan and unanimously passed to approve Grant Construction Company as the lowest successful bidder in the amount of $504,998.00 for the 2020-2021 Main Canal Lining Project materials bid.

Stan Schweissing with HDR Engineers discussed a power point presentation with the Board on the Kachess Drought Relief Pumping Plant alternatives. Mr. Schweissing discussed an overview and history of the project development and a description of both alternatives; the Floating Pumping Plant and the Near Shore Pumping Plant and explained that due to the cost of the Near Shore Pumping Plant, the District reconsidered the floating pumping plant alternative. A feasibility and examination on the floating pumping plant is now complete and included identifying, vetting and working with multiple vendors to address uncertainties in similar environments, many of the installed examples included vendors from very harsh environmental conditions. Mr. Schweissing noted HDR solicitated estimates for the Floating Pumping Plant from five vendors and three provided complete budgetary cost estimates, the savings between the Modified Near Shore Pumping Plant and the Floating Pumping Plant are estimated to be between $30M - $70M. President Ric Valicoff asked HDR if removing the pumping plant barge from the reservoir when not in use was planned. Mr. Schweissing stated it probably was not necessary although options were available for owner preferences and or adjustments could be made to accommodate for specific site conditions. Public comments were presented by Tanner Winkler and asked the maintenance cost for Modified Near Shore Pumping Plant versus the Floating Pumping Plant and Wendy Christensen- USBR Yakima Field office noted to Roza that it was encouraging to see the project progress. Following discussion, Mr. Willard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones and unanimously approved to proceed with developing the Floating Pumping Plant in the Alternative Environmental Impact Statement.

No further business appearing and upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board did there upon adjourn at 9:51 A.M. on Wednesday September 23, 2020.

ATTEST:  

SECRETARY

PRESIDENT