The Board of Directors for the Roza Irrigation District convened in regular session on Tuesday November 10, 2020. Those present via telephone conference were President Ric Valicoff, Vice-President Jim Willard, Director Jason Don, Director Jason Sheehan, Director Will Jones and District Manager Scott Revell. Engineering Manager Wayne Sonnichsen, Watermaster Clay Bohlke, Maintenance Superintendent Dave Rollinger, Assessment Clerk/Assistant Secretary Kristel Espinoza, and District Attorney Brian Iller.

Audience members via telephone conference: Tanner Winckler.

The President called the meeting to order at 9:04 A.M. and requested the Board consider the consent agenda as presented:

a. Minutes of October 13, 2020 regular Board meeting.


f. Claims.


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

District Manager Revell updated the Board on the District’s coronavirus emergency operations and reported the District were waiting for results from a couple employees for Coronavirus, exposure had occurred outside of work. Mr. Revell noted that the off-season work will require a different approach compared to water delivery because the nature of the work being different than during the irrigation season.

District Manager Revell confirmed for the Board that notice of the equalization hearing will be published in the Yakima Herald and the Tri-City Herald for the 2021 Assessment roll and confirmed that the assessment roll was delivered to the Board pursuant to RCW 87.03.250.

District Manager Revell reported Jason Don was the only candidate to file for Division 4 director and declared Jason Don elected as director for division 4 for the 2021-2024 term.

Engineering Manager Wayne Sonnichsen reported to the Board on the Wasteway 5 concrete replacement bid. The District budgeted $50k and there are five 10-foot sections near Sheller Road that need replaced. The District received bids for the work on September 29th the lowest of the three bids was $92,857.00. Mr. Sonnichsen asked after the bid opening, a couple of the bidders noted that the cost per section was greater because there is a lot of specialized formwork required to create the desired shape of the wasteway. Following discussion, Mr. Willard moved, seconded by Mr. Sheehan and unanimously approved to reject all bids for the WW5 Concrete Replacement project.

Engineering Manager Wayne Sonnichsen presented the repayment example to the Board regarding the Kachess Dam Rehabilitation. Erosion is known to have occurred around the outlet pipe running through Kachess Dam. The Bureau of Reclamation is planning to address these issues by slip-lining the existing concrete outlet with steel pipe and adding soil to the downstream embankment with a filter drain under it. Mr. Revell noted the work is expected to occur in 2025. This was for informational purposes only; no action was requested from the Board.

Engineering Manager Wayne Sonnichsen reported to the Board on the pipeline replacement at the Yakima Firing Center. The military is in the process of expanding an equipment parking area along the Pump 1 High lateral canal. This entails placing concrete pavement over an area which is crossed by a six-inch concrete Roza pipeline, the pipeline is part of original canal system construction. Mr. Sonnichsen noted, when the contractor began work on the project, they encountered saturated soil and discovered a leak in the pipeline. Roza crews fixed the pipeline
and an invoice for reimbursement cost was sent to the Department of the Army. Roza Staff participated in a conference call with personnel from the Army and USBR about the project. Staff is suggesting that the District purchase materials if the Army has their contractor install the new pipe to District design standards, the costs are estimated to be about $5,000. Following discussion, Mr. Sheehan moved, seconded by Mr. Don and unanimously approved the use of District funds to purchase materials for replacement of approximately 1,000-foot section of pipeline of lateral P1H-3.

District Manager Revell presented the staff report for the proposed Roza operations and maintenance budget for 2021. Following discussion of the background information detailed in the staff report and a series of measures to address a $500,000 plus shortfall.

District Manager Revell presented the proposed per acre assessment for 2021. Stating that the proposed assessment rate represented an increase of $1.00/acre from 2020. Following discussion, Mr. Sheehan moved, seconded by Mr. Don and unanimously approved and set the 2021 operation and maintenance assessment at $180.90 per acre.

District Manager Revell presented the 2019 RSBOJC budget for information purposes and noted the budget would be approved at the November RSBOJC Board meeting.

Engineering Manager Wayne Sonnichsen updated the Board on the pump station upgrades and explained RH2 recently finished preliminary design and updated cost estimates for the two pumping plants. The costs have come in higher than anticipated. Staff is considering ways to continue to maintain these pumps in the short term, depending on the quality of a potential short-term solution. No action was requested from the Board.

Watermaster Clay Bohlke presented, and the Board reviewed the Watermaster’s written report.

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

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

The President declared the Board to be in executive session via a separate call-in number for an estimated thirty beginning at 10:45 A.M. pursuant to:

a. Executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(j). Potential and pending litigation State v. Acquavella and Terrace Heights Sewer 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.

President Ric Valicoff returned at 11:11 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 11:42 A.M. and noted the Board would meet for a special session on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 regarding Policies and Procedures for Election of Directors.

No further business appearing and upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board did there upon adjourn at 11:42 A.M. on Tuesday November 10, 2020.

ATTEST:

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SECRETARY

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PRESIDENT