The Board of Directors for the Roza Irrigation District convened in regular session on Tuesday April 6, 2021. Present were President Ric Valicoff, Vice-President Jim Willard, Director Jason Don, Director Tanner Winckler and District Manager Scott Revell, Engineering Manager Wayne Sonnichsen, Watermaster Clay Bohlke, Watermaster Dave Rollinger, Fleet Equipment Supervisor J.C. Soto and Assessment Clerk/Assistant Secretary Kristel Espinosa.

Via telephone conference: District Attorney Brian Iller, District Attorney Tom Cowan and Will Jones.

The President called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M. and requested the Board consider the consent agenda as presented:

a. Minutes of March 9, 2021 Regular Board meeting.


d. Claims.

The following claims are approved for payment: Payroll numbers 29543 – 29548 in the amount of $6,086.45. Voucher numbers 65328 – 65329, 65396 – 65462 and 65472-65523 in the amount of $440,129.41 and Electronic payments 02-21, 03-2021, 05-21, 06-21, 21-05, 21-06 in the amount of $287,876.12 from the period of March 5, 2021 to April 6, 2021.

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

District Manager Revell noted the new supervisors were out in the field and would be introduced at the next Board meeting.

District Manager Revell updated the Board on the District’s coronavirus emergency operations and reported one additional employee had tested positive for Coronavirus in the past month and had returned to work. The District’s total number of employees who have tested positive to date was twelve. Staff is preparing an update resolution to repeal the emergency declaration at a future meeting.

Fleet Equipment Supervisor J.C. Soto updated the Board on the E-maintenance system implementation. Mr. Soto explained how the system was improving maintenance efficiencies and reducing expenses.

Watermaster Dave Rollinger 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 Sonnichsen presented, and the Board reviewed the Engineering Manager’s monthly report.

The President declared the Board to be in executive session for an estimated forty-five minutes beginning at 10:03 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 Blasdel.

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 Valicoff returned at 10:48 A.M. and noted the Board would be in executive session for approximately ten additional minutes.

President Valicoff returned at 10:58 A.M. and noted the Board would be in executive session for approximately ten additional minutes.

The President returned the Board to regular session at 11:08 A.M.
Engineering Manager Wayne Sonnichsen reported to the Board on the Washington State Department of Transportation I-90 expansion near Easton. The expansion will create an opportunity to install power transmission conduits for the Kachess Drought Relief Pumping Plant under I-90 while the concrete pavement is being replaced. He reported the projected cost of $71,000 could result in $500,000 - $700,000 in savings compared to directional boring after the road expansion is complete. Mr. Sonnichsen noted the crossing length is approximately 318 feet and the installation would not limit the choice of reasonable alternatives with respect to the location of the transmission of power to the floating pumping plant, and that it was possible that the conduit might be installed and not used. Staff also explained that if the conduit was not utilized for the Kachess Drought Relief Pumping Plant the conduit could be leased to others in the future. Following discussion about the time line for review and the costs to the District, Mr. Willard moved, seconded by Mr. Don and unanimously approved to authorize the District Manager to enter into an agreement with WSDOT to install conduits across the I-90 for the purpose of potential use for installing power transmission and communication lines across I-90 and up to $71,000 and to direct District Manager to seek Board approval prior to payment of the required 15% deposit and to pay fees from the reserves in the water supply development fund.

No further business appearing and upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board did there upon adjourn at 11:17 A.M. on Tuesday April 6, 2021.

ATTEST:  

SECRETARY

PRESIDENT