

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WENATCHEE RECLAMATION DISTRICT
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2021
8:00 A.M.
DISTRICT OFFICE**

Present	Lynn O. Smith	President
	Beau VanWinkle	Director
	Vince Stimac	Director
	Waylon Marshall	Manager
	Jim Mitchell	Douglas County Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
	Bill Monnette	Attorney for water user
	Francis Collins	Water User
	Gary Noyes	Water User
	Danielle Marchant	Attorney for water user
	David E. Sonn	Attorney
	Alice M. Meyer	Secretary

Moved by Stimac, seconded by VanWinkle, and carried that the minutes of the regular meeting of September 9, 2021 be approved as submitted.

The Report of Office Collections in the amount of \$2,727.00 for the month ending September 30, 2021 was submitted to the Board of Directors and thoroughly reviewed.

The Report of Assessment Collection as of September 30, 2021 was submitted to the Board of Directors and thoroughly reviewed.

The Monthly Financial Report for the month ending September 30, 2021 was submitted to the Board of Directors and thoroughly reviewed. Marshall noted that the Investment Interest is not reflected in the report. Marshall also stated that the District is currently receiving less than 0.05% investment interest. Meyer contacted Chelan County Treasurer David Griffiths seeking advice on how to increase the interest rate. Griffiths stated he would be happy to attend a Board of Directors meeting anytime to discuss alternative investment possibilities. However, Griffiths did state that interest rates are at a low. The Board advised Meyer to invite Griffiths to a meeting in the near future.

A preliminary budget with no increase in assessment rates for 2022 was presented for review

Meyer presented the costs for Medical/Dental benefits. Costs overall reflect a 3.66 -4.00% increase in rates.

Meyer presented the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the first eight months of 2021 which indicates an overall average increase of 4%. The Board asked to review a nine-month average CPI. Meyer will have available at the November Board of Directors meeting.

Jim Mitchell, Douglas County Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Bill Monnette, Attorney, and Francis Collins arrived at 8:30 a.m.

Mitchell requested to meet with the Board of directors to discuss Douglas County's alternative access proposal option near Blocker Canyon. At the July 8, 2021 Board of Directors meeting the District was authorized to enter into an agreement for an alternative easement to access the canal to replace District's easement that Douglas county unlawfully took. Mitchell was to draft the agreement. No draft was received by the District. In September Attorney Sonn, at the request of the Board, prepared an agreement. Revisions were discussed, but no final agreement was reached. Discussion followed on the agreement wording.

The district offered the agreement that has been drafted deleting paragraph 4.1.4.

Mitchell, Monnette and Collins left at 9:10 a.m.

Gary Noyes and Danielle Marchant arrived at 9:10 a.m.

Marshall stated a few weeks ago he discovered that the Sienna Heights Subdivision Section 05, Twp. 22, Range 20 (developer Gary Noyes) building plans include part of the District's easement. Marshall displayed pictures of the area which currently reflect a high demand for maintenance by the District. The District will be better served and dispute will be eliminated by confirming the boundary of the easement owned by the District on property owned by Sienna 41, LLC at 25' West of centerline of the canal.

Moved by VanWinkle, seconded by Stimac, and carried to establish a boundary description confirming a 25' easement West of centerline of the canal on property owned by Sienna 41, LLC.

Noyes and Marchant left at 9:30 a.m.

Marshall noted the two-year longevity of an employee. However, the employee has not completed the required actions from employment letter. Marshall stated the employee is a hard worker bringing many skills to the position. However he, has failed to successfully complete and pass the pesticide license requirement. At this time, Marshall is requesting to hold off the longevity increase and 2022 COLA without retro pay.

It is the consensus of the Board to forego longevity pay increase and 2022 COLA of two-year employee without retro pay. Longevity and COLA will be granted upon completion and receiving pesticide license the first day of the following month.

Marshall met with water user Ian Dearie of 5549 Riverside Drive to discuss crossing the District's pipeline in Rock Island Sec. 26 Twp. 22 Sec. 21. Several years ago the District granted a crossing and concrete pad in this location. However, all the conduits that were placed have been used. Dearie has already paid the \$5,000 deposit required and has hired Sweeny Construction for the crossing.

Moved by Stimac, seconded by VanWinkle, and carried that the District enter into a pipeline crossing agreement with Ian Dearie.

Marshall stated that on October 8, 2021 he found that the construction across the street from the District office at 3272 School Street, owner Sunnyslope Apartments, had cut a road into the hillside adjacent to the District's spillway. Marshall stopped to investigate. The contractor stated that he was told to build a 4' retaining wall in the District's easement in order to put contaminated fill dirt at a 2 ½:1 slope. Discussion followed.

It is the consensus of the Board to not allow contaminated dirt on the District's easement.

The November Board of Director's meeting will be on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 due to Veteran's Day.

Revolving Fund Checks Nos. 11106 through 11140 for Accounts Payable in the amount of were approved for payment.

Revolving Fund Checks for payroll and payroll benefits for September in the amount of \$107,688.57 were approved for payment.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors, meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.



PRESIDENT

ATTEST: 

SECRETARY

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