

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WENATCHEE RECLAMATION DISTRICT
THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2023
8:00 A.M.
DISTRICT OFFICE**

Present:	Lynn O. Smith	President
	Beau VanWinkle	Director
	Vince Stimac	Director
	Waylon Marshall	Manager
	Andy Sanders	Assistant Manager
	Mike Abhold	Foreman/Maintenance
	Nate Brätton	Maintenance/Canal Patrolman
	David E. Sonn	Attorney
	Alice M. Meyer	Secretary

Moved by Stimac, seconded by VanWinkle and carried that the minutes of the regular meeting of June 8, 2023 be approved as submitted.

The Report of Office Collections in the amount of \$12,055.51 for the month ending June 30, 2023 was submitted to the Board of Directors and thoroughly reviewed.

The Report of Assessment Collection as of June 30, 2023 was submitted to the Board of Directors and thoroughly reviewed.

The Monthly Financial Report for the month ending June 30, 2023, was submitted to the Board of Directors and thoroughly reviewed.

Marshall presented a January – June investment interest comparing 2022 to 2023. The difference is an increase of \$141,100.55.

In the fall, Douglas County Sewer District is requesting to utilize the District's canal road at Kentucky Street SE for sewer upgrades to several properties on the back side of the canal which include plans to place steel plates over the canal. Jeremy Stumetz with RH2 Engineering has reviewed and approved the project. Marshall stated this will be minimal risk to the District. The District will have to pull out the weed pen and renew it once the sewer district has completed the work.

Moved by VanWinkle, seconded by Stimac, and carried to allow Douglas County Sewer District to utilize the District's canal road at Kentucky Street SE for sewer upgrades to several properties on the back side of the canal with plans to place steel plates over the canal.

Marshall received a letter from the North Central Washington Audubon Society (NCWAS), whose interest is to re-introduce flowing water to the Horan Natural Area, asking if it is feasible for the District to spill water down Number 1 Canyon drainage? Significant water flowing into the Horan Natural Area was terminated in 2005 when the city of Wenatchee stopped venting the Miller Street storm drain into the area. Marshall states it might be ideal for the District to have a spillway available in Wenatchee to help regulate water. Marshall would stipulate that there would be no guarantee of spill water and the District will not incur cost other than installation of infrastructure at the canal. NCWAS will be working with Chelan County PUD and the city of Wenatchee on the feasibility.

It is the consensus of the Board to allow North Central Washington Audubon Society to pursue the feasibility for the District to spill water down Number 1 Canyon creek.

Marshall read a letter from Russell Gilmore, employee, of his intention to retire August 31, 2023. Gilmore has been a District employee for 35 years. Marshall intends to have a new employee begin August 1, 2023.

Marshall states Eider Construction needs to cross the District's 24-inch spillway line in Section 21 TWP 23 Range 20 with a 12-inch HDPE storm line four – five foot above the spillway line. Eider is asking that the Board of Directors to reduce the insurance amount to 2 million. Marshall stated that this will be a low impact to the District. Discussion followed.

It is the consensus of the Board that the insurance amount for Eider Construction be left at 5 million.

Marshall asked Attorney Sonn for an update on SE Vantage Way Access Road. Attorney Sonn has heard nothing for at least a month.

Marshall stated that prior to water being turned in for the 2023 irrigation season, Douglas County PUD (DCPUD) had numerous crossings near the District's pipeline on Center Street in Rock Island for the installation of sidewalks. Marshall allowed DCPUD to cross the District's pipeline to eliminate risk during the irrigation season. Marshall would like to solidify the work with a crossing agreement. RH2 is preparing an exhibit for the agreement.

Attorney Sonn provided an update on the status with Department of Ecology. Marshall stated that Adam Neff with RH2 Engineering has offered to prepare a water claim amendment. Neff stated that it could take up to four months for Department of Ecology to approve a water claim amendment.

Marshall presented recommendations of 1,250 share of lease water. Marshall stated that the District will need to update its rules and regulations and cost of lease water. Marshall will prepare updated rules and regulation to reflect the lease program and a proposal of cost of lease water for the August Board of Directors meeting. Discussion followed.

Moved by Stimac, seconded by VanWinkle, and carried to approve the recommendation of 1,250 share of lease water as presented.

The District received an insurance quote from PayneWest Insurance who is a broker for Cities Insurance Association of Washington (CIAW) which is a pool similar to Enduris. The quote received was \$79,302 with a broker fee of \$10,000 for three years and then revisit at that time. However, the liability limit is one half of Enduris and 10% in property. Marshall stated that the District declined PayneWest at this time.

9:25 a.m. Moved by VanWinkle, seconded by Stimac and carried to move into 20-minute Executive Session Pursuant to R.C.W. 42.30.110(i) to discuss potential litigation.

9:45 a.m. moved back into regular meeting. No action was taken.

An Agreement-Easement with Gregory A. and Rebecca Byrd was signed.

A Water Right Agreement from Cheryl Mounter to Cheryl Mounter was signed

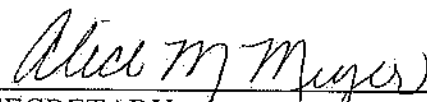
Revolving Fund Checks Nos. 11816 through 11846 for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$30,538.42 were approved for payment.

Revolving Fund Checks for payroll and payroll benefits for June in the amount of \$110,169.68 were approved for payment.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors, meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.



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