

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WENATCHEE RECLAMATION DISTRICT
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 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
	Michael Abhold	Foreman/Maintenance
	Sarah Ogden	Exeltech Consulting, Inc. via Team Video
	Theresa Price	Exeltech Consulting, Inc. via Team Video
	David E. Sonn	Attorney
	Alice M. Meyer	Secretary

Moved by VanWinkle, seconded by Stimac and carried that the minutes of the regular meeting of October 12, 2023 be approved as submitted.

The Report of Office Collections in the amount of \$5,312.24 for the month ending October 31, 2023 was submitted to the Board of Directors and thoroughly reviewed.

The Report of Assessment Collection as of October 31, 2023 was submitted to the Board of Directors and thoroughly reviewed.

The Monthly Financial Report for the month ending October 31, 2023 was submitted to the Board of Directors and thoroughly reviewed. Marshall noted that the Investment Interest is not reflected in the report.

Marshall proposed that the Equalization of 2024 Assessment Rolls be December 14, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.

Moved by Stimac, seconded by VanWinkle and carried that Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. be set as the Equalization Meeting, and that date shall be advertised in the Wenatchee World as required by R.C.W.87.03.250.

Only one "Declaration of Candidacy and Petition of Nomination for Election for Director Division 3" was received, and that was from Vince Stimac.

Pursuant to R.C.W. 87.03.075, Vince Stimac is declared as Director Division 3 for a three-year period beginning January 1, 2024.

Meyer reported that the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the first ten months of 2023 indicates an overall average increase of 4.1%. Marshall noted that based upon this, the total of monthly salaries would increase approximately \$3,400 per month.

Moved by VanWinkle, seconded by Stimac and carried that the salaries for 2024 be increased by 4.1% effective January 2024.

Marshall presented the final budget for 2024 for review and discussion.

Moved by Stimac, seconded by VanWinkle and carried that the 2024 budget be approved as submitted.

Sarah Ogden and Theresa Price, with Exeltech Consulting, Inc., appeared at 8:30 a.m. via teams video.

Ogden stated the City of Wenatchee, in coordination with the City of East Wenatchee and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), are collaborating for recreational trail improvements at both termini of the W.T. Clark Pipeline Bridge. The purpose of this project is to construct two grade-separated shared use path crossings, one over SR 28 and the other over BNSF right-of-way. Ogden presented the current proposal for review. Ogden stated that the anticipated start date is November 2024 with construction April 2025. Discussion followed.

The consensus of the Board in accord with the original agreement dated in 1984 is to allow the improvements at both termini of the W. T. Clark Pipeline Bridge with RH2 Engineering approval of the pier support design and location.

Ogden and Price exited the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

Marshall stated that he recently received a request from Martin Davy to utilize the District access road near 1500 Pear Lane. Marshall stated that the District does not have formal easement documentation East of Nile Street and would like to confirm such for a 15' from centerline of the canal with Davy, who owns several properties above the canal, in Section 22, TWP 21, Range 22 in Douglas County. Davy is agreeable to a formal Non-Exclusive Easement. Attorney Sonn will prepare documentation.

Attorney Sonn stated that he has submitted documentation to amend the District Water Right to the Department of Ecology.

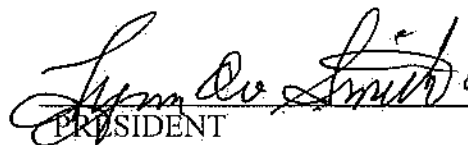
Marshall received a request from property owners Fernando Mendoza and Salvador Camargo to put a walking bridge across the canal so that they can utilize their property on the back side of the canal. Marshall stated that Mendoza and Camargo properties are at the East end of the Warm Springs Flume. The District would be better served if it put a catwalk to maintain the back side of the flume allowing Mendoza and Camargo access. The Board is in agreement. However, Mendoza and Camargo must obtain an Easement from the property owner of parcel number 23 20 18 920 120 to cross the property.

A Water Right Agreement from Kevin Ohme to Ohme Brothers, LLC was signed.

Revolving Fund Checks Nos. 11941 through 11972 for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$43,816.00 were approved for payment.

Revolving Fund Checks for payroll and payroll benefits for October in the amount of \$124,571.17 were approved for payment.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors, meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.



PRESIDENT

ATTEST: 

SECRETARY