

**MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WENATCHEE RECLAMATION DISTRICT
THURSDAY, November 14, 2024
11:00 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
	Tanel Ramin	Potential District Secretary
	Alice M. Meyer	Secretary

Moved by Stimac, seconded by VanWinkle, and carried that the minutes of the meeting of October 10, 2024 be approved as submitted.

The Monthly Financial Report for the month ending October 31, 2024, was submitted to the Board of Directors and thoroughly reviewed.

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

Marshall proposed that the Equalization of 2025 Assessment Rolls be December 12, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.

Moved by Stimac, seconded by VanWinkle and carried that Thursday, December 12, 2024 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.

Meyer stated that the Accountability and Financial Audit of the District's books has been completed. There were no findings. The exit conference is scheduled for November 20, 2024 at 2:00 pm.

Marshall provided an update on the city of Wenatchee approach to the W.T. Clark Pipeline Bridge. The updated plans have been approved by RH2 Engineering. Marshall will request that someone from the city attend the December Board of Directors meeting.

Meyer received a Boundary Line Adjustment which affects Old Monitor Orchards LLC. Old Monitor Orchards LLC is segregating the home, that is on the property, from the orchard. Currently the property has 3.00 share of leased water from the District. The BLA reduces the size of the orchard and according to #33 in the Rules and Regulations which were amended July 11, 2024, the amount of water available to lease is determined by multiplying the total acreage by 1.5 and subtracting the existing share to obtain the leasable share. Old Monitor Orchards LLC has leased the 3.00 share since June 2019 prior to the amended Rules and Regulations. Meyer asked on behalf of Old Monitor Orchards LLC that they be grandfathered in until either the orchard is sold or until it is taken out of production. Discussion followed.

It is the consensus of the Board to allow Old Monitor Orchards LLC to continue to lease 3.00 share of water from the District.

A budget for 2025 was presented for approval. Marshall noted the budget does not reflect an increase in rates.

Moved by Stimac, seconded by VanWinkle, and carried that the 2025 budget be approved as submitted.

Meyer reported that the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the first ten months of 2024 indicates an overall average increase of 2.9%. Discussion followed.

Moved by Stimac, seconded by VanWinkle and carried that the salaries for 2025 be increased by 2% effective January 2025.

11:30 A.M. Potential District Secretary, Tanel Ramin appeared before the Board for an interview.

12:15 Tanel Ramin left the meeting.

Discussion followed.

Moved by Stimac, seconded by VanWinkle and carried to hire Tanel Ramin as the District Secretary beginning January 1, 2025.

An Agreement-Easement with Cheryl Mounter was signed.

Revolving Fund Checks Nos. 12364 through 12408 for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$94,284.95 were approved for payment.

Revolving Fund Checks for payroll and payroll benefits for November in the amount of \$124,512.04 were approved for payment.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors, meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.



PRESIDENT

ATTEST:



SECRETARY