

June 6, 2017

The Board of Directors for the Roza Irrigation District met and convened in regular session in the Board room at its office in Sunnyside, Washington on Tuesday, June 6, 2017. Present were President Ric Valicoff, Vice-President Jim Willard, Director Dave Minick, Director Will Jones, Director Jason Sheehan and District Manager Scott Revell, Engineering Manager Wayne Sonnichsen, Policy Director Ron Van Gundy, Watermaster Clay Bohlke, Assessment Clerk/Assistant Secretary Kristel Espinoza, District Attorney Tom Cowan.

The President called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

The President requested the Board consider the consent agenda as presented:

- a. Minutes of May 16, 2017 Board meeting.
- b. Status of Investments Report- May 31, 2017.
- c. Treasurer's Report- May 31, 2017.
- d. Claims.
- e. Declaration of surplus equipment.

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

Engineering Manager Wayne Sonnichsen reported to the Board on the cooperative piping policy, item 12 of the District's Rules and Regulations developed under Article 6 of the District's By-Laws. Mr. Sonnichsen noted, landowners occasionally request to have a lateral canal piped to eliminate an open ditch. Current District policy allows the District to construct these pipelines at District expense except for the cost of materials and for the cost of blasting rock, if required. Staff recommends amending the District policy for cooperative piping to transfer these costs to the landowner requesting the piping of an open lateral ditch. Following discussion, Mr. Sheehan moved, seconded by Mr. Jones and unanimously approved the District to amend Section 12 of the District's Rules and Regulations as stated above.

The Board and Management discussed the bids for pipe and material on the 2017-2018 enclosed conduit system. Following discussion, Mr. Sheehan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones and unanimously approved, that the District advertise for the 2017-2018 ECS materials bids, to be opened on July 7, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. The Board will then approve the lowest responsible bids at the July Board Meeting on July 11, 2017 at 9:00 A.M.

District Manager Scott Revell and Watermaster Clay Bohlke updated the Board on the enclosed conduit system project expenses, the remaining fourteen years project total \$27.3 million worth of work in 2017 dollars. Several recurring or one-time expenses can be assigned to the ECS projects, including are gravel for maintenance roads, temporary workers, large tools and a used flatbed truck to string miles of pipe more quickly. Mr. Sonnichsen noted staff is proposing to build these costs into the annual ECS project budget. Following discussion, Mr. Willard moved, seconded by Mr. Sheehan and unanimously approved

District Manager Revell presented the Board with an informational overview of the major capital improvement planning for the 2017-18 off season. Following discussion, Mr. Willard moved, seconded by Mr. Jones and unanimously approved the 2017-18 off season maintenance/capital improvement major project work plan.

District Manager Revell informed the Board on the District's rock needs over the next five years. Noting that the quantities vary annually based on the season's projects and the District uses several types of rock for various purposes each year. In recent years the Board has approved individual rock purchase requests, the District began budgeting \$75,000 per year for rock in 2017. No action was requested of the Board, Mr. Revell stated staff would research the issue further and report back at the July meeting.

Engineering Manager Wayne Sonnichsen presented to the Board a request for services for road rehabilitation planning, stating that the District maintains nearly 400 miles of gravel roads and these roads are necessary for the operation and maintenance of the District's infrastructure. The majority of these roads are in need of some level of improvement. Staff is proposing to contract with HDR Engineering to perform a geotechnical investigation of the District's roads and help with the design of a road rehabilitation program for the District. Following discussion, Mr. Jones moved, seconded by Mr. Sheehan and unanimously approved the request for services No. 2 for

HDR Engineering to provide engineering and planning for the District's road rehabilitation program.

District Manager Revell reported to the Board on the mowing program and equipment replacement overview. For many years, the District has mowed the Main Canal and lateral canals two times per year. In recent years the District has struggled to complete two passes due to equipment breakdowns, staffing shortages and other maintenance needs. Tractor and mower repairs account for 20% to 30% of the mechanics time during the irrigation season. Following discussion, Mr. Jones moved, seconded by Mr. Minick to approve \$352,000 for 2 John Deere tractors and Tiger mower units via purchasing pool contract and to surplus equipment tractor #203 the mowers attached to it.

The President declared the Board to be in executive session for an estimated twenty minutes beginning at 10:22 A.M. pursuant to:

- a. Executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). Pending litigation- State v. Acquavella and Alliance for the Wild Rockies.
- b. Executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(2)(a)(iii). To evaluate legal risk of a proposed action.

The President returned the Board to regular session at 10:50 A.M.

Engineering Manager Wayne Sonnichsen requested from the Board a declaration of surplus on two parcels the District owns. The District purchased the property in 1971 to use as a site to situate a radio antenna, the District discontinued use of the antenna ten plus years ago. Staff recommends that the property be surplus and sold pursuant to RCW 87.03 using direct negotiations and subject to reservation of an easement for use by the District. Following discussion, Mr. Jones moved, seconded by Mr. Willard to approve adoption of Resolution No. 3-2017.

Engineering Manager Wayne Sonnichsen updated the Board on the letter received from Joshua Johnson dated May 21, 2017 requesting a reclassification of his non-irrigable water. Mr. Sonnichsen noted Mr. Johnson's parcels are adjacent to the main canal and would receive water through a high side main canal delivery, it would be physically possible to deliver water without affecting the deliveries of other landowners in that area. Following discussion, Mr. Minick moved, seconded by Mr. Willard and unanimously approved adding portion of parcel 191323-43403 to the 2018 assessment roll.

Watermaster Clay Bohlke presented and the Board reviewed the recent, past and future maintenance work report.

Mr. Revell presented, and the Board reviewed the District Manager's monthly report.

Engineering Manager Wayne Sonnichsen presented, and the Board reviewed the Engineering Manager's monthly report.

No further business appearing and upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board did there upon adjourn at 11:22 A.M. on Tuesday June 6, 2017.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY

PRESIDENT



