

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

April 9, 2013

The Board of Directors of Lake Chelan Reclamation District met for their regular Board meeting at the office of the District on April 9, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Board President Robert Christopher. Those in attendance were:

BOARD

Bob Christopher
Scott Sandum
Brad Barnes
Dave Clark
Paul Mogan

STAFF

Rodney L. Anderson
Mary Lou Brooks

GUESTS

Carole L. Peter
Robert Peebles
Jim Colbert

MINUTES – FINANCIAL REVIEW – STATUS OF FUNDS

Director Barnes made a motion and it was seconded to approve the March 12, 2013 minutes, budgets, trial balances and investments, as mailed. Motion carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Secretary-Manager Anderson presented the accounts payable for review and approval. Accounts payable checks 11735 through 11782 (including EFT payments to Dept. of Revenue for Excise Taxes and Dept. of Labor & Industries for Quarterly Payroll Taxes) totaled \$180,372.46 and were broken down as follows:

Irrigation O & M Investment	\$ 69,454.49
Irrigation Construction	\$ 11,196.53
Domestic O & M Investment	\$ 56,300.30
Domestic Construction	\$ 14,750.48
Sewer O & M Investment	\$ 28,670.66
Sewer Construction	\$ -0-

A motion was made by Director Sandum and was seconded to approve the accounts payable as listed. Motion passed unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Irrigation: Startup went well with one line break due to a root and one line break caused by a contractor over the winter. All irrigation accounts that have been paid are turned on, with a few turnout valves that need to be repaired. We have implemented the second safeguard on the LC tank to prevent overflows as has been discussed since last fall.

Domestic: Tony Medina dug up our pipe line without putting in for locates at his project across from the office. District personnel performed the repairs and we have billed him for \$2,473.29 which covers our costs of repairing the pipe and services.

Sewer: Chelan County PUD dug into one of our low pressure sewer service lines on Lakeshore Drive which had been correctly located. We have sent them a bill for \$1,168.75 for our cost of repairing the sewer line.

Administration: LocalTel has installed two security cameras at the LC intake as part of our agreement with them. This is in exchange for their equipment being placed at our Lakeshore Reservoir on Summit. Their equipment is not attached to the tank but are held down with cinder blocks and rubber feet. We will be looking at other locations for the security cameras as they add their equipment to additional irrigation tanks.

We were finally able to dispose of approximately 2000 lbs. of sodium fluoride which has been at the shop taking up space since the 1960s; the Department of Agriculture will dispose of it.

OLD BUSINESS

Manager Anderson stated that there are currently five properties over five years delinquent in paying their irrigation assessments, totaling approximately \$16,000; seven properties over three years delinquent in paying their irrigation assessment, totaling approximately \$13,000; and six properties one to two years delinquent in paying their irrigation assessment, totaling approximately \$8,000. Manager Anderson further explained that if the irrigation assessments are one to two years delinquent, the District has the option of placing a lien on the property, and if the assessments are over three years delinquent, the District may start foreclosure proceedings on the property. Once the foreclosure process has been started, we are unable to stop it. After considerable discussion, a motion was made by Director Sandum and was seconded to start lien and foreclosure procedures on any property that is over three or more years' delinquent in paying their irrigation assessments. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Director Barnes and was seconded to include a \$150.00 administrative fee to be paid before a lien will be removed from any property. Motion passed unanimously.

Manager Anderson informed the Board that there is one property on Wapato Point that is in arrears in their sewer payments by a considerable amount. Currently there is little the District can do to collect this debt. Board President Christopher would like to meet with the person in charge at Wapato Point so discuss options to collecting this debt. Manager Anderson will have more information at the next Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Bob Peebles is once again requesting the District to do water sampling on the irrigation system for the GAP requirements of the orchardists. Carole Peter of Manson Growers is requesting the District to do the water sampling for GAP, but to add an additional test to be compliant with GAP requirements. One set of tests before harvest and one set of tests during harvest. Further requested, instead of doing the fecal tests, use the E-coli generic tests. After considerable discussion a motion was made by Director Barnes and was seconded to test the irrigation water system in mid-June and again in mid-September, using the same protocol as last year. Motion passed unanimously.

Manager Anderson stated that the District has received a request for a dock permit with two buoys on Roses Lake. The request is to place the buoys 87 feet into the Lake. After considerable discussion, it was recommended to approve the dock permit, without the buoys. The District has no written policy at this time, but may address this in the future if it becomes a problem.

John Allison has submitted a written request for a full refund of \$234.86, which he paid in 2010 for irrigation excess charges. John had contested the charges back in 2010 but it had never been resolved by the District manager. He stated that he did not believe he had used water in excess and Manager Anderson confirmed his assumption. A motion was made by Director Barnes and was seconded to refund John Allison the sum of \$234.86. Motion passed unanimously.

The Calendar of Events was presented by Manager Anderson for review and discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Being no additional new business or public comment Board President Robert Christopher recessed the meeting at 9:05 a.m. as allowed under RCW 42.30.110 to review the performance of a public employee. The regular meeting was reconvened into open session at 9:18 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to come before the Board, Board President Robert Christopher adjourned the meeting at 9:18 a.m.

Signed: _____
President

Attest: _____
Secretary-Manager

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