

REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

August 13, 2013

The Board of Directors of Lake Chelan Reclamation District met for their regular Board meeting at the office of the District on August 13, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Board President Robert Christopher. Those in attendance were:

BOARD

Bob Christopher
Brad Barnes
Paul Mogan

STAFF

Rodney L. Anderson
Mary Lou Brooks

GUESTS

Larry Jungk
Mary Stutzman

MINUTES – FINANCIAL REVIEW – STATUS OF FUNDS

Director Barnes made a motion and it was seconded to approve the July 9, 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 11935 through 11986 (including an EFT payment to Dept. of Revenue for Excise Taxes) totaled \$295,410.92 and were broken down as follows:

Irrigation O & M Investment	\$ 87,243.44
Irrigation Construction	\$ -0-
Domestic O & M Investment	\$127,093.24
Domestic Construction	\$ 21,387.45
Sewer O & M Investment	\$ 59,758.79
Sewer Construction	\$ -0-

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

MANAGER'S REPORT

Irrigation: Discussing with Enduris, our insurance provider, the possibility of removing Antilon and Wapato Lake Dams from the liability insurance. LCRD pays \$11,000 per year for insurance coverage on these dams if they ever were to fail. Both dams have been breached and the threat of failure and flooding is greatly reduced. The State Department of Ecology is coming next month for a scheduled inspection and we will talk with him at length about this subject, as well as getting more information from Paul Cross.

Manager Anderson met with the Bureau of Reclamation regarding LCRD's estimate for power costs projected over the next five years. The Bureau indicated that the projected power costs will be going up from \$142,000 to \$180,000, which is a 31% increase.

Storms over the past weekend took down the entire irrigation system two nights in a row. Between Friday and Sunday evenings the field crew accumulated approximately 100 hours in over-time. There was also damaged equipment, including radios, fuses and fuse blocks needing to be replaced. Manager Anderson estimates approximately \$8,000 in costs for the entire weekend from storm damage. The entire system was back up as of Monday morning.

Rob Davis is in the process of monitoring water use by orchardists. He is checking the meter capacity and turning off the meters if over by any significant amount. We then call the orchardists involved and have them turn off some of their sprinklers to be compliant with meter specifications. This needs to be done as they are burning out meters, which can be very costly to replace.

Manager Anderson informed the Board that there is one orchardist who is pulling water directly from Wapato Lake and is cross-connected with LCRD's irrigation system. The District is requiring him to disconnect the cross-connection and separate his system from ours. We are giving him enough time to accomplish this in the off season this fall.

Domestic: The District has four cross-connection issues currently brought to our attention. RVs are hooked to hoses. We are sending letters requiring them to install a backflow prevention device, and following up with compliance. There was also discovered one unmetered service. They were required to install a backflow prevention device, as well as a meter for billing purposes.

The field crew are busy extending the drain for the Water Treatment Plant overflow down Banks Avenue to a location near our agriculture drain pump to the lake.

Sewer: Nothing to report at this time.

Administration: Dennis Hoots, our seasonal temporary employee, recently resigned his position with the Reclamation District.

Graham Thomas, our GIS/mapping temporary employee, has asked to stay until December. He is currently working on assessment changes, and there will be plenty of work to keep him busy.

Manager Anderson stated that he is currently getting bids for painting the office building, as it has been a considerable length of time since the building has been painted and there is bare wood in places. The bids have been from \$7,500 to \$10,000, and additional bids will be needed to replace the railing. He stated that he knows this project was not in the budget, but believes important to accomplish this year. After some discussion, the consensus of the Board was to go forward with the painting project.

OLD BUSINESS

Director Barnes stated that he was asked by a community member about the Gebber's Farm use of the fire hydrant for water use. He told them that he believes they are charged for the water usage as everyone else, which is correct.

It was also brought to the attention of the Board that water is running down Winesap Road and undermining the roadway from Hawkins orchard. This is due to a past broken irrigation pipe and over watering. After discussion, the Board desired us to monitor the situation so the County could not come back to the District for repair costs.

NEW BUSINESS

The next Board of Directors meeting will be Monday, September 9, 2013, beginning at 7:00 a.m. The change is to accommodate orchardist schedules and manager Anderson's travel plans.

Manager Anderson demonstrated to the Board and members of the public present the ability for the field crew to log onto the office computer and view alarms via smart phone. This is a very useful tool when in the field.

Director Barnes asked why the revenue and expenses in the budget were different and not all broken out individually. Manager Anderson explained that the expenses are not broken out, but just a total at the bottom. He didn't feel the need to track each expense item individually, but that a total would be the best way for him. The details are available if needed.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to come before the Board, Board President Robert Christopher adjourned the meeting at 8:55 a.m.

Signed: _____
President

Attest: _____
Secretary-Manager

August, 2013