

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

April 14, 2015

The Board of Directors of Lake Chelan Reclamation District met for their regular Board meeting at the office of the District on April 14, 2015. 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

Jim Peterson
Wai Tim Petersen
Larry Day

MINUTES – FINANCIAL REVIEW – STATUS OF FUNDS

Director Sandum made a motion and it was seconded to approve the March 10, 2015 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 13064 through 13122 (including EFT payments to Dept. of Revenue for Excise and Sales Taxes and Dept. of Labor & Industry for L&I Taxes) totaled \$219,523.35 and were broken down as follows:

Irrigation O & M Investment	\$ 95,681.68
Irrigation Construction	\$ 75.36
Domestic O & M Investment	\$ 84,434.46
Domestic Construction	\$ -0-
Sewer O & M Investment	\$ 39,331.85
Sewer Construction	\$ -0-

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

MANAGER’S REPORT

Irrigation: Manager Anderson reported that the irrigation startup was pushed forward due to numerous requests from orchardists, as well as the dry conditions. Only two small leaks were discovered during this year’s startup and generally went well.

Recently a teenager ran his car over one of our irrigation turnouts on Madeline Road doing damage. We repaired the turnout and submitted an invoice for damages incurred. Due to the nature of the incident, the police became involved and our insurance is collecting for our damages to avoid possible negative impact.

Domestic: During late winter we had a significant leak on Roses Avenue, and now the road continues to settle. In speaking with the County area foreman, we decided to go out to bid for the road repair. We will go with the most reasonable bid, and our insurance is covering damage costs.

Sewer: Nothing to report at this time.

Administrative: A hose burst recently downstairs at the Fire Department. There was significant water damage done to the walls. Their insurance will not cover the building since they rent from us, so our insurance is working with them to cover damage costs. If there is any deductible, we have been assured the Fire Department will cover the payment. It was indicated that a volunteer firefighter was washing his personal vehicle and neglected turning off the water to the hose which burst. They were instructed that this practice be curtailed and monitored for compliance in the future.

The Forest Service has contacted Manager Anderson to request allowing individuals to park their vehicles at the snow park for unloading and loading their ATVs. The Board saw no problems with this request, as the same area is already being used by snowmobilers in the winter.

Manson High School has contacted LCRD to request our participation in a student intern program for their students. Manager Anderson stated that we are considering having them shadow Jennifer in the office and Dave out in the field and at the water treatment plant. Sophomores are required to complete 15 hours of job shadow work, whereas Juniors and Seniors are required to complete 20 hours of work per year in order to fulfill graduation requirements. The Board saw no problems with this request, and indicated it may be an advantage for community awareness.

Manager Anderson informed the Board that he received a decision regarding the hearing to dismiss a lawsuit against the LCRD by Brent Winters. After interviewing three Board members, Stephanie Alexander argued the case on April 10th and the presiding judge issued summary judgment to dismiss.

OLD BUSINESS

May 17th is the date set for the hearings of the four contractors who were consistently not calling in utility locates thereby performing illegal digs. Any contractor digging more than 6" is required by state law to request locates prior to digging. The Board voiced their realization that this will be a 'black eye' against the District for a period of time, but believes in the long run we need to help change this lack of communication. Jim Peterson, of Chelan County, indicated that all other contractors know to request locates prior to digging, but the local ones have not been held accountable for their neglect. He believes this was a positive, albeit painful, step forward in getting them into compliance in the future.

A local excavation company missed a locate mark and hit an irrigation mainline. Previous to this damage, Jim Wisdom and manager Anderson both offered to either help the excavator pothole the line, or do it for him prior to hitting the line, but he declined. Subsequently the excavator submitted an invoice in the amount of \$2,235.74 for his expenses incurred in repairing the line as he argued that we did not locate it accurately enough. Due to neglect to maintain the marks, there was no definitive way to prove one way or the other. After considerable discussion of the circumstances, a motion was made by Director Sandum and was seconded to pay one-half of the invoice submitted by the excavator. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Larry Day is requesting a variance from District policy. He is asking to have the District install a water meter at the end of our water main line on Chandler Road rather than requiring a water main extension just for his meter. From there he wants to install approximately 500 feet of service line to access water for a single family dwelling on his property. He was advised that he will be required to install a backflow device. The alternative route would be across an adjoining private property, of which the property owners will not agree to an easement for him. After discussion, a motion was made by Director Clark and was seconded to allow the variance and install a water meter at the end of the Chandler Road water main, and thereafter allow Larry Day to install pipe and a backflow device to a single family dwelling on his property. Motion passed unanimously.

Wai Tim from the Manson Parks Department was present to inform LCRD that a public forum will be held in May to show the public the Parks Department's ideas and hear thoughts for their waterfront and park improvements. The improvements include marina expansion, provide enhancements, as well as erosion control, at the old swimming hole, and provide docking and parking for the Lady of the Lake. As LCRD owns the property at the old swimming hole, he is requesting our involvement and eventual consent to the improvements. The Board saw no problems with this request, and welcomed the opportunity to comment on possible improvements.

Wai Tim further requested that LCRD consider waiving the sewer connection fee of \$4,100 at the Parks Department's Willow Point property for public bathrooms to be installed. A motion was made by Director Barnes and was seconded to waive the \$4,100 sewer hookup fee at Willow Point for the Manson Parks Department. Motion passed unanimously.

Manager Anderson indicated that there was an orchardist who wants to put in a service line to get water to his orchard cabins. It would include approximately 1500' of private line with a 1" meter installed by the District. A motion was made by Director Clark and was seconded to accept a variance to allow the orchardist to install a service line to his orchard cabins. Motion passed unanimously.

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 9:41 a.m.

Signed: _____
President

Attest: _____
Secretary-Manager

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