

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 9, 2015

The Board of Directors of Lake Chelan Reclamation District met for their regular Board meeting at the office of the District on June 9, 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
Dave Clark
Paul Mogan

STAFF

Rodney L. Anderson
Mary Lou Brooks

GUESTS

Mary Stutzman
Larry Jungk
Marcus Smith

MINUTES – FINANCIAL REVIEW – STATUS OF FUNDS

Director Sandum made a motion and it was seconded to approve the May 12, 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 13169 through 13211 (including an EFT payment to Dept. of Revenue for Excise and Sales Taxes) totaled \$251,896.92 and were broken down as follows:

Irrigation O & M Investment	\$135,628.15
Irrigation Construction	\$ -0-
Domestic O & M Investment	\$ 54,794.93
Domestic Construction	\$ 27,253.09
Sewer O & M Investment	\$ 34,220.75
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: Director Clark asked about the storm damage to the LCRD facilities. Manager Anderson stated that during the thunderstorm, we had several issues with the sewer lift stations being flooded, as well as ‘F’ irrigation pumping plant losing its radios. As a result, we received some training on the radio system, which will be helpful with future problems.

Manager Anderson wanted to make the Board aware of three known easement encroachments on LCRD’s irrigation lines. He has toured the areas with Doug England and he will be meeting with the County in the very near future to make them aware of the situation, as well as discussion how to implement new procedures to insure this will be less likely to occur with future building.

Domestic: The installation of the Lakeshore fiber line will be completed today. Hopefully this will alleviate some or all of our issues with electrical failures during lighting storms.

The Washington State Department of Health is conducting a sanitary survey of the Water Treatment Plant this month, which is done every three years.

Sewer: Our attorney, Robert Siderius, will be writing a letter to Mr. Richardson, stating that at this point in time, we will not be doing anything with the sewer line on his property.

Administrative: After Director Christopher asked about the new electrician to be hired, Manager Anderson stated that after further discussion with current staff members, it was decided to not hire the recent applicant that was interviewed. Rather, we will get through the summer irrigation season, then re-run the ad in the fall to see if we can find someone who would be a better fit.

The 2014 Annual Report has been finalized and submitted to the State Auditor's office. It is available for anyone who would like to review it.

Justin Helm has been hired and his first day of employment with LCRD was May 26, 2015.

Manager Anderson stated that he is looking into an electronic mapping system. We currently use printed books which quickly become obsolete and are costly to produce. He is looking at a notepad type device that would have our maps in electronic form as well as other sources that could be consulted in the field. This is similar to what Grant Co. PUD uses.

Robert Siderius is going to the USBR conference in California with the Greater Wenatchee Irrigation District Manager, Mike Miller. The Greater Wenatchee District is paying his round trip air fare, as well as meals and incidentals. Since this will benefit LCRD directly, they are requesting we pay half his fees incurred on this trip. His estimate of \$2,565 is the total for LCRD to pay. After considerable discussion, Director Clark made a motion and it was seconded to pay \$2,565 to Attorney Robert Siderius for his attorney fees incurred during the USBR conference. Motion passed unanimously.

Director Sandum requested that, due to cherry harvest, the next board meeting be moved to accommodate the orchardists' schedules. After some discussion, it was the consensus to move the July boarding meeting to 3:00 pm on July 14.

OLD BUSINESS

Our attorney, Robert Siderius, has requested the public records from the USBR regarding our irrigation acreage allotment. He recently received a return message that they would need at least 20 business days to fulfill his request.

NEW BUSINESS

Manager Anderson informed the Board members that one of the area orchardists has 5 RVs established as year-round living quarters for their orchard help. We have no policy in place regarding this procedure, but the County's policy states a RV can only remain for 10 days consecutively, within a 60-day period. We have spoken with the County about their policy, but they are unwilling to enforce it. The County has written a letter stating that the current septic system needed to be updated and approved for these RVs, but that is all. Currently we collect

water usage fees, but no hookup fees have been paid. After considerable discussion, it was the consensus of the Board members to have the orchardist pay the additional hookup fees, then reimbursement their payments if and when the County decides to enforce their policy.

Marcus Smith has submitted an invoice to the LCRD for damages incurred on his personal irrigation system after a Pressure Reducing Valve (PRV) failed in his turnout on Kinsey Road. He stated that it was because a screen was not in place in the PRV, and that this is the second time this has happened to him. He feels that this is an inappropriate burden for him to bear and that we should make it right and reimburse his expenses, since it was our system that failed. Manager Anderson stated that the failure was in fact a gasket, which could have been caused by a variety of scenarios including a factory blemish. He further quoted district policy which states, in short, that private irrigation systems are to be designed to intermittently withstand maximum line pressures of our distribution system. The consensus of the Board was not to pay Mr. Smith's invoice, since his system was not designed accurately to withstand the pressure.

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 8:41 a.m.

Signed: _____
President

Attest: _____
Secretary-Manager

June, 2015