

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

October 11, 2016

The Board of Directors of Lake Chelan Reclamation District met for their regular Board meeting at the office of the District on October 11, 2016. 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

Larry Jungk
Mary Stutzman

MINUTES – FINANCIAL REVIEW – STATUS OF FUNDS

Director Sandum made a motion and it was seconded to approve the September 13, 2016 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 13939 through 13990 (including an EFT payment to Dept. of Revenue for Excise & Sales Taxes) totaled \$299,764.26 and were broken down as follows:

Irrigation O & M Investment	\$ 60,601.44
Irrigation Construction	\$ 8,875.48
Domestic O & M Investment	\$ 75,897.56
Domestic Construction	\$ 0.00
Sewer O & M Investment	\$154,389.78
Sewer Construction	\$ 0.00

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

MANAGER'S REPORT

Irrigation: Shut down is on schedule for this Friday, October 14. The radio ad has helped in reducing the number of calls the office staff have received asking for the shut off date.

There was a large irrigation line break on the B-4 line, which washed out Gebbers booster pumping station, as well as the Buck (Brad Barnes managed) orchard. Gebbers Farm workers were very helpful in getting the pumping station stabilized, before it became more of an issue. Everything was cleaned up and Gebbers, as well as Brad Barnes, were happy with what we had done. There will be an insurance claim as a result.

Domestic: We recently conducted our lead and copper testing. Manager Anderson explained that we normally test ten homes with old pipes and that .015 mg/L is the acceptable threshold. This

year in addition to the ten homes, we tested the school's water. The highest test result received was .002 mg/L.

Sewer: The new drain cleaner has been ordered at a price of \$72,000 to \$73,000. Until we receive it, the old one was fixed for our current use. The old one will be the backup when the new one is received.

We have been assisting the City of Chelan with their slip line project they are putting in along SR 150, along with their new Lift Station #12. We will be sending an invoice to the City for our costs incurred. The City will own the connection to our NSI and have acknowledged all future responsibility for the connection and new Lift Station #12.

Administrative: Two Board positions are open. Brad Barnes' will be for one year, which is the remainder of his term; and Scott Sandum's will be the entire three-year term. We will be advertising these open positions in the Mirror. The candidates have to specify which term they are running for.

One of the delinquent properties that is not paying their domestic or sewer bills, will be rolled in with the irrigation assessment as a special assessment, to force them to pay their delinquent domestic and sewer fees, or we can foreclose on the property. The second delinquent property is where a house burned down and no one has been responsible for paying the bills during the past 7-8 years. We are currently receiving payments from the County Auditor, as they are trying to bring the taxes current to avoid foreclosure. Manager Anderson suggests evaluating the domestic bills as to what should have been done if there had been a responsible party involved, put the remainder as a special assessment with the irrigation assessment, and give up the ERU to avoid incurring future fees.

OLD BUSINESS

Letter to the USBR regarding our irrigation acreage has been drafted and ready for the board to review before finalizing and mailing. After significant discussion, the letter will be final and mailed by the end of the month by our attorney.

NEW BUSINESS

Manager Anderson will present the Assessment Roll formally in the November meeting. It will be approved in the Board of Equalization part of the regular December Board meeting after all public input.

Manager Anderson is working on the budget. Domestic and sewer are doing well, and he will not be asking for an increase in rates. Irrigation has improved by \$100,000 over last year, but will be asking for a \$5.00 per parcel and \$5.00 per acre increase to try and stay ahead of rising costs to operate the system. The one-acre minimum will be \$275.00 for 2017. The capital purchases for this year will be a new truck, drain cleaner and 40 x 60 shop building. The budget will be discussed in detail at the November board meeting, then approved at the December board meeting.

The shop doors are out for bids to be replaced. The lights will be replaced in the office, as well as the windows, making them more cost-effective. We will be receiving a Chelan County PUD rebate for these upgrades.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary asked about the sewer work along SR 150. Manager Anderson stated that the work was being done by the City of Chelan and they are putting a 4” HDPE slip line inside the current 8” PVC line to hopefully help with the odor at the lift station. The homeowners are being required to purchase their own pumps to pump into the new line.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to come before the Board, Board President Robert Christopher adjourned the meeting at 9:02 a.m.

Signed: _____
President

Attest: _____
Secretary-Manager

October, 2016