

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

December 8, 2020

The Board of Directors of Lake Chelan Reclamation District met for their regular Board meeting at the office of the District on December 8, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 8:10 a.m. by Board President Dave Clark. Those in attendance were:

<u>BOARD</u>	<u>STAFF</u>	<u>GUESTS</u>
David Clark	Rodney L. Anderson	
Paul Mogan	Mary Lou Brooks	
Todd Jeffries (via Conference call)		
Nathan England (via Conference call)		

MINUTES – FINANCIAL REVIEW – STATUS OF FUNDS

A motion was made by Director Mogan and seconded by Director England to approve the November 10, 2020 minutes, budgets, and investments, as mailed. Motion carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Secretary-Manager Anderson presented the accounts payable for review and approval. Accounts payable checks 16486 through 16536 (including EFT payments) totaled \$435,893.45 and were broken down as follows:

Irrigation O & M Investment	\$142,603.22
Irrigation Construction	\$ 620.92
Irrigation Construction – MCC Upgrade Costs	\$ 11,234.64
Domestic O & M Investment	\$143,120.89
Domestic Construction	\$ 5,109.95
Sewer O & M Investment	\$133,203.83
Sewer Construction	\$ 0.00

After some clarification on proposed payments, a motion was made by Director Mogan and seconded by Director Jeffries to approve the accounts payable as listed. Motion passed unanimously.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Irrigation: In 2015 a local resident ran over one of our irrigation cans, which was reported to the Sheriff’s office. An invoice was submitted to reimbursement of the District’s expenses in repairing the can but was never paid. The District was recently contacted by the individuals’ attorney asking to make restitution in exchange for our dropping all charges. They will be paying 2,664.95 through a Court Order to get all charges dropped. Manager Anderson will keep the Board informed if the District receives the money.

Manager Anderson distributed a letter from the Chelan County PUD, wherein it explained that the District's power rates would be increasing by increments beginning in 2021, over a five-year period. Power rates have increased dramatically since our last contract was negotiated, and they feel the need to bring our rates at least equal to the current rates charged other customers. They are proposing to double our transmission rates within five years, while at the same time, enter into contract negotiations regarding our distribution rate. Our current contract is set to expire in 2026. The Operations and Maintenance rates may be absorbed into the transmission rate therefore, we will no longer pay a portion of the O&M fees on power lines that are the responsibility of the District.

Domestic: Darrell Lewman has requested making three lots out of two on Washington and Green. He is asking for a variance to put the meters on the street, then have a 900' pipeline to the property for water, which he will solely maintain. Our normal maximum service pipe length is 150'. After some discussion, a motion was made by Director Mogan and seconded by Director England to approve the 900' pipeline variance for Darrell Lewman's short plat. Motion passed unanimously.

Sewer: Nothing to report.

Administrative: There will be a Special Board Meeting scheduled for Monday, December 14th, to ratify the Board election, which will be held today at 1:00 pm. There has been a significant increase in absentee ballots requested over previous years.

OLD BUSINESS

Manager Anderson presented the Board with the proposed 2021 Budget, including the 2021 Fee Schedule. He is proposing that water rates increase \$1.00 per month and sewer rates increase \$1.50 per month. He is further proposing increases to both water and sewer road crossing fees to \$2000 per service to better cover actual costs. The tap fee will increase to \$1250 per service, and the DCVA installation will remain at \$1000 per ERU. Irrigation assessments will be increased as approved several years ago but will again be reviewed during the 2022 budget season. He believes the increase will better enable us to make our bond repayments, including all interest. The Board discussed several items within the budget, specifically the capital improvements and capital purchases proposed for 2021. A billing system upgrade is also listed within the budget that will incorporate all financial activity, thereby combining both systems and increasing the cost effectiveness.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Keith Searles has requested a sewer line extension up along Swartout Road to include his personal property. He will reimburse the District for our costs on this project. After some discussion, a motion was made by Director Mogan and seconded by Director Jeffries to approve Mr. Searles' sewer line extension as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Being no additional new business or public comment Board President David Clark recessed the meeting at 9:02 a.m. as allowed under RCW 42.30.11(g) to review the performance of a public employee. The session was set for 30 minutes and subsequently the regular meeting was reconvened into open session at 9:35 a.m.

A motion was made by Director Mogan and seconded by Director Jeffries to approve the wage structure as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Director Mogan and seconded by Director England to approve the 2021 Budget as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

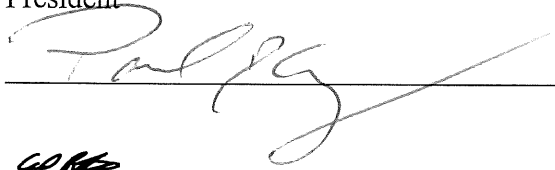
Manager Anderson thanked Nate England for his service on the Board of Directors for the District.


ADJOURNMENT


Being no further business to come before the Board, Board President David Clark adjourned the meeting at 9:42 a.m.

Signed:  _____


President

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Paul Peterson (Jan 17, 2021 10:48 PST)


Chad England (Jan 17, 2021 12:44 PST)


Todd Jeffries (Jan 17, 2021 12:44 PST)

Attest:  _____
Secretary-Manager

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