

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

August 8, 2023

The Board of Directors of Lake Chelan Reclamation District met for their regular Board meeting at the office of the District on July 11, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. by Board President Dave Clark. Those in attendance were:

BOARD

Dave Clark
Carl Peterson
Todd Jeffries
Chad Steiner
Allan Torgesen (via Zoom)

STAFF

Rodney L. Anderson
Jennifer Collins

GUESTS

Carston Steiner

MINUTES – FINANCIAL REVIEW – STATUS OF FUNDS

A motion was made by Director Steiner and seconded by Director Jeffries to approve the July 11, 2023 minutes, budgets, and investments as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Secretary-Manager Anderson presented the accounts payable for review and approval. Accounts payable checks 18159 through 18201 (including EFT payments) totaled \$475,819.50 and were broken down as follows:

Irrigation O&M Investment	\$153,375.50
Irrigation Construction	\$ 34.43
Bond Proceeds – MCC Upgrade Costs	\$ 13,319.79
Domestic O&M Investment	\$236,824.06
Domestic Construction	\$ 4,836.90
Sewer O&M Investment	\$ 64,638.28
Sewer Construction	\$ 2,790.54

A motion was made by Director Steiner and seconded by Director Torgesen to approve the accounts payables as listed. Motion passed unanimously.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Irrigation: The contractor has received the long-awaited lighting panels but is now looking to delay installation until fall as it will interrupt power.

Reserve Power Rate setting – Manager Anderson attended a meeting a couple of weeks ago where the Bureau of Reclamation went over the process of power rate-setting and they also shared the new rates for the next 5 years. The bottom line is for the last 5 years our rate has been set at 12.155 \$/mwh and it will be going up by 15% in the next 5 years to 14.001 \$/mwh.

The District has been working with Aspect Engineering to protect our existing irrigation water rights and also looking at acquiring additional water rights. One issue is that the District users have been using less water than they historically used. This stems from a combination of things including development, fallow lands, modern watering technologies, and crop types. Due to this reduced water use, the District has some risk of losing water rights that Department of Ecology may deem excess. Manager Anderson will continue to work with Aspect and keep the board in the loop as we make progress.

Domestic: Nothing to report.

Sewer: Lift Station #2 rebid was yesterday, August 7. There were 4 bids with the lowest being \$731,739.78 and the highest being \$1,326,777.89. The engineer's estimate was \$752,035.20.

OLD BUSINESS

USBR Title Transfer: After some discussion it was recommended that we try to put some additional pressure on USBR and BPA to come to some conclusions on the Title Transfer payoff and monetary exchange between those two entities. Manager Anderson will speak with legal counsel to determine the best way to do this.

NEW BUSINESS

Director Steiner made a motion to award the Lift Station #2 Upgrades to the lowest bidder, KRCI for \$731,739.78. Director Jeffries seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dave Clark will not run again in 2024 for a board position. Allan Torgesen will be resigning his position at the end of 2023 and Carl Peterson plans to run again. Board terms end on December 31, 2023.

The City of Chelan has reached out for support from the District to assist in their needs to have a certified level 3 Water Treatment Plant Operator available to review their required DOH reports. Their current Operator in Charge has taken a job back east and moved, leaving them shorthanded. Until their current level 2 operator can pass his test and be Operator in Charge, the Board agreed to allow one of our operators to assist where needed.

Clayton Anderson at CSNW has asked the District for permission to use our name and logo, in a promotional video with Rockwell Automation, who provide the motor control center equipment for the irrigation plant upgrades. The Board would like our legal counsel to approve and as long as there is no known conflict of interest, the consensus is that it would be fine.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment offered.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to come before the Board, Board President Dave Clark adjourned the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

Signed: _____
President

Attest: _____
Secretary-Manager

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