

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

October 10, 2023

The Board of Directors of Lake Chelan Reclamation District met for their regular Board meeting at the office of the District on October 10, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Board President Dave Clark. Those in attendance were:

BOARD

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

STAFF

Rodney L. Anderson
Mary Lou Brooks
Jennifer Collins

GUESTS

Toby McKay, IFC
(via Zoom)
Craig Gyselinek, Upper
Columbia Irr District
(via Zoom)
Dan Haller,
Aspect Consulting LLC
Robert Siderius, Attorney

MINUTES – FINANCIAL REVIEW – STATUS OF FUNDS

A motion was made by Director Jeffries and seconded by Director Peterson to approve the September 12, 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 18204 through 18252 (including EFT payments) totaled \$284,691.49 and were broken down as follows:

Irrigation O&M Investment	\$ 69,035.31
Irrigation Construction	\$ 00.00
Bond Proceeds – MCC Upgrade Costs	\$ 7,129.80
Domestic O&M Investment	\$151,070.44
Domestic Construction	\$ 11,051.54
Sewer O&M Investment	\$ 41,428.67
Sewer Construction	\$ 4,975.73

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

MANAGER'S REPORT

Irrigation: Pumps for the irrigation water will be shut down for end of season remotely on Sunday, October 15th.

We will hold our annual Board of Equalization at the next board meeting, November 14th and at 8:15 a.m. This will be advertised per RCW 87.03.250.

Domestic: Verizon would like to renegotiate their monthly lease payment from \$2,737.14 to \$2100 for their use of our property, as well as lower the annual increase from 4% to 3%. They are proposing eliminating our ability to review future upgrade plans/alterations on our tanks. After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Board members present not to accept their offer and keep the current lease in effect.

Sewer: A Professional Services Agreement with RH2 Engineering needs to be reviewed and possibly acted on to start the process of determining feasibility, design and bidding of a gravity sewer line which will allow us to abandon the Orchards Lift Station. The estimated cost for the upgrade is \$700,000. In comparison, to rebuild the Orchards Lift Station is also estimated at \$700,000. After considerable discussion, a motion was made by Director Peterson and seconded by Director Jeffries to approve and sign the Professional Services Agreement with RH2 Engineering as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Administration: There are currently three encroachments on district property that we are dealing with. We have received letters from the County regarding two of the encroachments. Both are on Wapato Lake, but on opposite shorelines. One has received a letter from our attorney stating that they will need to restore the area back to its native habitat per the County code. The second one will also be receiving a letter from our attorney stating they will need to also restore back per County code and get county approval for their restoration plans. We are currently determining the extent of the third encroachment and have visited the property. All customers have been cooperating thus far.

Manager Anderson has been notified of a tent camp in the Antilon Lake open camping area that has been there for approximately two months. LCRD employees dismantled the tents, only to have them put back up with a note attached not to touch them again. The Sheriff will be coming today to assist in contacting the owners of the tents, and to have them permanently removed. After considerable discussion, it was the consensus of the Board members that a policy needs to be adopted for any future instances.

An invitation was extended to the Board members to attend the WSWRA Conference in Spokane, WA, from November 29 to December 1. Manager Anderson and Jennifer will be in attendance again this year.

Advertisements were placed in the local paper for the two vacant Board positions coming up.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2023-07 – Surplus Lands: Manager Anderson presented the Board with a resolution to surplus three abandoned District ditch lines adjacent to customer lands. The customers have stated their interest in purchasing the property from the District. After some discussion a motion was made by Director Peterson and seconded by Director Jeffries to approve Resolution No. 2023-07 as presented. Motin passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

USBRT Title Transfer: Nothing new to report from the Bureau. They are still waiting for the PBA's decision regarding the electrical lease payoff. Attorney Bob Siderius stated that we are now behind a few more entities in getting the ownership transferred.

Dan Haller from Aspect Consulting LLC gave a slide show presentation to the Board members and guests in attendance regarding water right issues and the additional water rights the District should request from the Department of Ecology for future use. The main problem is the District is not using the full amount of the current water rights allotted. The reasons being impervious surfaces, inability to expand acreage, changing crops, as well as better water management with up-to-date watering systems. Future uses for additional water could be for frost protection, heating/cooling usage and expanding the LCRD service area. Climate change could change the amount of usage as well, as the climate heats up there is more evapotranspiration of the crops. LCRD currently has 6600 State water rights and 6444 Federal water rights. Mr. Haller is proposing submitting an application to the Department of Ecology for an additional 20,000 acre feet of irrigation water. After considerable discussion, a motion was made by Director Jeffries and seconded by Director Peterson (after some clarification) to authorize Aspect Consulting to submit an application to the Department of Ecology for more water rights, as well as attend all meetings applicable to the water rights application. Motion passed unanimously.

Manager Anderson presented a contract extension with Aspect Consulting for their continuing work on the District's behalf regarding the water rights application. After some discussion a motion was made by Director Peterson and seconded by Director Jeffries to approve the 2024 Contract Extension with Aspect Consulting LLC. Motion passed unanimously.

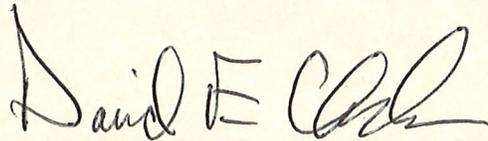
PUBLIC COMMENT

Toby McKay stated that he is very appreciative of the efforts the District has put forth in accomplishing the land titles and ownership transfer from the Bureau to LCRD. He requested a letter from Attorney Bob Siderius explaining the process so he can better explain the situation to his co-workers.

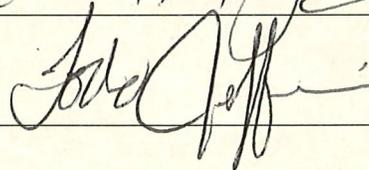
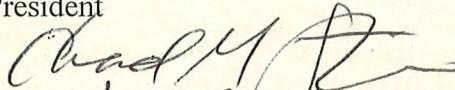
ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to come before the Board, Board President Dave Clark adjourned the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

Signed: _____



President



Attest: _____



Secretary-Manager

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