

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

December 14, 2021

The Board of Directors of Lake Chelan Reclamation District met for their regular Board meeting at the office of the District on November 9, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Board Vice-President Todd Jeffries. Those in attendance were:

BOARD

David Clark
Chad Steiner
Carl Peterson

STAFF

Rodney L. Anderson
Jennifer Collins

GUESTS

Allan Torgesen

MINUTES – FINANCIAL REVIEW – STATUS OF FUNDS

A motion was made by Director Peterson and seconded by Director Steiner to approve the November 9, 2021, minutes, budgets, and investments as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Director Steiner and seconded by Director Peterson to approve the November 9, 2021 minutes of the Special Meeting. Motion carried unanimously

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Secretary-Manager Anderson presented the accounts payables for review and approval. Accounts payable checks 17095 through 170156 (including EFT and wire transfer payments) totaled \$839,422.38 and were broken down as follows:

Irrigation O & M Investment	\$119,230.38
Irrigation Construction	\$ 29,670.23
Bond Proceeds – MCC Upgrade Costs	\$301,426.07
Domestic O & M Investment	\$ 95,501.16
Domestic Construction	\$131,970.41
Sewer O & M Investment	\$ 38,108.70
Sewer Construction	\$123,515.43

After some clarification, a motion was made by Director Peterson and seconded by Director Steiner to approve the accounts payable as listed. Motion passed unanimously.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Irrigation: The “A” Pumping Plant project is back on schedule with Rockwell delivering the MCC’s on December 22nd. This will allow Burke Electric to proceed with tear down and then the installation of the gear.

Excess irrigation bills totaling \$107k have been mailed out. Director Steiner asked if we thought any of our customers would be interested in Wilbur Ellis’ Water Management services for water

conservation purposes? Manager Anderson responded that we would mention that option in our next newsletter.

Domestic: On November 3rd the Washington State Department of Health conducted a Sanitary Survey Inspection per WAC 246-290-416. A sanitary survey is a periodic inspection of water system facilities, operations and records used to identify conditions that may present a sanitary or public health risk. Washington State drinking water rules require all Group A public drinking water systems to have a routine sanitary survey once every three to five years. There were no deficiencies found.

Sewer: The board reviewed the situation of the failing pre-1950 sewer line running from Boetzkes Ave north to Fury Ave through a customer's private property. The District inherited this old concrete sewer line from Chelan County without a known easement of record, but with prescriptive rights. The District's Legal Counsel, Bob Siderius has recommended that the District seek condemnation of the Richardson property for purposes of establishing the easement. It will take an appraisal to establish the value and then a court order determining use and necessity. The District will file the summons and complaint to get Richardson's attention and then see if he is interested in talking about settlement. Once this is complete, the District can hire a contractor to line the sewer pipe or otherwise upgrade it. The Motion carried unanimously to move forward with the filing.

Administration: The District currently has 41.25 new water hook ups and 26.35 sewer hook ups which is more than our 2021 Budget had anticipated.

Manager Anderson presented the board with two options for healthcare benefits in 2022. The first option was continuing the Sterling 1500 at an 8.6% increase or changing to the Sterling 2000 at an 4.7% increase. The only noticeable difference was the annual out of pocket cost to the employee of \$1,000 difference. Director Peterson motioned to approve the Sterling 2000 plan and Director Steiner seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The board had some brief clarification questions regarding the proposed 2022 Budget. The budget will be presented to the Board for adoption at the January Meeting.

The District received correspondence back from the customer who purchased property on Wapato Lake after the District notified him that the 1993 and 1995 Temporary Water Contracts are terminated. The customer would like to know why he should have to pay the 2021 assessment, interest and penalties for the rental water if the temporary water rights were void upon him purchasing the land? Director Steiner asked what would happen with the existing pump set up in the lake and if it needed to be removed since the customer did not have a water right to pump from the lake? That may be a question to ask Department of Ecology. President Clark thought it would be best to table the discussion until the next meeting and after more information could be obtained.

NEW BUSINESS

Manager Anderson requested approval to order and rebuild the F and H Booster pump stations due to them being 45 years old, being worn out and parts are no longer available. Replacement pumps/motors plus labor to install is estimated at \$22k. Director Steiner motioned to approve, Director Peterson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Conveyance Agreements from Talos Construction for the Cameo Plat were presented to the board. Director Peterson motioned to approve both the water and sewer agreements, Director Steiner seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Domestic Conveyance Agreement from WD Peterson Orchards for a 5 lot Short Plat was presented to the board for their acceptance. Director Steiner motioned to approve, it was seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Sewer Conveyance Agreement from Keith Searles was presented to the board for their acceptance. Director Peterson motioned to approve, it was seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

To satisfy past audit recommendations, a formal Lease Policy reflecting what the District was currently doing was presented to the Board for their approval. Director Steiner motioned to approve, it was seconded by Director Peterson and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT


No public comment at this time.

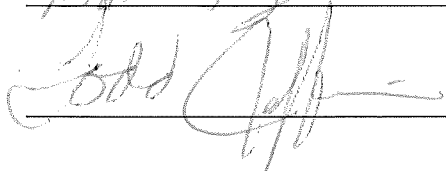
ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to come before the Board, President David Clark adjourned the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Signed: 

President





Attest: 

Secretary-Manager

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