

REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

February 13, 2023

The Board of Directors of Lake Chelan Reclamation District met for their regular Board meeting at the office of the District on February 13, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Board Vice-President Carl Peterson. Those in attendance were:

BOARD

Carl Peterson
Chad Steiner
Allan Torgesen

STAFF

Rodney L. Anderson
Jennifer Collins
Mary Lou Brooks

GUESTS

Toby McKay

MINUTES – FINANCIAL REVIEW – STATUS OF FUNDS

A motion was made by Director Torgesen and seconded by Director Steiner to approve the January 10, 2023 minutes, budgets, and investments, as mailed. Motion carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Secretary-Manager Anderson presented the accounts payables for review and approval. Accounts payable checks 17823 through 17874 (including EFT payments) totaled \$1,193,166.44 and were broken down as follows:

Irrigation O & M Investment	\$ 93,838.97
Irrigation Construction	\$ 10,907.73
Bond Proceeds – MCC Upgrade Costs	\$823,693.72
Domestic O & M Investment	\$115,796.33
Domestic Construction	\$ 94,322.83
Sewer O & M Investment	\$ 54,606.86
Sewer Construction	\$ 0.00

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 is on schedule with the MCC Upgrades to Plants B, C, D and F.

Domestic: The delinquent customer we have discussed multiple times has signed a Deed of Trust which will be filed against his property and which protects the District's interests going forward.

Sewer: Nothing to report.

Administrative: We have budgeted \$10,000 for a potential aerial photo project this year. The quote from GeoTerra is \$12,000. The City of Chelan Public Works Department is not interested

in partnering with us at this time. After considerable discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to pursue the matter further with the City of Chelan as a partner and reach out to other entities.

Manager Anderson would like to get the opinion of the Board for acknowledging the new Juneteenth holiday. After some discussion, the Board would like to table the new holiday until the beginning of 2024, when the calendar can be adopted, and they can see what the other cities in the area are doing.

We have received confirmation our Tax Exempt Certificate from the Department of Revenue per our attorney's efforts and he has drawn up an 'Exempt Certificate' for us to use. We will see if going back six years for pursuing a tax rebate would be worth the time and effort.

OLD BUSINESS

Dan Mogan is requesting to purchase the property owned by the District along his property line along East Wapato Lake Road. After some discussion, a motion was made by Director Torgesen and seconded by Director Steiner to sell a section of surplus property owned by the District after Mr. Mogan obtains a survey and appraisal of said property. Motion carried unanimously.

The District has significant interest from two land-owning entities to pay off our contract with the USBR, saving them money because of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 restrictions. The Board has instructed staff to move forward with initiating Title Transfer as it is in the District's best interests to gain title to the project.

NEW BUSINESS

Summerset Vista has submitted a deposit, as well as water and sewer extension agreements for us to review and sign. After some discussion a motion was made by Director Torgesen and seconded by Director Steiner to sign the Water and Sewer Extension Agreements as presented for Summerset Vista. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Toby McKay, who represents International Fruit Corp (IFC) would like the District to move forward in paying off the loan with the Bureau and is offering support for that process. IFC will pay approximately \$4M in additional payments for irrigation water to the Bureau through the remainder of the District's contract. The Bureau is doing a preliminary appraisal of all the District's property, which will include their attorney's fees and costs. The total amount due to the Bureau is \$744,800, with payments of \$53,200 for the next 14 years. They will require a down payment to get started, and it will take a couple of years to go through the process in its entirety. Toby McKay indicated that IFC would be willing to assist the District in accomplishing this payoff process.

ADJOURNMENT


Being no further business to come before the Board, Board Vice-President Carl Peterson adjourned the meeting at 9:12 a.m.

Signed: David E Carl
President

Charles J

Carl Peterson

John J

Attest: 
Secretary-Manager

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