

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

May 13, 2025

The Board of Directors of Lake Chelan Reclamation District met for their regular Board meeting at the office of the District on May 13, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by President Carl A. Peterson. Those in attendance were:

BOARD

Carl A. Peterson
Todd Jeffries
Chad Steiner
Steven W. Petersen
Jared England

STAFF

Rodney L. Anderson
Mary Lou Brooks

GUESTS

Mike Kirk
Dom Amor
Sarah Cushing
Kathleen Miller

MINUTES – FINANCIAL REVIEW – STATUS OF FUNDS

A motion was made by Director S. Petersen and seconded by Director Steiner to approve April 8, 2025, minutes, budgets, and investments, and April 8, 2025, Special Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Secretary-Manager Anderson presented the accounts payable for review and approval. Accounts payable checks 19309 through 19366 (including EFT payments) totaled \$455,999.97 and were broken down as follows:

Irrigation O&M Investment	\$206,718.01
Irrigation Construction	\$ 11,479.81
Domestic O&M Investment	\$158,969.76
Domestic Construction	\$ 0.00
Sewer O&M Investment	\$ 53,588.45
Sewer Construction	\$ 25,243.94

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

MANAGER’S REPORT

Irrigation: We are working through some issues with Pump #1 at LC. It is usable, but it has some issues when running.

Domestic: Nothing to report.

Sewer: A pump at Lift Station #2 is getting the impeller rebuilt.

Administration: After receiving an estimate of \$600,000 to \$700,000 for a contractor to replace

over 1000 feet of steel 16” pipe along Highway 150, we believe we may be able to do the project in-house. Manager Anderson would like to keep the costs down, thereby replacing the pipe with our employees, saving a significant amount of money. This will be reviewed and discussed at length after receiving additional information.

Three members of the Board recently toured the district facilities with Manager Anderson.

Three employees recently took a ‘Construction Inspection for Water Utilities’ class with Jim Wisdom. Since a proposed project is quite extensive, we will be contracting with Jim to assist with the inspections as needed. The developer will reimburse the District for all expenses incurred.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Lake Chelan Community Services Council – Fee Reduction Request: Sarah Cushing and Kathleen Miller from the Council explained that they are a 501(3)(c) charitable organization ran on donations only. They recently purchased the old gas station (Ernie’s) and will be converting the property into a park. The building will be taken down as soon as they receive the donations to do so and they have planted trees and started watering on a regular basis. They will offer water and sewer hook-ups for food trucks during the summer months only, as well as watering the grass and trees. The remainder of the year, the park will not be using any water or sewer services. They are requesting a reduction in fees to help with their budgeting. They will be doing additional work on the property as funds are raised. After several options were discussed, a Motion was made by Director Steiner and seconded by Director Petersen to charge the Lake Chelan Community Services Council for a quarter rate per month year-round for water and sewer. Motion carried unanimously. The Community Services Council members extended an invitation to the Board and any community member to attend a public planning meeting scheduled for May 31 at 10:00 am on the gas station property.

A customer sent a request to the Board asking to have his current and past irrigation fees eliminated and to relinquish his irrigation rights going forward. He is currently in arrears for 2023 and 2024, which totals approximately \$1,600. After some research, it was determined that there is no feasible way for him to get hooked on the federal water system. He was given bad information and advice from his realtor and builder, which he did not confirm before purchasing the property. The irrigation water rights were disclosed in his closing documents, but the person who subdivided the property did not install a line for him to hook into. After considerable discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to stay with District policy and federal laws for water rights. He may relinquish his water rights, after paying in full the 2023 and 2024 irrigation assessments.

Manager Anderson explained a chart that was shown and put together by Ryan Peterson of RH2 Engineering regarding rate increases going forward for the District. The first chart explained the rates if they stayed at 3% indefinitely, while the second chart showed rates that stayed the same, then jumped up after a few years to catch up with inflation rates. He explained that they can go year by year on rate increases, then re-evaluate in five years.

The Board would like to do better outreach to the community regarding future rate increases.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Kirk and Dom Amor explained that they are both on the Manson Community Council and were here to listen and learn about the District.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to come before the Board, Board President Carl A. Peterson adjourned the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Signed: _____

President

Chad M. Dr.

Steven W. Kohn

James J. Kohn

John J. Kohn

Attest: _____

Secretary-Manager

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