

MINUTES

**Kennewick Irrigation District
Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
Carl W. Petersen Board Room
May 10, 2007, 9:00 a.m.**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President, Ryan Pratt. Board Secretary/District Manager, Vic Johnson, took roll call, as follows:

PRESENT:

Ryan Pratt, President

John Pringle, Vice President

Victor Johnson, Bd. Sec./Dist. Mgr.

Loren Watts, Director

Bill Kinsel, Director

Director Grover had previously advised he would not be available for today's meeting.

STAFF GUESTS:

Harry Fox, Operations Mgr.

Margo Hines, Executive Assistant

Brad Wellenbrock, Engineering Mgr.

Jason McShane, Engineering

Judy Smith, Real Estate Administrator

REGISTRATION

All visitors, scheduled and unscheduled, are to register on the "sign-in" sheet provided at the entrance to the Board Room. If there are guests who wish to speak, the Board Secretary will announce them.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

DIRECTOR KINSEL MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

DIRECTOR WATTS SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED,

UNANIMOUSLY.

UNSCHEDULED VISITORS

Ben Floyd, 189205 E. 36th Avenue, Kennewick: Mr. Floyd explained he is part of LID 161, speaking only for himself. He thanked the KID for its efforts by communicating through letters, e-mails, hand-delivered notices of meetings, etc. Noting both domestic and irrigation systems were in poor condition, he said a comprehensive assessment and capital improvement plan to either fully or partially replace the irrigation system was needed. He feels the homeowners are paying much higher costs due to an emergency situation and being in the heart of construction season and ask the Board to consider a 20% contribution to the project.

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It was explained the KID couldn't find the break in the line in January due to inaccurate drawings given to the KID when KID accepted turnover of these systems. The KID went to the Department of Health because it realized the domestic system had to be improved if the City was to take it over and then it had to go to the County for approval. Priorities for main canal lining and meeting our winter construction schedule were explained. The KID found out two weeks ago the domestic system could not handle the demands of irrigation and domestic service and coordinated with the City, at a cost of \$1,000/week, to activate a City inter-tie to provide domestic water. It is a 30+ year old steel farm line which is broken. We abandoned the idea of repairing the old steel line up the hill as now-existing homes prohibited excavation. If we were to install a shallower line, we can't maintain it due to the grade and now-existing homes. Also, the costs would be about the same as putting in the new proposed, serviceable, main supply line that can be accessed and repaired if necessary. It is best to make this solution fit for now and combine the two systems later in the off season.

Unfortunately, taking over this system with conditions unknown has left us in a hole. When the City is considering annexation, it makes things more serious. We have to fix the domestic system because it affects property values. We need to upgrade it to City standards so they can take over. Once we complete LID 161 (irrigation water delivery), we have to move onto LID 502 (domestic water service). Without doing a rebuild, there is no complete fix. We have done the best fix for five to ten years, leaving us time to focus on the domestic system for the health and safety of the people who live there. This is the first phase of a rebuild of the irrigation system leaving us time to focus on the domestic system. This is a phased rebuild and we need to identify the remainder of it.

Statutory law says an LID has to pay for its own costs. The bid came in at \$108,926.62. Two weeks ago when we had LID 161 down we lost LID 502 as well because people were using domestic water to irrigate their lawns in addition to domestic use. We lost suction at the well pump and did an emergency inter-tie to the City at \$1,000/week for domestic water. We need to complete the irrigation repair so we can get back to regular operation and stop paying emergency fees to the City of Kennewick. June 1 is the construction schedule completion date. Extending the time may or may not save money considering the \$1,000/week to the City. Sixty people are on irrigation at roughly \$25/week to utilize the City's emergency tie-in. Repair will be \$1,750 each and the overwhelming majority of those present last night (24 out of 28) wanted to proceed.

BOARD ACTION

LID 161, Elliott Lake Irrigation System:

DIRECTOR PRINGLE MOVED TO AWARD CONTRACT 2007-14, "ELLIOT LAKE MAINLINE REPLACEMENT," TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, RAY POLAND AND SONS, INC., FOR ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHT THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWENTY SIX DOLLARS AND SIXTY-TWO CENTS (\$109,926.62). THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DIRECTOR KINSEL AND CARRIED, UNANIMOUSLY.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board did not have the need to convene for Executive Session.

**DIRECTOR PRINGLE MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 9:55 A.M. THE MOTION WAS
SECONDED BY DIRECTOR WATTS AND CARRIED, UNANIMOUSLY.**

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Ryan Pratt, President

Victor V. Johnson, District Manager/
Board Secretary