



Minutes

President Dennis called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and Mr. Freeman called roll.

Directors Present:

Dean Dennis, President
 Kirk Rathbun, Vice President
 Gene Huffman
 David McKenzie
 Raman Venkata

Staff Present:

Charles Freeman, District Manager
 Ben Woodard, Assistant Engineering Manager
 Jason McShane, Engineering/Operations Manager
 Kipp Drummond, District Treasurer
 Seth Defoe, Land & Water Resources Manager
 Shelbea Voelker, Public Relations Coordinator
 Lynda Rosenbaum, Real Property Manager
 Melissa Olheiser, Accountant II
 Jonathan Haller, GIS Analyst/Developer
 Lori Gibson, Executive Assistant
 Doris Rakowski, Executive Assistant

Other Persons Present:

Brian Iller, KID Legal Counsel

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Director McKenzie moved to approve the agenda. Vice President Rathbun seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA: Vice President Rathbun moved to approve the consent agenda. Director Huffman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Items on the consent agenda were:

1. Minutes, KID Board Meeting, May 1, 2018
2. Reciprocal Access Easement, Stoneridge, Lots 11A and 11B
3. Binding Site Plan 18-02 – Kenmore - Dry
4. Short Plat 2018-007 – Celski – Dry
5. Vouchers/Warrant Approval

Accounts Payable

Numbers:

	76735	through	76807	\$	199,041.22
	76808	through	76808	\$	16,293.19
Bank Drafts	FSA			\$	-
Bank Drafts	General			\$	-
Bank Drafts	AP			\$	130,354.37
Total Accounts Payable				\$	345,688.78

Payroll

Numbers:

	34006	through	34009	\$	1,050.85
Direct Deposit		2018-05-04		\$	137,972.98
Total Payroll				\$	139,023.83

Total Disbursements **\$ 484,712.61**

Voided Checks: Check # 33641 – VOID and Reissue #34011
Check # 33652 – VOID and Reissue #34012
Check # 33658 – VOID and Reissue #34010

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

PRESENTATIONS:

Irrigation Leader – Australian Irrigation Education Tour: Mr. Woodard thanked the board for the opportunity to attend the educational Australian irrigation event, for which KID won a credit in a raffle. He gave a PowerPoint presentation and spoke about topics including:

- History of Irrigation in the Murray-Darling Basin area
- Goulburn-Murray Water weir and Rubicon gates in the system
- Rubicon factory visit and products including FlumeGates, Slip Meters and Pico Meters
- KID's request that Rubicon create a smaller Pico Meter gate (8" to 12"). Mr. Woodard reported that during the visit to KID last week, Rubicon announced they would produce a 12" version. Discussion ensued.
- On farm research being conducted with Rubicon
- Murrumbidgee Irrigation District Rubicon applications
- KID use of Rubicon gates

PUBLIC HEARING: None

BOARD REPORTS: None

ACTION ITEMS: None

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2018-19, 2018 WaterSMART Grant Financial Assistance Application: Mr. McShane reported that staff submitted an application for fiscal year 2018 WaterSMART Grant financial assistance last week. He said the proposed resolution would authorize the application. He spoke briefly about areas which would be lined.

In answer to Director Huffman's question, Mr. McShane said about 5.4 miles would be lined.

Vice President Rathbun moved to approve Resolution No. 2018-19 appointing Charles Freeman as authorized representative and signature authority in matters relating to the 2018 WaterSMART grant. Director Huffman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS:

Finance Manager: Mr. Drummond said April financial reports would be presented on June 5th.

Mr. Drummond distributed an Accounts Payable packet. He spoke briefly about the process from budgeting through payment, and reviewed documentation for a typical example.

Mr. Drummond reported regarding:

- New medical insurance proposal meeting with union officials – Monday, May 21st
- 2018 Assessment collections
- Finance Committee Meeting – Thursday, May 17th
- Proposed internal fund reporting changes
- Finalization of 2017 financial reports

In reply to President Dennis, Mr. Drummond said about 10,000 accounts were not timely paid, which was higher than usual. He reported that 90 people requested Helping Hands assistance.

Engineering/Operations Manager: Mr. McShane reported regarding:

- Main Canal service and flow level
- Metaline Avenue project progress
- Maintenance levels

Mark Limbaugh, WSWRA Government Relations Specialist, was called to provide a legislative update about issues including:

- Yakima Basin Implementation Plan Committee meetings in Washington D.C. last week, including a meeting with the Corps of Engineers about the Bateman Island project
- HB 4419 to streamline U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) permitting and, specifically, work to include language regarding the development phase of the Integrated Plan instead of YRBWEP III (Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Program)
- Other possible legislative vehicles for Yakima Basin projects, such as appropriation bills, possible continuing resolution and or an omnibus bill

At the request of President Dennis, Mr. McShane spoke about differences between the NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) streamlining bill, HB 4419, and Maria Cantwell's bill.

In response to a question from Vice President Rathbun, Mr. McShane spoke about KID gate automation and flow control. Discussion followed.

At 10:23 a.m., President Dennis called a short break.
At 10:30 a.m., the meeting resumed in open session.

Land & Water Resources Manager: Mr. Defoe displayed and discussed web pages including:

- usbr.gov - Yakima River Five Reservoir Diagram and Water Year Graph.
- usda.gov - Washington SNOTEL maps and Lower Yakima Time Series Snowpack Summary graph
- noaa.gov - Pasco weather station Precipitation and Temperature graphs, Final La Niña Advisory, and Seasonal Outlook maps

Upcoming Meetings:

- WSWRA (Washington State Water Resources Association) – Wednesday, May 16th
- Tri-State Meeting – Friday, May 18th
- Lower River Panel – Tonight, May 15th

Mr. Defoe reported that the sale to In Slide Out would close tomorrow and Ms. Rosenbaum would bring a resolution to memorialize the sale to the next Board meeting.

District Manager: Mr. Freeman reported regarding:

- Draft resolution for title transfer provided by Representative Newhouse
- Future resolution regarding prepayment of KID's USBR loan
- Healthcare insurance change process
- Request for letters of support from Richland and Kennewick City Councils

At Mr. Freeman's request, Ms. Voelker reported regarding:

- Low acceptance of offers to speak in schools about canal safety

- Bilingual Canal Safety flyers to be given to all students in Kennewick School District
- New homeowner welcome packets

Mr. Freeman said ads would be placed in periodicals for KID's real property lease program.

In reply to Director Huffman's question, Mr. Freeman spoke about modification to language allowing the Secretary of the Interior access to KID facilities after title transfer.

WORKSHOP: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 10:50 a.m., on behalf of the presiding officer, Mr. Iller announced that the Board would go into executive session for an estimated 20 minutes until 11:10 a.m., to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency in pending litigation as authorized by RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) as it relates to Acquavella litigation, and to discuss the legal risks of a proposed action or current practice as authorized by RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(iii) as it relates to District boundaries. He said action was possible after the executive session but was not expected.

At 11:10 a.m., executive session was extended for 20 minutes.

OPEN SESSION: At 11:30 a.m., open session resumed.

Director Huffman moved to adjourn the meeting. Vice President Rathbun seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Attest:

Witness:



Dean Dennis, Board President
Minutes Approved June 5, 2018



Charles Freeman, District Manager

Prepared by Doris Rakowski