



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
 Seth Defoe, Land & Water Resources Manager
 Kipp Drummond, District Treasurer
 Ben Woodard, Assistant Engineering/Operations Manager
 Shelbea Voelker, Public Relations Coordinator
 Melissa Olheiser, Accountant II
 Jonathan Haller, GIS Analyst/Developer
 Lori Gibson, 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 unanimously.

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

Items on the consent agenda were:

1. Minutes, KID Board Meeting, June 19, 2018
2. Comment letter for Benton County Critical Areas Ordinance
3. Final Plat Irving Square Ph. 2 - Wet
4. Vouchers/Warrant Approval

Accounts Payable

Numbers:

	77078	through	77080	\$	122,281.82
Bank Drafts	FSA			\$	-
Bank Drafts	General			\$	-
Bank Drafts	AP			\$	87,795.64
Total Accounts Payable				\$	210,077.46

Payroll

Numbers:

	34016	through	34017	\$	2,130.97
Direct Deposit		6/20/2018		\$	129,794.82
Total Payroll				\$	131,925.79

Total Disbursements

\$ 342,003.25

Voided Checks: None.

ACTION ITEMS:

Amon Basin Memorandum of Understanding: Mr. Defoe spoke about KID staff involvement with updates to of local jurisdictions' critical area ordinances (CAO) and comprehensive plans. He introduced City of Richland Planning Commissioners Jim Wise and Debbie Berkowitz, and Karen Sowers, President of Tapteal Greenway.

Mr. Defoe reported that he gave testimony regarding Amon Wasteway and its value to KID at City of Richland's CAO public hearing. He said the CAO balanced ecological values of the basin with KID's operational needs. He spoke about the meetings and discussions initiated by Ms. Berkowitz to increase communication between groups with an interest in the Amon Basin, which led to the proposed MOU between Kennewick Irrigation District, Tapteal Greenway, Lower Columbia Basin Audubon Society, and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. Mr. Defoe said it was a pleasure to work with the representatives of the participant groups on the MOU.

Ms. Sowers said she lived adjacent to the preserve, which was unique in its qualities. She said the opportunity to establish communication between four different entities regarding the Amon Basin was valuable and a great opportunity. She extended her gratitude to the participants.

Ms. Berkowitz, representing Lower Columbia Basin Audubon Society, said she appreciated the participants being open to her suggestion to establish communication between the groups. She stated that both KID's needs and habitat needs should be respected, and that the Audubon Society was looking forward to meeting twice a year and continuing this communication.

Mr. Wise said that, as a WSU environmental science professor, he was involved with studies on the Amon Basin, and observed that Tapteal Greenway and KID were both involved in the Amon Basin without effectively communicating. He stated that this MOU was a poster piece of the types of sustainability efforts that could take place around the Northwest. He thanked Mr. Defoe and the other participants for their attention to this process.

Mr. Defoe thanked the Board for supporting this effort, and Mr. Freeman and Mr. McShane for their involvement.

President Dennis, Director Huffman, and Director Venkata expressed gratitude to the participants.

Vice President Rathbun moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Kennewick Irrigation District, Tapteal Greenway, Lower Columbia Basin Audubon Society, and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding Amon Basin. Director Huffman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

President Dennis announced a five-minute break to hold the signing ceremony for the MOU.

PRESENTATIONS:

Lower River Study - Ian Courter, Mount Hood Environmental: The presentation was postponed until a future board meeting on a date to be determined.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

PUBLIC HEARING: None

BOARD REPORTS: None

ACTION ITEMS, continued:

Cancel Parker, Smith & Feek Contract: Mr. Freeman reviewed the process used to evaluate options for decreasing KID costs for the employee healthcare plan. The consultants, Parker, Smith & Feek, had been meeting with KID with the goal of obtaining an equal plan for less cost to KID than the PEBB (Public Employees Benefits Board) quality healthcare plan KID had used for many years. He said the preferred plan would double the out of pocket maximum cost to employees, and the cost savings to KID was not sufficient to move forward with the option.

Mr. Freeman said the ad hoc committee included business agents for both bargaining groups, union stewards, finance department staff, Vice President Rathbun, and himself.

Mr. Drummond stated that PEBB did not provide a claims history, which was needed to effectively compare premiums and costs from other providers. He said the committee determined remaining in PEBB and increasing employee percentage of the cost was a preferred option.

Vice President Rathbun said the process was informative, but KID should maintain their PEBB plan for now. He said the consultant was no longer needed.

Director Huffman added that the process was helpful in evaluating KID's options.

Vice President Rathbun moved to cancel KID's consulting contract Parker Smith Feek effective 30 days from approval of this motion and the subsequent notification of Parker, Smith & Feek. Director McKenzie seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS: None

Finance Manager: Mr. Drummond reported regarding:

- June financial statements
- Internal transfer of funds from Voluntary Mitigation Agreements
- Foreclosure process. 79 accounts remaining on the list would be sent attorney letters. It was noted that customers could stave off foreclosure by paying one year, and that KID foreclosure procedures followed the RCW statutes.
- Delinquency fee \$5 increase to be implemented next year

Engineering/Operations Manager: Assistant Engineering/Operations Manager Woodard reported regarding:

- Rubicon gates for head end of Division 4 to be received and installed within two weeks
- Metaline project final reconnections and clean up
- Red Mountain chlorinator installation
- West 45th Avenue project pipeline work begun
- KID campus lean-to roof installation
- PSA 123 electrical improvements

Mr. Woodard responded to President Dennis's question about pump replacement parts inventory.

There was a short discussion regarding the need for further outreach to inform customers to clean the filters in their pop-up sprinkler heads.

Mr. Woodard confirmed to Director McKenzie that Division 4 Canal would be down 1 to 1 ½ days when the Rubicon gates were being installed. Director McKenzie requested that KID provide notice to impacted customers so they could preemptively water their crops.

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

- usbr.gov - Yakima River Water Year Graph
- usda.gov - Washington SNOTEL maps and graphs - The snow pack was almost completely depleted and no measurements were being taken at any site.
- noaa.gov - Pasco weather station Precipitation and Temperature graphs
- noaa.gov - 3-class Three-Month Outlook maps – The area was in El Niño watch.

District Manager: Mr. Freeman reported regarding:

- Finley property advertisement placed in the Good Fruit Grower magazine
- Lorayne J property owner petition for annexation sent to the Richland City Council.
- New Columbia Irrigation District Manager to meet with KID next Monday to discuss Chandler electrification.
- Current diversion rate approximately 314 and expected temperature Thursday 104°, so demand should be high.
- Terrestrial weeds and Townsend ground squirrel control
- KID to address TRIDEC (Tri-City Development Council) regarding Chandler Electrification and Title Transfer on July 17, 2018, and a tour was scheduled for August 13, 2018. KID hoped to obtain a letter of support.
- Mr. Freeman expressed his gratitude to Mr. Defoe for his work on the Amon Basin MOU.
- U. S. Supreme court ruling on collective bargaining fees (Janus vs. AFSCME).

WORKSHOP: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 10:05 a.m., on behalf of the presiding officer, Mr. Iller announced that the Board would go into executive session to discuss with legal counsel potential litigation in the form of the legal risks of a proposed action or current practice as authorized by RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(iii), as it related to Kachess Drought Relief Pumping Plant (KDRPP), for an estimated 10 minutes, until 10:15 a.m. He said action was possible after the executive session but was not expected.

OPEN SESSION: At 10:15 a.m., open session resumed.

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

Attest:

Witness:



Dean Dennis, Board President
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Charles Freeman, District Manager

Prepared by Lori Gibson