



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

Other Persons Present:

John Crotty

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mr. Freeman asked to add an equipment purchase to Action Items and a discussion with legal counsel of potential litigation to Executive Session, with a possible action to follow in Open Session.

Vice President Rathbun moved to approve the agenda as modified. Director Huffman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Items approved on the consent agenda were:

1. Minutes, KID Board Meeting, October 2, 2018
2. Final Plat - Willowbrook 2, Phase 4B – Wet
3. Binding Site Plan 18-09 – Myers – Dry
4. Vouchers/Warrant Approval

Accounts Payable

Numbers:

77645	through	77649	\$	93,462.13
77650	through	77654	\$	131,068.43
77655	through	77655	\$	16,663.18
77656	through	77657	\$	3,686.54
77658	through	77658	\$	231.98
Bank Drafts	FSA		\$	178.86
Bank Drafts	General		\$	1,317.23
Bank Drafts	AP		\$	96,858.61
Total Accounts Payable			\$	343,466.96

Payroll

Numbers:

34049	through	34052	\$	8,965.05
Direct Deposit	10/5/2018		\$	121,036.58
Total Payroll			\$	130,001.63
Total Disbursements			\$	473,468.59

Voided Checks: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

PRESENTATIONS:

Financial Reports for August 2018: Mr. Drummond presented highlights of pages including:

- Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2018
- Summary of Revenues & Expenditures – Budget to Actual, Summary – Year to Date
- Fund Balance Change, as of September 30, 2018.
- Cash Investment Report, as of September 30, 2018

Director Huffman moved to accept the September 2018 financial report. Vice President Rathbun seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

BOARD REPORTS: None

ACTION ITEMS:

Vibratory Compactor and Accessory Equipment Purchase for 310SJ Backhoe: Mr. McShane displayed pictures of the equipment proposed for purchase to modify KID's existing 310SJ backhoe and described its expanded uses.

Discussion ensued regarding warranty and the hydraulic value assembly.

Director Venkata moved to approve the purchase of a vibratory compactor and accessory equipment purchase for 310SJ Backhoe in the amount of \$21,474.06 plus applicable tax and shipping, to be funded from the Equipment Replacement Reserve fund. Vice President Rathbun seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2018-39, Approving Sale of KID #9001: Ms. Rosenbaum reviewed the history of the previously approved sale. She spoke briefly about an addendum to add Mr. Garza's financier to the sale. She asked the Board memorialize the sale with approval of Resolution 2018-39.

Director Huffman spoke in favor of the sale, despite the Board's goal of leasing real property.

Vice President Rathbun moved to approve Resolution 2018-39, approving the sale of KID #9001, identified as 1508 W. 3rd Avenue, Kennewick, Washington, to Joe Garza and JSI Construction, for a total purchase price of \$21,000.00. Director Huffman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS:

Finance Manager: Mr. Drummond reported regarding:

- Training of payroll Accounting Technician
- Washington State Audit to begin soon
- True Point User Group Training

Engineering/Operations Manager: Mr. McShane reported regarding:

- Tapping observation manhole on the Chandler for planned testing
- Testing of Division 4 siphon for future Highland Feeder bypass project
- Baseline testing and its use in providing data for WaterSMART grants

- Interactive map improved by Mr. Haller to show whether valves were open or closed
- Protection of rights of way
- Engineering staff preparation for off-season work
- Operations and Engineering Committee meeting – 9:00 a.m., October 23rd

In response to a question from Director McKenzie, Mr. McShane discussed renting or testing a pull scraper prior to purchase to determine functionality for the District.

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

- usbr.gov - Yakima River Five Reservoir Diagram and Water Year Graph
- noaa.gov - Pasco weather station Precipitation and Temperature graphs for the water year and the calendar year, and Three-Month Outlook maps, and El Niño watch alert.

Mr. Defoe also reported regarding:

- Individual Title Transfer bill for KID and national blanket Title Transfer bill
- Department of Interior proposal for NEPA exclusion category for simple title transfer bills

Upcoming meetings:

- Washington State Water Resources Association Executive Committee - October 17th
- Yakima Basin Hydrologic Modeling-Lower River - October 18th
- YBIP (Yakima Basin Integrated Plan) Water Use Subcommittee Meeting - October 22nd
- Benton County Rural Water Supply Technical Team Meeting - October 22nd
- CSRIA (Columbia-Snake Rivers Irrigators Association) - October 25th
- YBJB (Yakima Basin Joint Board) Meeting - October 26th

District Manager: Mr. Freeman reported regarding:

- City of Kennewick's Zintel Canyon Public Meeting to be held October 24th at KID
- KID's concerns regarding safety and maintenance of Zintel Canyon by City of Kennewick
- Water Off All-Staff meeting - 11:30 a.m., October 25th
- Progress on Lorayne J annexation
- Blood drive – 9:00 a.m., October 18th
- KID Special Meeting/ Board Retreat - 10:30 a.m., October 31st at LULU's in Richland
- Draft agenda for KID Special Meeting/ Board Retreat

WORKSHOP: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 9: 58 a.m., Mr. McShane announced on behalf of the presiding officer that the Board would go into executive session for 30 minutes, beginning at 10:05 a.m. following a short break, to discuss with legal counsel potential litigation, in the form of litigation or legal risks of a proposed action or current practice, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(iii). He said action was possible following the executive session.

At 10:35 a.m., executive session was extended for five minutes.

OPEN SESSION: At 10:40 a.m., the meeting returned to open session.

Vice President Rathbun moved to add Yakima Basin Joint Board to the agenda. Director Huffman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Yakima Basin Joint Board Withdrawal: Mr. Freeman reviewed the history and purpose of the Joint Board. He said the Joint Board had moved away from a collaborative approach in recent years, and now often worked against the interests of the lower river basin and KID.

Mr. Freeman said certain Integrated Plan projects negatively affect the lower river, but the Joint Board did not support the congressionally authorized Chandler Electrification project, which could alleviate KID's water supply concerns. He listed instances of certain Joint Board members expressing explicit disapproval of Chandler Electrification. Additionally, Joint Board advocacy activities in Washington, D.C. and Washington State focused on up-basin activities, not projects which could benefit the lower basin.

Mr. Freeman said the Joint Board had moved away from its core mission of working with its entire membership in a coordinated fashion, and had become increasingly averse to many of KID's positions. He said staff no longer believed the Joint Board spoke with a unified voice or advocated in good faith on behalf of all of its members.

Mr. Freeman recommended withdrawing from the Joint Board by providing a 90-day notice, which would save the District \$40,000 per year. He said staff would send a letter to all Joint Board members clearly articulating reasons for KID's withdrawal.

Mr. Freeman confirmed to Vice President Rathbun that KID would continue Defense Coalition membership and could still attend all Joint Board meetings to observe, as do four other districts.

Director Huffman noted that KID was not helped by its 2015 decision not to call on storage water. Mr. Freeman spoke further about the topic and said the Board's decision was made after discussions with the USBR Area Manager about moving forward with Chandler Electrification. He said Integrated Plan modeling demonstrated harm to KID's water supply due to upstream conservation. Mr. Freeman noted that challenges to the KID were not from the State Department of Ecology, the services or the Tribe, but from certain sister irrigation districts working with the USBR against KID.

Directors Rathbun, Huffman and Venkata spoke in favor or withdrawal from the Joint Board. Vice President Rathbun thanked staff for continued efforts to engage with all other interested parties and entities.

Director Huffman moved to approve KID's withdraw from the Yakima Basin Joint Board, by submitting a 90-day notice. Director McKenzie seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

At 10:54 a.m., Vice President Rathbun moved to adjourn. Director Huffman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Attest:

Witness:



Dean Dennis, Board President
Minutes Approved November 6, 2018



Charles Freeman, Board Secretary

Prepared by Doris Rakowski