



Minutes

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

Directors:

Gene Huffman, President
David McKenzie, Vice President,
Kirk Rathbun
Griffin Hanberg
Arland Ward

Staff Present:

Charles Freeman, District Manager
Jason McShane, Engineering/Operations Manager
Seth Defoe, Land and Water Resources Manager
Stuart Dezember, Comptroller/District Treasurer
Melissa Olheiser, Accounting Supervisor
Matt Berglund, Public Relations Coordinator
Lori Gibson, Executive Assistant to Engineering
Doris Rakowski, Executive Assistant

Other Persons Present:

John Crotty, Western Legal
One member of the public

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

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

Items on the consent agenda were:

1. Easement Vacation Request – 236708 E Windigo PR SE
2. Final Plat - SUB 2022-0017 – Sherman Heights Phase 1
3. SP 2022-0040 – 541 N Irving St
4. SP2022-105 – Tapteal Drive
5. Vouchers/Warrant Approval

Accounts Payable:

Numbers:

	84241	through	84243	\$	1,161.13
	84244	through	84247	\$	1,225.02
	84248	through	84249	\$	2,271.86
	84250	through	84309	\$	157,089.23
Bank Drafts	FSA			\$	-
Bank Drafts	General			\$	-
Bank Drafts	AP			\$	93,375.81
Total Accounts Payable				\$	255,123.05

Payroll:

Numbers:

	0	through	0	\$	-
Direct Deposit		7/20/2022		\$	146,308.27
Total Payroll				\$	146,308.27

Voided Checks:

	None			\$	-
Total Disbursements				\$	401,431.32

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

PRESENTATIONS:

Financial Reports, June 2022: Mr. Dezember presented highlights of report pages including:

- Balance Sheet, as of June 30, 2022
- Statement of Revenues & Expenditures – Budget to Actual, Period ending June 30, 2022
- Cash Investment Report, as of June 30, 2022

Director Ward moved to accept the financial statements for the period ended June 30, 2022. Director Rathbun seconded. The motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

BOARD REPORTS: President Huffman and Director Ward spoke briefly about attendance at the NWRA Western Water Seminar.

ACTION ITEMS: None

RESOLUTIONS: None

STAFF REPORTS:

Finance Manager: Mr. Dezember reported regarding:

- Transfer of \$1.25 million from LGIP (Local Government Investment Pool) to KID's general account on July 25th.
- Resolution of concerns for customer upset about delinquent balance penalties and fees, who had contacted Dan Newhouse, the Better Business Bureau and the Attorney General. After meeting with Mr. Freeman and Mr. Dezember, she asked for the one-time \$40 waiver and paid off the balance on spot. The balance was overdue because she under-paid by \$4 but did not believe it until she was given a copy of her check and bill. Additionally, she did not receive KID email, because she blocked email from KID. Staff was able to show her the date and time she did so.
- Helping Hands Policy and Fee resolution were being finalized and would be reviewed by the Finance Committee, then brought to the Board.
- Working on Public Relations policy.

Engineering/Operations Manager: Mr. McShane reported regarding:

- NWRA conference presentations on communication with boards of directors by Mr. Freeman and on heavy equipment purchasing by Mr. McShane
- Equipment replacement program
- Aquatic vegetation control activities
- Operations challenges due to heat
- Maintenance activities
- Maintenance Lead position vacancy

Preventative maintenance down time was discussed.

Mr. McShane spoke about a new WaterSMART grant, challenges due to the Bi-partisan Infrastructure Law, and exemptions to the Buy American provisions. Potential challenges would be rebar which was largely produced overseas and Rubicon gates from Australia.

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

- usbr.gov - Hydromet - Major Storage Reservoirs in the Yakima River Basin (“Teacup”) diagram, and Water Year Graph
- cpc.ncep.noaa.gov - Monthly and Seasonal Temperature and Precipitation Outlook maps, and El Niño/Southern Oscillation (ENSO) La Niña Advisory.
- wrh.noaa.gov -Temperature and Precipitation graphs for Pasco, Washington.

Mr. Defoe also reported regarding:

- Finley agricultural land for lease
- Interest in City View and Stoneridge properties
- Property sale in Stoneridge getting close to finalization
- Reservoir site cultural survey to begin after crops harvested. Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on track for next year.
- Tracking water supply and Integrated Plan issues
- Recapture wells for shallow returned irrigation water as part of KID’s comprehensive drought planning and resiliency emphasis. The Integrated Plan (IP) includes recapture of ground water from seepage. Recent correspondence from Department of Ecology appears to disagree with KID’s position, so staff would help them understand what KID is doing and the source of the water. Ecology’s opinion appears to be that occasional rainwater causes the copious amounts of irrigation water in the ground to become “comingled groundwater.”

District Manager: Mr. Freeman reported regarding:

- Kachess Dam repair contract amendment request sent to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Regional Manager and referred to Talmadge Oxford and Chad Stuart. Mr. Freeman provided an Attorney General opinion that irrigation districts could not indemnify the federal government and requested a new contract with that provision removed.
- Planned presentation to Kennewick City Council
- KDRPP (Kachess Drought Relief Pumping Plan) update on July 28th. Next round of feasibility report being prepared by Roza Irrigation District. Danielle Squeochs indicated the project would not move forward if it impacted fish. The new project manager noted that KID was only party that said what they wanted from the project, including to be to participate in modeling and planning, but KID was only party not included.
- NWRA Irrigation Caucus goals and dues

WORKSHOP: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 9:53 a.m., Mr. Freeman announced on behalf of the presiding officer that the board would go into executive session beginning at 10:00 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), for about 20 minutes, ending at 10:20 a.m. unless extended.

Members of the public were moved to the Zoom waiting room.

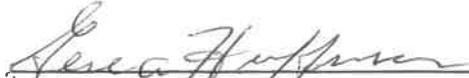
OPEN SESSION: At 10:21 a.m., the public was re-admitted, and open session resumed.

There being no further business, President Huffman called for a motion to adjourn.

Vice President McKenzie moved to adjourn. Director Ward seconded. The motion carried.

Attest:

Witness:


Gene Huffman, Board President
Minutes Approved August 16, 2022


Charles Freeman, Board Secretary

Prepared by Doris Rakowski