

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
EAST COLUMBIA BASIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT

September 7, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the East Columbia Basin Irrigation District was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Duaine Anderson.

Present were:

Directors

Duaine Anderson
Kevin Lyle
Reid Baker
Don Osborne
Dennis Swinger, Jr.

Staff

Craig Simpson
Rosa Dekker
John McCourtie
Nate Andreini
Wendy Lange
Anna Franz

Visitors present: Marc Maynard, Amy Rodman, and Jennifer Hickenbottom, USBR; Kevin Brown, DOE; Darwin Fales, Larry Thomas and Jacob Taylor, CBHP; Derek Friehe, Paul Wollman, Orman Johnson, and Rob Mensonides.

Visitors

Visitors via teleconference: Melissa Downes, DOE; Mike Schwisow, Government Relations Consultant; Michele Kiesz, Jake Wollman, Jr., Randall Fox, and Kirk Rathdrum.

President Anderson opened the hearing of petition for Inclusions of Lands. The hearing remained open until the end of the meeting.

Open CBP
Inclusion Public
Hearing

Minutes of the regular meeting of August 3, 2022, had been mailed to the Directors. Following discussion, Director Baker moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 3, 2022, as written. Director Swinger seconded and the motion carried.

Minutes
Approved

Assistant Manager McCourtie introduced Othello Watermaster Rod Barker, and Moses Lake Watermaster Gary Whitaker. Rod has been with the District for 22 years, and Gary has been with the District for 10 years.

Visitors & Public
Comment Period

Manager Simpson presented the following contracts a. and b., for board consideration:

District
Improvements

Contracts

- a. Renewal Interruptible Water Service Contract for Temporarily Deferred Lands, 041/804-803, Marlin HB Trust, 59.3 acres
- b. Renewal Waste, Seepage, and Return Flows Water Service Contract, 049/801-801, Flying K Realty LLC, 19.6 acres

Following discussion, Director Baker moved to approve contracts a. and b., as presented. Director Osborne seconded and the motion carried.

Manager Simpson reported staff approved and issued the following permits a. and b., consistent with Resolution 2018-12:

Approved & Issued Permits

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| a. | Skone & Connors | Buried Pipe Crossing | Block 45, FU 137/138 |
| b. | Roger Geisbrecht | Overhead Power Crossing | Block 49, FU 222 |

Manager Simpson presented the following agreements a. and b., for board consideration:

Agreements

- a. Permanent Release of Water Allotment, Block 45, Farm Unit 105-6, Akins Family Legacy LLC, 1.2 acres
- b. Permanent Release of Water Allotment, Block 49, Farm Unit 93-3, Saddle Mountain Water Association, 0.5 acres

Following discussion, Director Osborne moved to approve agreements a. and b., as presented. Director Baker seconded and the motion carried.

Vouchers audited and certified by the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.080 and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090 have been recorded on a listing, which has been made available to the Board. After reviewing the vouchers submitted for payment approval, Director Baker moved to approve for payment check nos. 321855 through 322046 in the amount of \$690,791.27 and electronic Payroll and AP transfer in the amount of \$472,060.45 for a total of \$1,162,851.72 from the O&M Fund. Director Osborne seconded and the motion carried.

Vouchers

Manager Simpson presented Resolution 2022-16, Social Media Policy, for board consideration. Following discussion, Director Swinger moved to adopt Resolution 2022-16, as presented. Director Lyle seconded and the motion carried.

Resolution 2022-16

Manager Simpson reported no assents were received from Reclamation for the following Petitions for Inclusion of Land a. and b.:

Petition for Inclusion of Land

- a. Triple C Land Co., No. 230
- b. PCEC, LLC, No. 233

Manager Simpson reported Mr. Mensonides has requested a refund of the late combination fees paid in the amount of \$450 (\$150 for each combo). He reported staff recommends approval of the refund. It is clear Mr. Mensonides intended to complete the three combinations before the deadline and had a miscommunication regarding signatures. Manager Simpson reported the front office will start requiring completed combination paperwork before accepting payment in 2023. Following discussion,

Mensonides Late Combination Fee Waiver Request

Director Swinger moved to reimburse Mr. Mensonides \$450 for late combination fees. Director Osborne seconded and the motion carried.

District Engineer Adolphsen presented Budinger & Associates Task Order No. 1, items A and B, Assessment on Proposed Right-of-Ways. Item A involves environmental services of the pipeline through Fox land in the amount of \$5,600.00, and Item B covers the remainder of the EL86.4 pipeline in the amount of \$12,800.00. Following discussion, Director Lyle moved to approve Budinger & Associates Task Order No. 1, items A and B for a total amount of \$18,400.00. Director Swinger seconded and the motion carried.

OGWRP:

Budinger Task
Order No. 1,
Items A&B

District Engineer Adolphsen reported two electrical engineering consultant SOQs were received for the EL86.4 Delivery System. District staff has reviewed the SOQs and recommends entering into contract negotiations with RH2 Engineering for electrical engineering consultant services. Following discussion, Director Osborne moved to approve entering into contract negotiations with RH2 Engineering for electrical engineering consultant services, as recommended. Director Baker seconded and the motion carried.

Electrical
Engineering
Consultant RFQ
Report

Development Coordinator Erickson reported MHB has directed IRZ to move forward with the 60-90% design. Mr. Jerry Gross has expressed interest in discussing funding sources with the District. The system has been landowner funded so far. Director Lyle asked if the OCR Legacy Grant would be available. Development Coordinator Erickson reported the draft grant has been submitted to ECY for review.

EL11.8 Delivery
System

Development Coordinator Erickson reported that the 60% design from IRZ is now expected in February of 2023. He reported there is an easement site visit event on September 13th, at the pump site location. State legislators are expected to be present.

EL22.1 Delivery
System

Assistant Manager Andreini reported on how large this facility will be. The 2,000 HP pumps are large and their weight will make it so the size of mobile crane needed to install and maintain them will be cost prohibitive or unavailable. Designs are moving towards including an overhead crane inside the building.

Development Coordinator Erickson reported the 30% design for the systems has been received and is under review by District staff. The landowner requested changes report will be present for discussions at next month's landowner meeting. He reported RCPP has awarded \$6M to the systems.

EL80.6 & EL84.7
Delivery System
Update

Assistant Manager Andreini displayed the 30% design report to show the volume of paperwork that is currently under District review. He reported TSC is performing a full model scale study of the pumping plant at no cost to the District and is expected to be completed in February of 2023. Updated cost estimates for the two systems have increased by approximately \$8M since the last cost estimate mainly due to inflating pipe prices.

Development Coordinator Erickson presented the Amended EL86.4 Design Services Agreement for board approval. The amended agreement includes an additional 55 acres. Following discussion, Director Baker moved to approve the Amended EL86.4

EL86.4 Delivery
System Update

Design Services Agreement, as presented. Director Osborne seconded and the motion carried.

Development Coordinator Erickson reported the Fox land easement site work is complete and a report is expected next week. He reported staff continues to work on the 30% design and is addressing some minor landowner requested changes.

Development Coordinator Erickson reported on continuing efforts and the meetings are now bi-monthly instead of weekly. A timeline for completion of the Watershed Plan is not available at this time. The group will release proposed completion dates in the near future.

Watershed Plan
Project Update

Development Coordinator Erickson reported OCR has increased the grant award for the EL85E conservation piping from \$125,000 to \$300,000 per our request for additional funding.

Development
Report Cont.

CBHP Manager Fales presented and discussed the 2023 CBHP O&M Budget for the Russel D. Smith and E.B.C. 4.6 developments as the contracts for power purchase with the Cities of Tacoma and Seattle have expire or will expire in 2023 and O&M expenses will no longer be covered by the power purchaser. He requested approval of the \$1.3M 2023 O&M Budget for the Russel D. Smith and E.B.C. 4.6 developments. Following further discussion, Director Osborne moved to approve the 2023 CBHP O&M Budget for the Russel D. Smith and E.B.C. 4.6 developments. Director Lyle seconded and the motion carried.

Columbia Basin
Hydropower

CBHP Manager Fales reported CBHP staff is working with BPA to change the balancing authority from the Cities to BPA. He reported this will require entering into a Balancing Authority Area Service Agreement with BPA and an engineering study deposit of \$50,000 to be split between the three Districts. Following discussion, Director Osborne moved to approve entering into a Balancing Authority Area Service Agreement with BPA and the East District's portion of the engineering study deposit. Director Baker seconded and the motion carried.

Manager Simpson reported the South District will run the RFQ for the SCADA upgrade later this fall, and will administer the contract. He reported District staff is traveling to Modesto, CA, for a Rubicon-hosted tour later this month.

SCADA

District Engineer Adolphsen requested authorization to call for Space Utilization Study RFQs. Following discussion, Director Swinger moved to authorize a call for Space Utilization Study RFQs. Director Lyle seconded and the motion carried.

Space Utilization
Study RFQ

Mr. Rob Mensonides thanked the board for waiving the late combination fee earlier in the meeting. He expressed his appreciation of the Ditchriders and expressed concerns about front office staff.

Visitor

Assistant Manager McCourtie reported the District was informed the 2022 pickup order will not be manufactured in 2022. He reported he reordered the 2022 pickups which will be 2023 pickups at the 2023 pricing and the order was put on a priority list. Assistant Manager McCourtie requested ratification of the reorder of the 2022 pickup order which

Quotes & Bids

will be 2023 pickups at the 2023 pricing. Following discussion, Director Baker moved to ratify the reorder of the 2022 pickup order as discussed, at the 2023 pricing. Director Lyle seconded and the motion carried.

District Engineer Adolphsen presented the following quotes for corbel removal, for board consideration:

Supplier	Amount
A-Core	\$6,965.00
Double J Excavating, Inc.	\$22,480.00

Following discussion, Director Lyle moved to accept the quote from A-Core in the amount of \$6,695.00, plus sales tax, as the lowest responsive quote. Director Baker seconded and the motion carried.

District Engineer Adolphsen gave an update on the pump truck and concrete supply quotes.

Manager Simpson reported a meeting with the Upper Columbia United Tribes (UCUT) is likely to be in October.

Reintroduction of Fish above GCD

Manager Simpson reported the Quincy Industrial Users Group (IUG) has an agreement with Reclamation which allows them to dump their wastewater into ag facilities. The water is treated before returning to ag facilities. The Quincy IUG was given a 5-year extension to the agreement in order for them to find another solution for their wastewater. The agreement expires next month and once again they do not have a solution. Manager Simpson reported both East and South Districts remain strongly opposed to the discharge into Reclamation facilities due to the potential impact it could have on our "ag exemption" from Clean Water Act regulations.

Quincy IUG Wastewater Agreement

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m., and the meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Manager Simpson reported the District's new Special Project Administrator Bischoff has been actively working on the partial title transfer and will report to the board in October.

Partial Title Transfer

Manager Simpson reported the ELC turnoff date of October 20th was set at the Reserved Works meeting. Other topics of discussion were SCADA, Potholes Wing Wall repair, Article 16B, and the Potholes Supplemental Feed Route.

Reserved Works Meeting Report

EFO Manager Maynard reported on the Supplemental Feed Route: 22 easements have been closed out, and a judge approved Reclamation's eminent domain claim on the Dieringer Dairy property. He reported a temporary extension will be given to the Quincy IUG and he is working with Ecology to get a letter on the quality of water being discharged.

USBR Report

Safety Supervisor Walraf gave the monthly safety report.

Safety Report

District Engineer Adolphsen gave the monthly Engineering Department report. She reported Engineering staff has been busy with EL 86.4 designs, winter pipelines, conservation pipelines, permits, short plat review and other various activities. Engineer Report

Assistant Manager Andreini reported he has been spending more time in the Communication Department until a new supervisor is selected and working on the 2023 budget. Technical Services Report

Treasurer Dekker gave the monthly Treasurer report. She reported there were no investments or maturities last month, the 2017-2022 RRA audit went well, and the financial audit will begin the week of September 12th. Treasurer Report

Assistant Manager McCourtie reported on both Watermaster sections. He thanked two local businesses that donated to the District's new fountain water feature, K'tucky Turf for the sod and DugX for the concrete. Assistant Manager O&M

Manager Simpson reported the District has responded to Adams County's request to prioritize the bridge replacement requests. He reported an evaluation concluded that two of the bridges in Adams County appear adequate and may not need replacement, Lucy Road and Hatton Road. He also reported there is an existing issue with a bridge in Grant County. The District is already dealing with water backing up from the bridge obstructing flow. The District needs to discuss a resolution with the county, including the potential vacation of the bridge with Grant County. Manager Report

Manager Simpson reported District personnel are participating in a charity Chili Cook-off at the Othello Fair on behalf of the District. He asked the board which local charity they would like the District to donate their anticipated winnings to. Following discussion, Director Swinger moved to authorize any winnings from the charity Chili Cook-off at the Othello Fair be donated to the Adams County Pet Rescue. Director Lyle seconded and the motion carried.

President Anderson declared an executive session at 1:55 p.m., for a total of 60 minutes, to discuss potential litigation and to review the performance of a public employee. At 2:55 p.m., executive session was continued for 30 minutes. At 3:25 p.m., executive session was continued for 15 minutes. The meeting came out of executive session at 3:40 p.m. Executive Session

At 3:42 p.m., there being no further business to come before the Board at that time, President Anderson continued the Hearing for Petition for Inclusion of Lands to the next regular board meeting and adjourned the meeting. Meeting Adjourned



Secretary



President

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
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September 27, 2022

The special meeting of the Board of Directors of the East Columbia Basin Irrigation District was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Duaine Anderson.

Directors

Duaine Anderson, via Zoom
Kevin Lyle
Don Osborne
Reid Baker, via phone

Staff

Craig Simpson, via Zoom
Wendy Lange
Anna Franz

President Anderson declared an executive session at 10:00 a.m., for a total of 40 minutes, to discuss contract negotiations. The meeting came out of executive session at 10:40 a.m.

Director Lyle moved to authorize CBHP Manager Fales to execute the short-term Power Purchase Agreement between the CBP Irrigation Districts and Avista. Director Osborne seconded and the motion carried.

Short-Term
Power Purchase
Agreement

At 10:50 a.m., there being no further business to come before the Board at that time, President Anderson adjourned the meeting.

Meeting
Adjourned



President



Secretary