

SUNNYSIDE VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The regular meeting of the Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District (SVID) was called to order by Chairman Simpson on, February 4, 2020 at 2:35 PM. Present in addition to Chairman Simpson were Directors Kevin Golob, Paul Groeneweg, and Mike Hogue; Lori Brady, SVID Manager/Secretary/Treasurer; Ron Cowin, Assistant Manager-Engineer, Dave Bos, Assistant Manager – Operations; Lori French, Office Manager; and Larry Martin, Legal Counsel for the SVID.

The minutes of the January 3, 2020 Board Meeting were reviewed. Upon a motion by Director Golob, that was seconded and unanimously carried, the minutes were approved as written.

Oath of Office was presented to Directors Hogue and Groeneweg.

The Board considered the Consent Agenda as shown below.

<u>EASEMENT</u>	<u>PARCEL</u>	<u>FACILITY OR DESCRIPTION</u>
Simpson Brothers, LLC	230806-12001	MB 9.10
<u>CHANGE POINT OF DELIVERY</u>		
Tim Grow	230912-34001	50.35W #20

Upon a motion by Director Groeneweg that was seconded, the motion carried, and the Consent Agenda was approved. Chairman Simpson abstained from the vote.

Ms. French announced her resignation effective February 5, 2020. Interviews for an Office Manager have begun.

Ms. French presented the financial report. The Status of Funds listed investments and other funds totaling \$10,507,376. Vouchers numbered 74669-74897 in the total amount of \$1,480,968.38 were submitted for approval. Ms. French presented a graph showing current funds compared to historical levels. Upon a motion by Director Hogue, which was seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved and authorized payment of the vouchers as listed above.

Mr. Cowin reported on the PacifiCorp Easement. PacifiCorp is replacing a high voltage transmission line and will be paying for an easement across SVID property. Upon a motion by Director Golob, which was seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved and authorized the signature on the easement.

Mr. Bos updated the Board on field operations, including general maintenance such as piping, delivery construction, structure building and removal. Shop maintenance continues on equipment as well as other facilities. Spring work such as burning will begin soon. The City of Sunnyside has

begun to line the city sewer lines to eliminate bacteria from entering the SVID drainage facilities. A landowner has contacted the District to report several beaver dams in Spring Creek Waste Way below Hess Road. The District is discussing with WDFW on the best way to proceed to remove beaver dams before we begin priming. SVID is removing soil on the Sulphur Creek Waste Way right-of-way. Mr. Suarez owns property along the right-of-way and has claimed SVID is on his property. SVID has located the record survey, Sulphur Creek Waste Way right-of-way maps, and flagged the property corners and are staying within the right-of-way. The landowner has had no recent contact with the District and work is continuing without incident.

Mr. Cowin presented the HDPE Bid Summary. Three bids were received by HD Fowler Company-Yakima, Ferguson Waterworks-Pasco, and Pacific Corrugated-Grandview. Low bid was submitted by HD Fowler Company-Yakima in the amount of \$74,311.81. Upon a motion by Director Hogue that was seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the award of the low bid as identified above. The bid summary is attached and by this reference incorporated into these minutes.

Ms. Brady updated the Board on the foreclosure process. The foreclosure sale was not needed this year. All parcels in process were paid.

Ms. Brady asked the Board for authorization for Staff to attend the Reclamation Stakeholder meeting in Denver in April. Upon a motion by Director Hogue, which was seconded and unanimously carried, appropriate staff was authorized to attend.

Ms. Brady informed the Board on the True Point software transition. The soft "Go-Live" for True Bill will be on February 11 through February 14. The staff has been testing to prepare for the Go-Live. True Canal is scheduled for a Go Live sometime in June.

Ms. Brady updated the Board on the 2020 special purpose district state legislation. This Friday, February 7th is cut off day for bills. Bills that have not made it out of their prospective houses are to be considered dead for this legislative session. Ms. Brady provided the following summary of bills related specifically to irrigation districts:

SB 6324 Concerning special purpose district financial report- Senator Sponsors Takko & Carlyle-Prohibits a county treasurer or the state treasurer from distributing any regular property taxes, local sales and use taxes, or other charges to a special purpose district, if the district fails to file its annual financial report. Allows a county to dissolve a special purpose district if the district has not timely filed the financial report in three years. Authorizes a county to increase its general expense levy if it assumes responsibility for services previously provided by a dissolved special purpose district. WSWRA testified in support of this bill at the hearing on January 16, 2020.

HB 2588 Improving openness, accountability, and transparency of special purpose districts- Representative Sponsors Pollet etc.-Gives provisions to dissolve inactive and unauditable special purpose districts. Adds all special purpose districts must publish online the annual budget, minutes for prior two years, and annual auditable financial statements. Adds the county treasurer must act as the treasurer for the special purpose district. Currently the threshold is a 2 million dollar budget and any special purpose district that does not meet that cannot act as their own treasurer. The section that the county treasurer will act as the treasurer for special purpose districts is unacceptable and through a hearing and meetings with Representative Pollet, he has indicated he will be changing

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that threshold to read as “any special purpose district that is deemed as unauditable will not be allowed to act as their own treasure”. If indeed that change is made this bill may be acceptable to irrigation districts. An amendment was attached to this bill. It extends the notice to post on website from 24 hour to 72 hours to post agenda, keeping 2 years of minutes on website, annual budget, and annual year-end financials, removes the exception to post if you have no website or less than 10 employees, if you don't comply decisions made at the meeting will be null and void.

HB 2415 Conforming elections for certain special districts with Title 29A RCW- Representative Sponsors Hudgins etc. - This bill puts irrigation districts into the general election, changing the eligible voter from land ownership based to registered voter based. This bill is unacceptable and not fixable.

SB 6514 Addressing irrigation district elections-Senator Schoesler-Bill requires county assessors of each irrigation district to establish and provide district with a list of all qualified land owners. Directs each property tax statement to notify the landowner that he or she resides in an irrigation district and is eligible to vote or declare for candidacy within the district. Provides vote by absentee ballot and set forth election security requirements. Requires election to be held for uncontested elections. Requires a website to be maintained for election information and establishes criminal penalties for election security violations. A hearing was held on January 28, 2020. Amendment by Senator Short was offered but still creates significant problems.

HB 1622 Drought preparedness bill. It is an agency bill by DOE.


Bill 2866 Prohibits water transfers from one WIRA to another. Irrigation Districts have concerns to this bill.

At 3:15 PM Chairman Simpson announced the Board would convene into Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1) (i) for approximately 40 minutes. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss with legal counsel, matters relating to litigation and potential litigation and personnel issues.

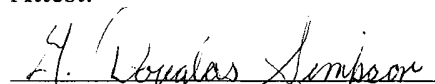
At 3:55 PM the Board reconvened into open session.

Ms. Brady presented a draft of the 2020 salary and holiday schedule. After discussion by the Board, and upon a motion by Director Golob, which was seconded and unanimously carried, the salary schedule and holiday schedule were approved with an exception to negotiate and update the schedule when an employee obtains his or her professional engineer license.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM.


Lori Brady, Secretary

Attest:


G. Douglas Simpson, Chairman

2020 Perforated HDPE Pipe Materials Bid Summary				
January 30, 2020 11:00am Bid Opening				
Supplier	ENG Estimate	HD Fowler Company (Yakima)	Ferguson Waterworks (Pasco)	Pacific Corrugated (Grandview)
Bid Bond		x	x	x
Debarment		x	x	x
Signed Proposal Form		x	x	x
Schedule of Prices		x	x	x
Schedule A				
Total Bid Amount	\$76,304.22	\$74,311.81	\$75,050.07	\$85,417.96