

SUNNYSIDE VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The regular meeting of the Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District (SVID) was held via conference call due to the stay at home orders for Covid-19 and called to order by Chairman Simpson on June 2, 2020 at 1:48 PM. Present in addition to Chairman Simpson were Directors Mike Hogue, Kevin Golob, Paul Groeneweg, and Dave Michels; Lori Brady, SVID Manager/Secretary/Treasurer; Ron Cowin, Assistant Manager--Engineering, Dave Bos, Assistant Manager – Operations, Nikki Musson, Office Manager; and Larry Martin, Legal Counsel for the SVID. Also in attendance was Tom Myrum, Executive Director of WSWRA.

The minutes of the May 5, 2020 Board Meeting were reviewed. Upon a motion by Director Golob, that was seconded and unanimously carried, the minutes were approved as written.

The Board considered the Consent Agenda as shown below:

	<u>PARCEL</u>	<u>FACILITY OR DESCRIPTION</u>
<u>CHANGE POINT OF DELIVEY</u>		
Leslie Licea	1-3194-300-0001-001	51.18B #8

Upon a motion by Director Hogue that was seconded, the motion carried, and the Consent Agenda was approved.

Ms. Musson updated the Board on the front office. Phone calls have slowed down, and with work continuing to flow in, staff has settled into a routine pace. The office remains closed to the public due to COVID-19. Staff is using responsible social distancing practices.

Ms. Musson presented the financial report and vouchers. The Status of Funds listed investments and other funds totaling \$14,149,822. Vouchers numbered 75493-75671 in the total amount of \$1,132,708.47 were submitted for approval. Ms. Musson 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.

Ms. Musson reported on the True Point software. Staff familiarity with True Point continues to improve. The IVR is nearing completion. With a launch into production, the last piece is troubleshooting any issues that comes up. The Web Portal is also near completion. It is in the final testing stage. True Point is working on a transition from IDMS for GP. Original forecast was to start in July on the GP piece, we are ahead of schedule.

Mr. Bos updated the Board on field operations. Crews are completing spring maintenance such as mowing, spraying, piping, and repairing leaks. The shop is fabricating and maintenance continues on equipment as well as other facilities. Aquatic treatment started on April 30 and will continue

throughout the season as needed. Lateral 51.36A began leaking. The leak on the 24-inch pipe was quickly caught and the damage was minimal. The repair was swift and the lateral was back in operation within two days. Due to COVID-19 "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" Proclamation, surplus vehicle auction was cancelled for 2020. SVID will surplus 2020 surplus in 2021.

Ms. Brady updated the Board on business operations due to COVID-19 pandemic. As of Thursday May 27, 2020, Yakima and Benton Counties are still in Phase I of the Governor's Safe Start plan. As of now we are still unable to have a public meeting in person. A considerable amount of time has been spent keeping up with documentation for tracking of individuals who have either tested positive or have come into close contact with someone who has tested positive.

Ms. Brady reported to the Board on the new Director at WA DOE. Laura Watson is the new director of Department of Ecology. She replaces Maia Bellon who served as the agency's director since 2013. Ms. Watson gave a brief introduction of herself during the last WSWRA meeting.


Ms. Brady updated the Board on the status of the NPDES permit reissuance. Recently WSWRA sent out a survey on what products if any should be added to the updated permit. The results of the survey have not been presented. The District is working under the old permit until a new permit is issued. Danielle Edelman is the new permit writer for DOE. The June 25<sup>th</sup> tour with Ms. Edelman of our water quality lab and other facilities has been put on hold.

Ms. Brady informed the Board on a new Water Banking and Transfer Work group established by DOE. WA Department of Ecology has established a workgroup to discuss water banking and transfers. The workgroup is a webinar format with approximately 150 people participating. Two meetings have been held and there are several more to take place. Yakima Basin Joint Board (YBJB), Trout Unlimited, and Kittitas County jointly commented on the process to DOE. The process has been ineffective and has relied on polls to come up with a consensus of concerns. Eight points were addressed including but not limited to the size of the workgroup, the balance of the workgroup, fundamental misunderstanding of water rights, and general lack of expertise.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:08 PM.

  
Lori Brady, Secretary

Attest:

  
G. Doug Simpson, Chairman