

**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 July 7, 2020 at 2:26 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.

The minutes of the June 2, 2020 Board Meeting were reviewed. Upon a motion by Director Golob, that was seconded and unanimously carried, the minutes were approved as written.

A claim in the amount of \$859.00 was brought before the board. While the drain crew was burning, several trellis poles and anchors were burnt. Staff recommended that the claim be paid. Upon a motion by Director Michels, that was seconded and unanimously carried, the claim was approved.

The Board considered the Consent Agenda as shown below:

	<u>PARCEL</u>	<u>FACILITY OR DESCRIPTION</u>
<u>EASEMENT</u>		
	230915-14003	
GVIEW Investments, LLC	230915-14021	46.76
<u>DEVELOPER AGREEMENTS</u>		
Pedro & Leticia Rojas	1-2894-300-0002-000	52.12 #1 51.87 #1

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. The office remains closed to the public due to COVID-19. Staff is using responsible social distancing practices. A summer intern, Isaac Leavitt, started on June 22nd. He will be assisting with various tasks through the end of August.

Ms. Musson presented the financial report and vouchers. The Status of Funds listed investments and other funds totaling \$13,713,835. Vouchers numbered 75672-75878 in the total amount of \$299,706.85 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. The IVR implementation was launched on the night of June 11th. Troubleshooting the IVR will be completed in July. The Web Portal will launch

July 15th. Landowners will receive notice of the transition by mail before it launches. Training continues for all staff on most efficient practices and procedures with the new software.

Mr. Bos updated the Board on field operations. SVID crews are performing normal maintenance such as spraying, mowing, and repairing leaks. The shop is fabricating components and completing equipment maintenance. Aquatic treatments will continue throughout the season as needed. I-82 East bound lanes were closed due to a sink hole. Two laterals needed to be shut down while WSDOT made repairs because landowners were overflowing to the county drain which goes into the WSDOT facility. WSDOT is scheduled to sleeve westbound lanes July 13. The laterals will be shut down on July 10 for the scheduled repair.

Mr. Bos reported on the early equipment purchase. Staff would like to order a 1.5-ton crew truck in 2020 in order to get delivery in early 2021. The remaining equipment purchases will be brought before the Board for approval in September/October at the time we approve the 2021 budget. Upon a motion by Director Golob, which was seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved and authorized the purchase of a 1.5-ton crew truck.

Ms. Brady updated the Board on business operations due to COVID-19 pandemic. As of Monday July 6, 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. Yakima County is preparing to move into the next phase (1.5)

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 been presented and they match up with the needs of the District.


Ms. Brady informed the Board on a new Water Banking and Transfer Work group established by DOE. The 5th meeting was held on June 30th and focused on gathering feedback for policy making. As of now the Yakima Basin is exempt from the policy making.

Ms. Brady reported on the Granger Drain TMDL. Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE) held a conference call with SVID staff to discuss what it would take to delist Granger Drain from the 303(d). DOE staff asked what SVID planned to do to ensure the water quality continues into the future if and when the limit is met. DOE clearly defined what it would take to delist. SVID will have to collect samples for 2 consecutive years in both Fecal Coliform (FC) and in E. Coli (EC) without a sample exceeding the set limit with a 90th % density. Extra work will have to be done by SVID because the TMDL was set in FC but by the beginning of 2020 a state mandate set all sampling will be done in EC. DOE is unsure what EPA will require so it was suggested to collect both.

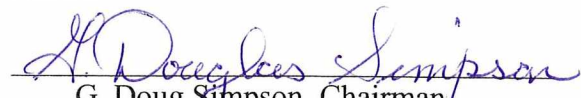
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 PM.

July 7, 2020

Regular


Lori Brady, Secretary

Attest:


G. Doug Simpson, Chairman