

**SUNNYSIDE VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The regular meeting of the Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District (SVID) was held in-person and via conference call, and was called to order by Chairman Simpson on, April 4, 2023 at 1 44 PM Present in addition to Chairman Simpson was Director Kevin Golob, Dave Michels, and Paul Groeneweg, Lori Brady, SVID Manager/Secretary/Treasurer, Ron Cowin, Assistant Manager- Engineering, Dave Bos, Assistant Manager- Operations, and Nikki Musson, SVID Deputy Treasurer/Office Manager, and Larry Martin, Legal Counsel for the Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District

The minutes of the March 7, 2023 Board Meeting were reviewed Upon a motion by Director Michels, that was seconded and unanimously carried, the minutes were approved as written

Mr Bos updated the Board on Mr James Stevens claim The invoice that was not in the Board packet last month, was brought before the board in the amount of \$1,534 00 As the Board directed at the March Board meeting, this claim was approved and referred to the insurance company

The Board considered the Consent Agenda as shown below

	<u>PARCEL</u>	<u>FACILITY OR DESCRIPTION</u>
<u>Easements</u>		
Cosme A & Fermin Hernandez	1-0384-301-1190-002	51 87F
Rosa M Rios	1-3094-401-1617-002	50 52
<u>Change Point of Delivery</u>		
Jose Fernandez	220910-32406	SN 10 21G #1A
<u>Developer's Agreement</u>		
Sharon Fisher	230912-31006	50 35W #21
<u>Water Rental</u>		
Benjamin Torres	230810-44002	MB 5 31

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

Ms Musson presented the vouchers The Status of Funds listed investments and other funds totaling \$13,338,965 Vouchers numbered 81820-81956 in the total amount of \$1,012,960 25 were submitted for approval Ms Musson presented a graph showing current funds compared to historical levels Upon a motion by Director Michels, which was seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved and authorized payment of the vouchers as listed above

Mr Cowm updated the Board on the PLC's and Level sensors Installation of new PLC's and level sensors, on 10 check structure sites from 18 mile down to 37-mile started in December and is now complete SVID is still waiting on the Red Lion operator interfaces from AquaSystems to complete the project

Mr Bos updated the Board on field operations Priming of the Sunnyside Mam Canal began on March 20th and is on-gomg Water should be available throughout the district by April 3rd Crews are beginning to spray, mow, patch pipe, and other general spring maintenance On Monday April 2nd, lateral 51 36A began to leak As the crews exposed the pipe, it uncovered a lateral break along the pipe Staff will be looking at alternate ways to resolve the chronic problem on this lateral Lateral 51 36 was installed m 2009/2010 by a contractor

Mr Bos presented the 2023 rental rates After a brief discussion, upon a motion by Director Michels, which was seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the 2023 rental rate as of April 3, 2023

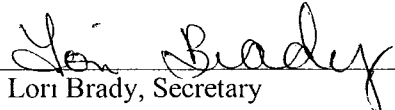
Ms Brady updated the Board on the 2023 legislative session The 105-day session began on Monday January 9, 2023 and will end on April 23rd Below is a summary of the proposed bills

- HB 1138 – Drought Preparedness – Creates a contingency fund to enable quick responses to declared droughts This bill was created with a 3 Million fund The dollars for the fund have been put into the capital budget
- HB 1170/SB 5093-Climate Response Strategy – Requires climate resiliency update to the existing climate response strategy done 10 years ago This is a planning bill that is being closely monitored because DOE is involved and has talked about changing the water code This bill is still active and has been scheduled for executive session
- HB 1181– Adds climate change and resiliency elements to GMA and SMA plans This bill is still active and is scheduled for executive session
- SB 5437 Special Districts/Vacancy – Modifies the process for filling special purpose district board member vacancies Irrigation districts are specifically excluded This bill is still active
- SB 5709 Irrigation District Elections –This bill updates irrigation district election procedures This bill, in its current, form is acceptable to the irrigation districts Uncontested situations do not have to go through the election process. Chairman Ramos made a proposal, any irrigation district that receives public funds needed to have an all-mail-in ballot or hold the bill to work it more. It was recommended by the irrigation group to hold the bill The bill saw no action and appears that it is going to be held and dead for the 2023 session

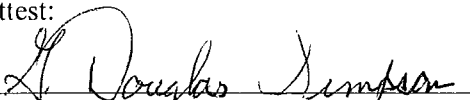
At 2 10 PM Chairman Simpson announced the Board would convene into Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30 110(1) (i) for approximately 15 minutes The purpose of the meeting was to discuss with legal counsel, matters relating to litigation and potential litigation, and personnel

At 2 25 PM the Board reconvened into open session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2 25 PM


Lori Brady, Secretary

Attest:


G Doug Simpson, Chairman