

**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, May 2, 2023 at 1:44 PM. Present in addition to Chairman Simpson was Director Mike Hogue, 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. Also in attendance was Chad Stuart, Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) Yakima Field Office Manager. Chris Duke, Bureau of Reclamation Area Manager, attended via phone.

The minutes of the April 4, 2023 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>Easements</u>		
Fred D & Kay Herman	1-3094-401-0705-002	50.52
Kenneth D. & Shasron J. Thornton	1-3094-401-0724-001	50.52
<u>Change Point of Delivery</u>		
Juan & Laura Rojas	1-2894-401-3474-001	52.53C #2
F & M Investments	221026-13016	SN 5.42 #01HV
Sandra Cardenas Durarte & Blanca Yopez	221026-24004	SN 5.64 #1
Sandra Cardenas Durate & Armando Zesate	221026-24004	SN 5.64 #0
<u>Developer's Agreement</u>		
Terry P. Christensen	1-3194-100-0008-000	51.18 #9

Upon a motion by Director Michels 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 \$16,770,372. Vouchers numbered 81957-82165 in the total amount of \$770,017.94 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 updated the Board on the foreclosure process. Approximately 205 letters will be mailed on May 3rd, 2023. Assessments for 2020, 2021, 2022 must be paid to stop the foreclosure process, once the Certificate of Delinquency is issued at the June Board meeting.

Mr. Bos updated the Board on field operations. Crews are beginning to spray, mow, patch pipe, and other general spring maintenance. The first aquatic weed treatments will begin on May 3.

Ms. Brady updated the Board on the 2023 legislative session. The 105-day session began on Monday January 9, 2023 and ended 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 has passed and has been delivered to the Governor.
- HB 1170/ -Climate Response Strategy – Requires climate resiliency update to the existing climate response strategy done 10 years ago. This bill has passed and has been delivered to the Governor.
- HB 1181– Adds climate change and resiliency elements to GMA and SMA plans. This bill has passed and has been delivered to the Governor.
- SB 5437 Special Districts/Vacancy – Modifies the process for filling special purpose district board member vacancies. Irrigation districts are specifically excluded. This bill has passed and has been delivered to the Governor.

Ms. Brady updated the Board on the NPDES permit. The first meeting with DOE permit staff and district managers took place on April 4th and was a starting point for more meetings. The irrigation group has agreed to prioritize the issues within the permit.

Ms. Brady summarized the NWRA Policy Conference and Legislative meetings in Washington, D.C. Legislative meetings were held with Bureau of Reclamation staff, Representative Dan Newhouse, the Office of Senator Maria Cantwell, and Office of Senator Patty Murray. Staff & Board updated legislators on the District's conservation projects completed and presented the proposed projects to be completed.

Mr. Stuart, Mr. Duke, Mr. Martin, Mr. Bos, Mr. Cowin, and Ms. Musson all left the meeting.

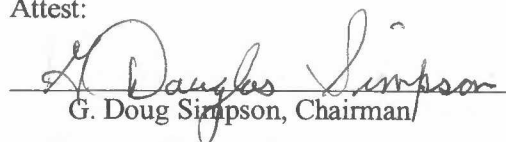
At 2:30 PM Chairman Simpson announced the Board would convene into Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1) (i) for approximately 70 minutes. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss personnel.

At 3:40 PM the Board reconvened into open session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 PM.


Lori Brady, Secretary

Attest:


G. Doug Simpson, Chairman