

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 2, 2024, at 1:38 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, Nikki Musson, SVID Deputy Treasurer/Office Manager; and Larry Martin, Legal Counsel for the Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District. Director Mike Hogue participated via phone. Also in attendance was David Felman, incoming Manager and Forrest Marshall, interested public.

The minutes of the March 5, 2024 Board Meeting were reviewed. Upon a motion by Director Golob, that was seconded and unanimously carried, the minutes were approved as written.

The Board noted that executive decision making has been transferred to David Felman on April 1; therefore, a new appointment of Manager/Secretary/Treasurer needs to be made. Upon a motion by Director Michels, that was seconded and unanimously carried, David Felman was appointed as Manager/Secretary/Treasurer.

The Board considered the Consent Agenda as shown below:

| <u>Easements</u>                     | <u>PARCEL</u>                              | <u>FACILITY OR DESCRIPTION</u> |
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| Shane Dale White and Melinda J White | 1-2794-401-3097-003<br>1-2794-401-3097-004 | 54.12                          |
| Pro Made Construction, LLC           | 230914-23435                               |                                |

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 \$14,558,011. Vouchers numbered 84054-84234 in the total amount of \$631,316.06 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.

Ms. Musson presented the 2023 draft year-end financials for SVID. The year-end financials will be filed with the SAO on or before May 30<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Cowin informed the Board on the Engineering Department. The hardware installation is complete for four of ten upper-end check structures, the other six will be installed this fall. The 37 mile reservoir hardware installation is complete and Connetix is tuning the software.

Mr. Bos updated the Board on field operations. SVID crews began priming of the Sunnyside Canal on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Water should be available throughout the district on April 1. Crews are beginning to spray, mow, patch pipe, and other general spring maintenance.

Mr. Bos presented the 2024 rental rates. After a brief discussion, upon a motion by Director Michels, which was seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the 2024 rental rate as of April 1, 2024.

Matt Gomez will be enrolling in a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) course and has asked approval for reimbursement of \$1,000 once the CDL License is obtained. Upon a motion by Director Groeneweg, which was seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved and authorized payment of \$1,000 once Mr. Gomez has obtained a CDL License.

Mr. Bos informed the Board that an advertisement for Lower End Supervisor had been posted and applications were starting to come in. Applications will be accepted until April 12, 2024.

Mr. Bos updated the Board on the sale of surplus equipment. The auction date has been moved to June; the day has not yet been finalized.

Mr. Felman asked the Board for authorization for Staff and Board Members to attend the NWRA Legislative Conference, and Washington State Water Resources Association Retreat. Upon a motion by Director Golob, which was seconded and unanimously carried, the appropriate staff and Board members were authorized to attend.

Mr. Felman updated the Board on the Temporary Water Transfers between Roza Irrigation District (RID) and SVID. Early projections for water proration are estimated between 61% and 68%. RID confirmed they plan to proceed with the water transfer agreement, but no dates are set. The next River Ops meeting is scheduled for April 4.

Mr. Felman informed the Board that SVID staff had cleaned the headgate fish boom for the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) due to staff shortages at the BOR. BOR will take over maintenance of the fish boom moving forward and are working on developing a maintenance schedule.

Mr. Felman updated the Board on employee matters. A second employee has moved from SVID to RID.

Mr. Felman updated the Board on the L & I appeal process. The mediation agreement will be drafted in the next several months.

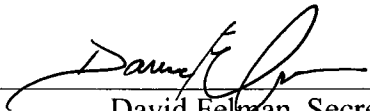
At 2:16 PM Chairman Simpson announced the Board would convene into Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1) (i) for approximately 30 minutes. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss legal matters.

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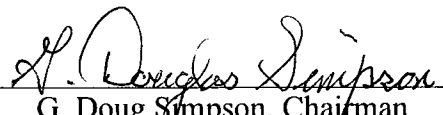
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At 2:31 PM the Board reconvened into open session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:32 PM.

  
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David Felman, Secretary

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G. Doug Simpson, Chairman