

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, February 6, 2024, at 1:35 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.

The minutes of the January 9, 2024 Board Meeting were reviewed. Upon a motion by Director Golob, that was seconded and unanimously carried, the minutes were approved as written.

There were no Consent Agenda items for consideration.

Ms. Musson presented the vouchers. The Status of Funds listed investments and other funds totaling \$10,858,918. Vouchers numbered 83694-83866 in the total amount of \$1,096,606.32 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 updated the Board on the foreclosure process. The foreclosure sale was held on Friday January 19th. Two parcels with structures were auctioned at \$65,000 and \$180,000.

Mr. Bos updated the Board on field operations. Crews are performing winter maintenance such as piping, beat repair, lining, drain maintenance, and equipment maintenance, and building components for the various projects.

Mr. Cowin informed the Board on the Engineering Department. The upgrades to the upper end check structure controls are scheduled for this winter. The District has received the necessary components from Aquasystems so the changeover process can begin. The 37-mile reservoir hardware installation is almost complete and will be ready for programming.

Ms. Brady updated the Board on Roza Irrigation District's (RID) appeal process on the NPDES permit. Roza Irrigation District had a settlement meeting with Department of Ecology (DOE) on Tuesday January 30th. RID and DOE have agreed to keep discussing the situation.

Ms. Brady informed the Board on the L & I appeal process. The mediation sidebar agreement will be drafted within the next several months. The agreement will include additional safety steps to be adopted by the District.

Ms. Brady updated the Board on the 2024 legislative session. The short 60-day (regular session is 105 days) session began on Monday January 8, 2024 and will end on March 17, 2024.

- SB 5709-Irrigation District Elections Bill-This bill was recently added to the consent calendar. This bill was not moved by Senator Torres, the bill sponsor. It may have been added by staff because the bill passed the senate the last two years. It is in a form we can live with but not sure if it will move out of the senate.
- HB 1752-Columbia Basin Bill-The bill introduced by Representative Dye is narrow in scope and concerns the water rights in the Columbia Basin Districts. This bill is still live.

- HB2051- Small Off-Road Engines-This bill did not make the deadline and appears to be dead.
- SB 5517-Water Resource Mitigation aka Foster Fix Bill-This bill establishes a ground water to surface water relationship. This bill appears to be dead.
- SB5924-Access to Personnel Records-Amendment of an existing bill. Employer must provide personnel files within 21 days after an employee requests file, at no cost to employee. This bill is expected to have quite a bit of opposition from employers. Employer must also give written notice of termination. This bill is still live but does not cause the District any concern.
- SB 5846-Beaver Ecosystem Management-This bill sets the frame work to set a management plan with grant programs, education, outreach, assistance and resources to assist landowners in living with beavers on their property. This bill appears to be dead.
- The capital, operating, and supplemental budgets will begin their public meetings this week.

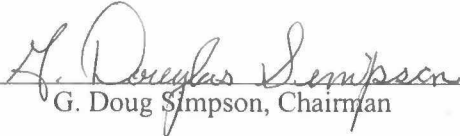
The Board discussed a potential to transfer/lease fallowed lands to Roza Irrigation District (RID) for the 2024 water season. The Board discussed giving staff the authority to proceed with program requirements up to the maximum transfer of 5,000 acre-feet, if RID asks SVID to participate in a program. A motion was made by Director Michels which was seconded and unanimously carried, authorizing the development of program requirements.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 PM.



 Lori Brady, Secretary

Attest:



 G. Doug Simpson, Chairman