

**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 7, 2024, at 2:06 PM. Present in addition to Chairman Simpson was Director Mike Hogue, Kevin Golob, Dave Michels, and Paul Groeneweg; David Felman, 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. Also in attendance was Lori Brady, outgoing Manager.

The minutes of the April 2, 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 considered the Consent Agenda as shown below:

	<b>Parcel</b>	<b>Facility or Description</b>
<b><u>Change Point of Delivery</u></b>		
Sheehan Farms LLC	231020-11004	37.49 #2
Terry Christensen	1-2694-300-0002-002	54.12 #A
<b><u>Release of Pipeline</u></b>		
Pedro C. & Fidelina Lopez	1-3094-401-0705-001	50.52
<b><u>Easement</u></b>		
Murphey Family Revocable Living Trust	1-3494-100-0002-000	54.12
<b><u>District Water Right</u></b>		
Terry Christensen	1-2694-300-0002-002	54.55

Upon a motion by Director Hogue that was seconded and unanimously carried, the Consent Agenda was approved.

Ms. Musson presented the vouchers. The Status of Funds listed investments and other funds totaling \$17,380,587. Vouchers numbered 84235-84455 in the total amount of \$642,315.25 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 progress. As of May 7<sup>th</sup>, 3084 accounts have balances due. Of those, 155 had 2021 balances. The May delinquency letters were mailed out on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Cowin informed the Board of the Temporary water transfers between Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District (SVID) and Roza Irrigation District (RID). The transfer request was presented to the water transfer work group on April 29<sup>th</sup>, and the Department of Ecology approved the transfer of 4013 acre-feet from the SVID diversion upstream to the Roza diversion on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Bos updated the Board on field operations. SVID crews are mowing, spraying, piping, and patching with spring maintenance under way. Mr. Bos informed the Board of a section of split concrete pipe that was discovered on the 27.53 lateral. The lateral has been shut off for repairs, however due to the location of the break being under a landowner's permanent structure a 1000 foot reroute of the pipeline is necessary.

Mr. Felman updated the Board on the status of the 27.53 lateral repair and declared that an emergency existed due to the real, immediate threat to the proper performance of essential functions by the district and the unavailability of water to users. After a discussion, and upon a motion made by Director Hogue, which was seconded and unanimously carried, competitive bidding requirements were waived for material purchases associated to the 27.53 lateral reroute due to the emergency.

Mr. Bos informed the Board of the Cities Insurance Association of Washington (CIAW) settlement that was reached between SVID and Ben Phelps. Claim number C2146 dated September 28, 2022, is closed with a payment of \$206,074.85 to the claimant Ben Phelps.

Leo Cuellar 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 Michels, which was seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved and authorized payment of \$1,000 once Mr. Cuellar has obtained a CDL License.

Mr. Bos updated the Board on the Lower End Supervisor applications. Fourteen applications were received. Interviews will be held during the Month of May.

Resolution 2024-05-01, an amendment to water delivery procedures, was brought before the board. The resolution was amended to correspond with current SVID procedures during a declaration of emergency water delivery in drought years. Upon a motion by Director Michels that was seconded, and unanimously carried, Resolution 2024-05-01 was approved. Said resolution is attached and by this reference incorporated into these minutes.

Mr. Felman asked the Board for a declaration of emergency water delivery procedures due to the current drought conditions in the Yakima Basin. Upon a motion by Director Michels that was seconded, and unanimously carried, emergency water delivery procedures were approved for the 2024 irrigation season.

Mr. Felman informed the Board of an informal inquiry by Union Gap Irrigation District (UGID) Board of Directors to merge with SVID. Preliminary discussions were held with UGID and at this time the UGID Board of Directors are just researching potential options.

Mr. Felman updated the Board on the L & I appeal process. The mediation agreement has been drafted and negotiations are ongoing.

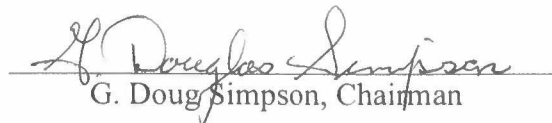
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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.

  
David Felman, Secretary

Attest:

  
G. Doug Simpson, Chairman

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AMENDING THE BYLAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS

WATER DELIVERY

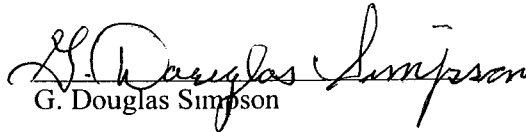
**WHEREAS**, The Board of Directors (Board) of the Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District (SVID) finds it necessary to set, establish, or modify policy from time to time, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board routinely review the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations to assure compliance with state statutes and amends its Bylaws, Rules, and Regulations as necessary

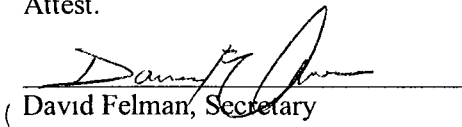
**THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED:**

Section 19. H 13 of the Bylaws, Rules, and Regulations is hereby amended as set forth on Attachment "A."

Adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024

  
G. Douglas Simpson

Attest.

  
David Felman, Secretary

## EXHIBIT "A"

**SECTION 19: WATER DELIVERY (2020-11-02)**

## H. IRRIGATION SERVICE

13. Rotation for capacity purposes will be permitted, subject to lateral capacity, if the following conditions exist:
  - a. Same ownership or operator
  - b. Same ditch rider beat
  - c. Lands have same category of water rights
  - d. In a short water year, upon a declaration by the Board of Directors of emergency water delivery procedures, the following additional water delivery procedures shall apply.
    - i. Rotation of water will be permitted for different ownerships operated by one or more individuals, and for parcels on separate beats or divisions upon execution of a rotation agreement.
    - ii. Water allocation and resultant capacity can be transferred from a parcel on one ditch rider beat to another parcel on another ditch rider beat once per season. This is a temporary transfer for the season and requires execution of a rotation agreement.
    - iii. Upon the execution of a rotation agreement and approval of the management, water allocation and resultant capacity can be rotated among deliveries in an operation supervisor's jurisdiction. This will be coordinated between the landowner and the operations supervisor.