

**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 June 4, 2024, at 1:45 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 May 7, 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>		
Evaristo Milanez	1-2794-401-2889-002	54.01 #5
Murphey Family Revocable Living Trust	1-3494-100-0003-001	54.12 #2
Donna Murphey	1-3494-100-0005-001	54.12 #2
Javier F. Estrada, Melchor Madrigal	230904-32011	42.33A #2
<b><u>Developer's Agreement</u></b>		
Skyhawk Land, LLC	231030-42404	35.51 #36
<b><u>Easement</u></b>		
Liberty Dairy, LLC	211014-13004	27.53
Carpenter Ranches, LLC	211014-14404	27.53

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

Mr. Bos presented a claim brought before the Board for damages to a landowner pump during an unplanned Benton REA power outage, apparently caused by an airplane and not by any actions by SVID. The claimant was Patricia Stewart in the amount of \$750.00. After discussion on the claim, upon a motion by Director Hogue which was seconded and

unanimously carried, the Board rejected payment of the claim. Two other potential claims were discussed with the Board, however they have yet to be submitted.

Ms. Musson presented the vouchers. The Status of Funds listed investments and other funds totaling \$17,071,005. Vouchers numbered 84456-84616 in the total amount of \$219,703.63 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 one general Certificate of Delinquency for 42 parcels with unpaid 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 irrigation assessments. A letter from legal counsel will be mailed out and at that point, assessments for all 4 years must be paid. Upon a motion by Director Groeneweg that was seconded and unanimously carried, the Certificate of Delinquency was issued.

Mr. Cowin updated the Board on the second round of temporary water transfers between Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District (SVID) and Roza Irrigation District (RID). The deadline to have an application submitted to SVID was May 31<sup>st</sup>. 273.11 acres were approved for transfer totaling 563 acre feet. The list of parcels will be presented to the Department of Ecology for approval on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Upon a Motion by Director Michels, 563 additional acre feet were approved for temporary water transfer to RID for the 2024 irrigation season as outlined in Resolution 2024-03-01.

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 that the 27.53 lateral had been repaired and was back in service.

Mr. Bos updated the Board on the Lower End Supervisor position. Interviews were held during the month of May. Wayne Mandrell was selected as the next Lower Division Supervisor, and will take over the position in the spring of 2025.

Resolution 2024-06-01, an amendment to the Fee Schedule, was brought before the board. The resolution would amend all fees with recording costs to correspond with current 2024 Yakima County recording costs. The recording cost for documents has increased by \$100 in 2024. Upon a motion by Director Hogue 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 updated the Board on the L & I appeal process. The mediation agreement has been drafted and negotiations are ongoing.

Mr. Felman asked the Board for authorization for Staff and Board Members to attend the NWRA Western Water Seminar in Kennewick, WA. Upon a motion by Director Hogue, which was seconded and unanimously carried, the appropriate staff and Board members were authorized to attend.

Mr. Felman informed the Board of a conflict with the November SVID Board Meeting and the NWRA Conference in Albuquerque, NM. November 4<sup>th</sup> and November 12<sup>th</sup> were proposed as

alternative dates and after a brief discussion November 4<sup>th</sup> was selected as the date for the November Board Meeting.

In other business Lori Brady was honored for her years of service to the district.

Mr. Cowin, Mr. Bos, Ms. Brady, and Ms. Musson left the meeting

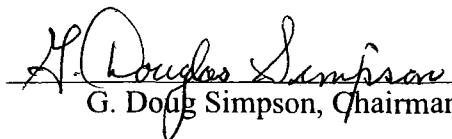
At 2:30 PM Chairman Simpson announced the Board would convene into Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1) (i) for approximately 15 minutes. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss legal matters.

At 2:47 PM the Board reconvened into open session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:47 PM.

  
David Felman, Secretary

Attest:

  
G. Doug Simpson, Chairman