

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 1, 2025, at 1:45 PM. Present in addition to Chairman Simpson was Director Dave Michels, Kevin Golob, and Paul Groeneweg; David Felman, SVID Manager/Secretary/Treasurer, Ron Cowin, Assistant Manager-Engineering, Nikki Musson, SVID Deputy Treasurer/Office Manager, and Norman Semanko, Legal Counsel for the Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District. Director Mike Hogue participated via phone. Also in attendance were John Stuhlmiller, WSWRA Executive Director, and Mark Limbaugh, TFG.

The minutes of the March 4, 2025, Board Meeting were reviewed. Upon a motion by Director Golob, that was seconded and unanimously carried, the minutes were approved as written.

Mr. Stuhlmiller updated the Board on the 2025 legislative session. The 105-day session began on Monday January 13, 2025 and will end on Sunday April 27, 2025. A update on State Budget and tax packages was provided, as well as updates on SB 5669 – Irrigation District Elections, SB 5627 – Safe excavation practices, and SB 5215 – Covered loads.

- SB 5669 – Irrigation District Elections. This bill was introduced with no amendments to the 2024 bill. This bill is scheduled for a vote in House Local Government.
- SB 5627 – Safe Excavation practices and preventing damage to underground utilities. Bill has been placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- SB 5215 – Covered loads. Scheduled for a hearing in House Transportation on April 3, 2025.

Mr. Limbaugh updated the Board on Federal appropriations, senate confirmed positions under the Trump administration, as well as updates on waters of the united states, and the Urban canal legislation.

Mr. Limbaugh and Mr. Stuhlmiller left the meeting.

The Board considered the Consent Agenda as shown below:

	Parcel	Facility or Description
<u>Developer's Agreement</u>		
Bruce R. Paul and Sharon M. Paul	221026-34458	SS-B, #-
Colten Alefteras	1-0384-200-0008-000	51.87 #13

Release of Easement

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Sunnyside Community Hospital Association	231031-43007	35.51
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Change of Point of Delivery

	230925-41401	
Angie Ozuna and Deanna Carpenter	230925-41402	49.90 #4
	230925-41403	
Curtis Graff	221019-13405	29.68 #16
Jose Salazar and Rafael Magana	1-3494-201-1065-002	52.53B #1

Upon a motion by Director Michels 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 \$15,591,273. Vouchers numbered 86219-86416 in the total amount of \$1,114,467.32 were submitted for approval. Ms. Musson presented a graph showing current funds compared to historical levels. Upon a motion by Director Golob, which was seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved and authorized payment of the vouchers as listed above.

Ms. Musson provided an update on foreclosures. As of April 1st, we had 5038 accounts with balances due. Of those, 216 had 2022 balances. Delinquency letters for the outstanding 2022 assessments will be mailed in May.

Mr. Cowin updated the Board on the SCADA project. The 23.70 mile reservoir control and sensor upgrade is completed and calibrated. The SCADA software has been converted from Wonderware to Ignition.

Mr. Cowin presented the 2025 rental rates. After a brief discussion, upon a motion by Director Michels, which was seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the 2025 rental rate as of April 1, 2025.

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 2025 irrigation season.

Mr. Felman informed the Board that 2025 Spring newsletters had been mailed out on March 26, 2025. Landowners should be seeing them this week.

Mr. Felman updated the Board on temporary water transfers. No request has been made at this time by the Roza Irrigation District for water to be fallowed.


Mr. Felman provided the Board with an update on water stargrass and the impact it is having on the lower Yakima river.

At 2:40 PM Chairman Simpson announced the Board would convene into Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1) (i) to last until 2:55 PM. The purpose of the executive session was to discuss litigation or potential litigation involving or likely to involve the District as a party.

At 2:55 PM the Board reconvened into open session.

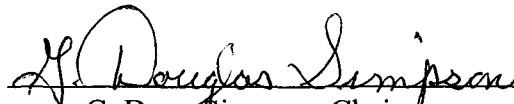
The Board discussed signing onto a draft letter with three other non-proratable districts in the area addressed to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the Washington Department of Ecology concerning the Yakima River Basin. Upon a motion by Director Groeneweg, which was seconded and unanimously carried, the Board authorized Management to approve signing onto the letter contingent upon approval by the other three Boards.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.



David Felman, Secretary

Attest:



G. Doug Simpson, Chairman