

**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 3, 2025, at 1:50 PM. Present in addition to Chairman Simpson was Director Dave Michels, Kevin Golob, Mike Hogue, 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 Norman Semanko, Legal Counsel for the Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District. Also in attendance was Markus Rollinger, landowner. Justin Bezold with Trout Unlimited participated via phone.

The minutes of the May 6, 2025, Board Meeting were reviewed. Upon a motion by Director Golob, that was seconded and unanimously carried, the minutes were approved as written.

Justin Bezold presented to the Board a proposed water right lease agreement between SVID, Trout Unlimited (TU), and the Washington Department of Ecology (ECY) for their review. The agreement would authorize SVID to lease consumptive use water from interested growers to TU for improved fish habitat and passage in 2025. Participation in the program would be voluntary, with growers receiving \$300.00 per acre-foot as compensation for following their land. Following the presentation, Justin Bezold left the meeting.

Resolution #128-2025 appointed Markus Rollinger as Director, Position #3, effective immediately. The Oath of Office was administered to Markus Rollinger. Following the selection and approval of the interim Director, Dave Michels formally relinquished his seat on the Board. Said resolution is attached and by the reference incorporated into these minutes.

The Board considered the Consent Agenda as shown below:

	Parcel	Facility or Description
<u>Change of Point of Delivery</u>		
Fidel Sandoval	221019-31408	29.68D #1
Stan Beltman	221020-32402	29.68B #2
<u>Developer's Agreement</u>		
Richard T. Peacock and Constance M. Peacock	230922-31528	48.04A #15
Richard Dorsett and Rosemary M. Dorsett	1-0484-201-3339-006	51.87A #17, 19

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 \$16,878,691. Vouchers numbered 86626-86808 in the total amount of \$475,481.66 were submitted for approval. Ms. Musson presented a graph showing current funds compared to historical levels. Upon a motion by Director Groeneweg, 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 58 parcels with unpaid 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 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 Golob that was seconded and unanimously carried, the Certificate of Delinquency was issued.

Mr. Bos updated the Board on field operations. SVID crews are mowing, spraying, piping, and patching with spring maintenance under way. Treatments are scheduled for the Snipes, Mabton, and Prosser laterals this week.

Mr. Bos informed the Board of a recent L&I inspection that took place on May 14th. A follow-up letter was received from L&I on May 30th outlining the results of the worksite inspection. No violations were cited, and no penalties were assessed.

Mr. Felman updated the Board on a recent ruling request filed with the Washington State Department of Revenue (DOR), as well as a pending Excise tax audit for which the District was selected. The DOR has denied the petition request for executive level review. Legal counsel is continuing to work with DOR to facilitate the excise tax audit as well as ongoing discussions with DOR staff regarding the appeal of the DOR ruling issued on March 10, 2025.

Mr. Felman updated the Board on a letter that was received in response to the four districts letter that was send on April 11th to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) and the Washington State Department of Ecology (ECY) regarding issues in the Yakima River Basin. The response, jointly issued by ECY, USBR, and the Yakama Nation, outlined the existing goals of the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan and offered opportunities for Senior Irrigation Districts to participate in committees and sub-committees.

Mr. Felman asked the Board for authorization for Staff and Board Members to attend the National Water Resource Association Western water conference in July as well as the WFOA conference in September. Upon a motion by Director Michels which was seconded and unanimously carried, the appropriate staff and Board members were authorized to attend.

At 2:30 PM Chairman Simpson announced the Board would convene into Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to last until 3:00 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 3:00 PM the Board reconvened into open session.

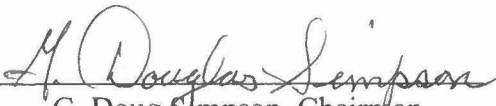
The Board discussed the temporary lease agreement proposed by Trout Unlimited. Upon a motion by Director Hogue, which was seconded and unanimously carried, the Board authorized Management to approve signing onto the agreement, contingent upon revisions to the payment and monitoring language.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 PM.



David Felman, Secretary

Attest:



G. Doug Simpson, Chairman

**BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION**

**IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING
MARKUS ROLLINGER TO THE
SUNNYSIDE VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

128-2025

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Board of Yakima County Commissioners that a vacancy exists on the Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District Board of Directors; and,

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the Board of County Commissioners to fill such vacancies when they exist; and,

WHEREAS, the Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District Board of Directors has recommended Markus Rollinger to the Board of Yakima County Commissioners to fill the vacancy.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Yakima County Commissioners that the Markus Rollinger be, and hereby is, appointed to serve on the Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District Board of Directors effective immediately, until an Irrigation District Board Member is elected during the next available special district general election.


DONE JUN 03 2025





Attest: Julie Lawrence, Clerk of the Board



Kyle Curtis, Chair



LaDon Linde, Commissioner



Amanda McKinney, Commissioner
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