

**DEER CREEK IRRIGATION DISTRICT MINUTES OF THE  
MARCH 18TH, 2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**PLACE:** Vina Elementary School Auditorium, 4790 D Street, Vina, CA 96092

**TIME:** 5:00 P.M.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Jeff Rabo, Linda Pitter, Jake Thompson, Doug Amato and Patrick Johnson

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** None

The meeting was called to order by Board President Jeff Rabo at 5:07 PM. Pledge of Allegiance followed immediately after call to order. Secretary, Jennifer Salisbury, recorded the minutes. With no corrections to be made to the agenda, Director Pitter moved that the agenda be approved as is. Director Thompson seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Sue Knox attended the meeting to discuss the communication sent from California Department of Fish and Wildlife to the State Water Board concerning Deer, Mill and Antelope Creek's recommended flows. Sue had an opportunity to discuss the letter with State representatives at the State Capital. She proposes assembling archive news articles, project documentation and correspondence that highlights DCID's past collaboration efforts with Fish and Wildlife. Furthermore, she expressed an interest in inviting State Water Board Representative Dorene D'Adamo to the District for a tour. Sue was in attendance to seek the board's perspective on this initiative.

**-END OF PUBLIC COMMENT-**

Director Pitter read the minutes from the regularly scheduled March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 board meeting. Director Pitter moved to approve the minutes as amended. Director Johnson seconded. A vote was unanimous to approve the minutes as amended.

Treasurer Ellen Stephens presented the following invoices for the period of March 4th, 2024, through March 18th, 2024.

**ACH Payments:**

1. Allevity for payroll, \$2,274.66

**Checks to be signed:**

1. #779 Los Molinos Ace Hardware for fasteners and hardware, \$53.81
2. #780 Tri Counties Bank February credit card for lumber for, \$136.38, with a credit of \$77.48, for a total balance owing of \$58.90
3. #781 Ellen Stephens for ink purchase reimbursement, \$64.40
4. #782 Mark Boggs for boot purchase reimbursement, \$205.66
5. #783 Russell Pitter for water assessment overpayment reimbursement, \$77.58

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. NRCS Grant Update – The District's 2023 application was denied for consideration. The grant application requires that the District be enrolled with FSA, but the District does not own or lease any property that would qualify it for enrollment. NRCS staff has recommended that the District engage with a landowner to purchase, lease or establish a permanent easement on a piece of property, and reapply in November for the 2024 application.
2. Consideration of CDFW's Flow Recommendations: The Board engaged in a comprehensive discussion concerning a letter sent by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), to the State Water Board. The letter raised significant concerns about the migration patterns of salmon and steelhead, suggesting the implementation of recommended minimum flow levels in Deer Creek to facilitate migration during the Spring and Fall. President Rabo summarized the key points of the letter for the Board's consideration, noting the potential negative impacts on local water resources. Specifically, the enforcement of these recommendations could severely limit water availability, potentially leaving the District without water until the spring salmon migration has completed in June. President Rabo will consult with SVRIC, Los Molinos Mutual and Farm Bureau regarding outreach and communications with State Representatives, Water Board members and CDFW.
3. A motion was made by Director Thompson to table the by-laws discussion until the next meeting. It was seconded by Director Johnson. A vote was unanimous to move the discussion to the next meeting.

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT at 6:52pm**