

**DEER CREEK IRRIGATION DISTRICT MINUTES OF THE
AUGUST 15, 2022 OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

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

TIME: 5:00 P.M.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Jeff Rabo, Jake Thompson, Patrick Johnson, Doug Amato

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Linda Pitter

The meeting was called to order by Board President Jeff Rabo at 5:06pm. Secretary Donna Mullen recorded the minutes. With no corrections to be made to the agenda, Director Thompson moved that the agenda be approved as is. Director Johnson seconded, and the vote was unanimous. Director Johnson read the minutes from the August 1, 2022 regularly scheduled meeting. Director Johnson moved to approve the minutes as amended. Director Thompson seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous to approve the minutes. Treasurer Ellen Stephens informed the Board that there were no District invoices.

The Wader Reimbursement Program document was presented by Secretary Donna Mullen for review by the Board. It was determined that the word “Muck” needed to be removed from the document. The document will be edited to reflect that receipts for waders or boots must be submitted to the DCID Treasurer for reimbursement before the reimbursement will be authorized by the Board. President Rabo determined that a resolution needs to be passed in order to adopt the policy with a yearly Board review of the policy. Secretary Donna Mullen will work on creating a resolution and the agreement will go into effect at the beginning of 2023 in addition to the Property Agreement Policy.

The Board continued a discussion from the previous meeting regarding Tax Assessments and identifying owners and assessment rates for stock water deliveries. President Rabo gave an update about a conversation that he had with Grant Leininger regarding his current assessment. It was determined that Grant’s tax assessment would be determined by evaluating the current irrigatable acreage on the 39.85 acre parcel owned by Grant and within the District boundary.

A conversation took place regarding tax collection and the possibility of changing the billing cycles. The current cycles create a challenge for the audit each year as part of the yearly dues are collected in the year prior to the irrigation season. Discussion followed regarding dates for invoices and installment percentages. It was suggested that the Board should seek guidance from Tax Collector Jessica Pitter regarding new dates as well as guidance on beginning to charge late penalties for delinquent assessments.

President Rabo led a discussion regarding yearly tax rate increases to combat inflation. It was determined that a discussion needs to take place at the next meeting, and attendance from District members would be beneficial because the Board can’t raise taxes without their consideration.

The Board reviewed District infrastructure projects. Two categories of projects were identified. Those that are more maintenance oriented and those that require annual budget savings of at least \$15,000 annually in order to save enough money to perform a substantial improvement project. Discussion followed regarding infrastructure that needs repair. Melvin Quezada Haro notified the Board of water leaking from Ruble Dam. He placed boards and plastic to seal up the leak, but suggested that further repairs be done for a more long term fix.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT at 9:05 p.m