

**DEER CREEK IRRIGATION DISTRICT MINUTES OF THE
MARCH 6, 2023 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, Patrick Johnson (late arrival at 5:30pm)

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Doug Amato

The meeting was called to order by Board President Jeff Rabo at 5:10pm. Secretary Donna Mullen 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. Director Pitter read the minutes from the February 20, 2023 regularly scheduled meeting. Director Pitter moved to approve the minutes as amended. Director Thompson seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.

The following invoices were presented by Treasurer Ellen Stephens for the period of 2/21/23 through 3/6/2023:

1. Linda Pitter for reimbursement of two pallets of concrete - \$506.26
2. Melvin Quezada March phone allowance - \$100.00
3. KS Frank Construction for electrical service repairs - \$300.00
4. Jeff Rabo for reimbursement of propane burning materials - \$166.59
5. Downey Brand for legal services through 1/31/23 - \$1,120.00
6. Red Bluff Outdoor Power for Ishi Camp crew services in February - \$600.00
7. Linda Pitter for reimbursement of 20 bags of concrete - \$107.04
8. QuickBooks subscription - \$55.00
9. Allevity for payroll processing - \$2,861.19

Treasurer Ellen Stephens presented the Treasurer's Report. It was reported that the Burn Permit had been overpaid by \$12, and the District would be receiving the check back from the County. A replacement check will be sent. Ellen has reached out to the Tehama County Auditor to see if the District qualifies for any sales tax exemptions or reductions. The District's account balance was reported as \$177,806.49.

President Rabo presented the Irrigation Report. Currently the only water being sent down the ditch is for Sheep Camp stock water deliveries. Melvin has been instructed to divert excess storm water out Ruble dam. He is also making routine passes through the District to inspect and clean all pipe and bridge crossing locations.

Closed Session: Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 (1 case).

The Board exited closed session and reopened the regular meeting. It was reported that in regards to the claim for flood damages presented by Mr. Robert Harp of Marshall & Harp LLP on behalf of Molo Farms LLC and Vina Orchards Inc., the board has decided to deny the claim in its entirety.

Director Pitter made a motion to have District counsel prepare and send a letter rejecting the claim to Mr. Robert Harp. Director Thompson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT at 7:17 PM.