

DEER CREEK IRRIGATION DISTRICT MINUTES OF THE MAY 2, 2022 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

The meeting was called to order by Board President Jeff Rabo at 5:07 pm. 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 April 4, 2022 regularly scheduled meeting. Director Thompson moved to approve the minutes as read. Director Pitter seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.

Treasurer Ellen Stephens presented the following invoices to the Board for review and approval of payment and presented a quarterly report comparing it to the newly adopted budget.

- \$400 for Conservation Crew
- \$99.97 for replacement batteries in the dump truck
- \$8,793.50 for March Legal Fees

In addition to the invoices, the District also received two payments for water taxes.

Director Rabo provided a summary of the water usage. It was presented that there was a flooding issue caused by debris that plugged two pipe crossings. Melvin was quick to respond and the flooding was resolved with no damages identified or reported. A discussion followed regarding areas of potential future flooding, as well as how to contact Melvin when such circumstances occur.

John Peterson asked the Board about water availability and outlook for the remainder of the irrigation season. A discussion followed regarding possible creek flows throughout the summer. Director Pitter reported that as of May 2, 2022, the creek flow was 228 cfs.

OLD BUSINESS

Donna Mullen was presented to the board as a candidate for the Board Secretary. It was decided that the position of secretary would be compensated \$400 per month, with the Board to re-evaluate the time commitment and pay in two months based on hours worked and monthly supplies needed. After some discussion and questions of the candidate, Director Thompson made a motion to approve Donna Mullen as the new Board Secretary. Director Pitter seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. Secretary Donna Mullen began recording minutes.

Patrick Johnson was presented to the Board as a willing candidate for the open Board seat. Following a brief discussion of procedures, Mr. Johnson was given the oath of office by Director Rabo, and was seated as the newest member of the DCID Board.

The Board reviewed and discussed the status of the proposal and professional services agreement with Horton, McNulty & Saeteurn, LLP. Director Pitter provided a summary of her communications with Kalah Horton regarding the audit services and cost. With no further questions, Director Pitter moved to approve the contract with Horton, McNulty &

Saeteurn to perform the 2021 district audit for \$6,500. Director Johnson seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

The Board reviewed a draft resolution to request that the Tehama County Board of Supervisors grant Deer Creek Irrigation District an audit period extension of 3 years. President Rabo reported that the request has to be approved by the Board of Supervisors with a unanimous vote to approve. Further outreach with the County Auditor and Controller to confirm the requested 3 year audit extension will need to be had prior to formalizing the resolution and submitting to the Board of Supervisors.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed the establishment of a standard means for the public to contact the District due to concerns regarding correspondence with the District's legal counsel. President Rabo requested that all communication come to the District Board first, and that they will respond in a timely manner. The District's legal counsel has been directed not to respond to outside correspondence unless asked to do so by the Board. The District's legal counsel informed the Board that the District cannot recoup legal fees as a result of public correspondence and inquiries.

PUBLIC COMMENT

It was suggested that a check off list would be beneficial for Melvin in order to outline tasks in an efficient manner.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT 8:01pm