

**DEER CREEK IRRIGATION DISTRICT MINUTES OF THE
NOVEMBER 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, Doug Amato, Jake Thompson, Patrick Johnson

The meeting was called to order by Board President Jeff Rabo at 5:15 PM. 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 Amato seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

END OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Pitter read the minutes from the October 16, 2023 regularly scheduled meeting. Director Thompson moved to approve the minutes as read. Director Johnson seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.

Treasurer Ellen Stephens presented the following invoices for the period of October 17, 2023 through November 6, 2023:

1. QuickBooks - \$60.00
2. Melvin Quezada Haro for November phone allowance - \$100.00
3. Allevity for payroll - \$1,755.22

Treasurer Stephens presented a reconciliation report which had an ending balance of \$150,659.85 as of October 12, 2023. Ellen contacted the State Water Resources Control Board and provided them with updated District contact information.

President Rabo presented the irrigation report, stating that no landowners are currently taking water for irrigation so the District is only providing stock water deliveries at this time. Director Rabo and Johnson adjusted water flows at Ruble Dam throughout the weekend in order to perform a sediment and debris flush to prepare for winter storm flows. Discussion followed. The Board has agreed that the irrigation season has concluded and diversion flows will be adjusted throughout the week to accommodate stock water deliveries.

The Board reviewed and discussed the annual renewal of the CSDA membership. Discussion followed regarding the pay-what-you-can option. Last year the District paid \$100.00 for the renewal and an additional \$25.00 for the purchase of a 2023 state and federal labor law poster. The District board members have made more attempts to utilize the resources available through the CSDA membership throughout the year and thus decided it was reasonable to increase the renewal contribution for 2024. Director Pitter made a motion to pay the renewal for CSDA membership renewal at a cost of \$175.00 plus the cost of the labor poster. Director Thompson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed potential projects and funding opportunities available through Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) for 2023. President Rabo reached out to Sierra at the NRCS office and filled out an application for 2023 grant funding. The application does not commit the District to a project or project funding. Instead it informs NRCS that the

District would like to be considered for potential funding. Project identification and approval to proceed with NRCS would occur sometime after the first of the year. The application can be revoked by the District at any time. NRCS handles design, advertisement, bidding and construction oversight. Discussion followed.

The Board reviewed and discussed needed repairs to Ruble dam. President Rabo talked with Russell Pitter regarding construction of new vertical steel supports to replace the existing support braces that are badly deteriorated. The replacement system would bolt to the existing concrete slab and wing walls. The estimated price to purchase material and fabricate two replacement steel supports is \$1,700.00. President Rabo also received an approximate price for a pre-cast concrete structure with three gate openings of \$8,500.00, not including delivery, installation, gates or hardware. President Rabo estimates that steel gates would be about \$2,000.00 each and estimates that the project itself will likely end up around \$20,000.00. Further discussion followed regarding application for grant funding to design and construct permanent replacement structures at Ruble.

The Board reviewed and discussed employment requirements for the position of Ditch Tender. It was agreed that the District needs one full-time employee to perform the job description, and not break the job into two or more positions. The District will proceed with advertisement of the Ditch Tender position.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT at 9:15 PM.