

## **DEER CREEK IRRIGATION DISTRICT MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 19, 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, Patrick Johnson, Doug Amato

The meeting was called to order by Board President Jeff Rabo at 5:13pm. 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 Johnson seconded, and the vote was unanimous. Director Pitter read the minutes from the August 15, 2022 regularly scheduled meeting. Director Pitter moved to approve the minutes as is. Director Johnson seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.

### **REPORTS**

Treasurer Ellen Stephens presented one invoice in the amount of \$42.85 to reimburse Melvin for concrete purchased from Los Molinos Ace Hardware.

Ellen informed the Board that she had prepared a reconciliation report within Quick Books and submitted it with the profit and loss report. In addition to some checks and deposits that had not cleared yet, the profit and loss report for August showed that the District is currently running over budget by \$4,445.66.

Ellen presented the completed payroll questionnaire for Golden State Insurance, and provided the Board with the login information. Discussion followed regarding the budget and the insurance questionnaire as well as current YTD revenue and projections.

President Rabo provided the Irrigation Report. It was reported that irrigation water is still moving, but in some areas better than others. President Rabo identified irrigation ditches on Vina Road that had not been cleaned in a while and was affecting delivery to some users. Director Johnson reported that he was going on day 21 of no water. It was presented to the Board that the Convict Crew hasn't been available lately and Melvin has returned to school which has delayed ditch cleaning progress.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Discussion continued regarding modification of the tax collection due dates and frequency of collection dates. President Rabo provided a summary of previous discussions regarding Grant Leininger's and Mike Chambers' tax assessments. Discussion followed regarding current delinquencies and water delivery.

A discussion was had in regard to the District's financial record keeping and audit review inconsistencies being complicated by the tax collection due dates occurring in two different calendar years. The Board discussed potentially changing the tax assessment due dates to the first week of January and July, and that late fees would be enforced for the 2023 tax year. The Board also discussed collecting tax assessments as a 50/50 split instead of the previous 60/40. Notices will be sent out in October about the proposed change.

A discussion took place regarding potential tax increases. The District hasn't raised taxes since 2015. Current budget restraints and rapid rises in inflation have contributed to the budget overrun. An in depth discussion amongst the Board and attendees regarding potential rate increases followed. It was determined that an increase between 1 and 10% weighted however

the board sees fit between user and non-user should be discussed further and possible action to proceed with a future rate increase decided at the next Board meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT at 10:09**