

**METHOW VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 12, 2024  
Twisp, Washington  
MINUTES**

Director Zahn called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Present were directors Chris Zahn, Mark Edson, and Deanna Melton, and secretary Sandra Strieby.

Minutes—January 8, 2024 regular board meeting: Director Melton moved to approve the minutes. Director Zahn seconded; the motion carried.

Treasurer's report: The secretary presented the treasurer's report for the month ending January 31, 2024. The ending balance in the General Expense fund was \$24,489.74. The ending balance in the General Investment fund was \$362,891.40.

Vouchers: The secretary presented payroll voucher claims 02.12.24\_01 through 02.12.24\_03 in the amount of \$4,394.94 and vendor voucher claims 02.12.24\_04 through 02.12.24\_09 in the amount of \$3,677.89. Following review of the claims, director Edson moved to approve the voucher requests. Director Zahn seconded; the motion carried.

Amendment to Resolution 23.10—Disposal of Personal Property: Director Zahn moved to approve the amendment to Resolution 23.10 as presented. Director Melton seconded; the motion carried.

WDFW fish-screen contract: Director Edson moved to approve the 2024 WDFW Fish Screen Service Contract. Director Melton seconded; motion carried.

Land use actions

- Blackbirds Garden Apartments and Blackbirds Townhomes: the directors raised several questions related to access to existing district infrastructure. They would like to continue the discussion in March, then send questions to the district's attorney. The directors also asked that the secretary ask Carla Smith to clarify the number of entrance points from SR 20.
- Milltown PD and Orchard Hills PD: following discussion, the directors asked the secretary to send them the district's plans, specs, and as-builts for the west pipe system. They will circle back about scheduling a special meeting for further discussion of requirements for each project.

Headgates sediment removal: Director Edson reported that he met with WDFW at the headgates. The directors discussed planned modifications, approaches to sediment removal, and the possibility of a special meeting at the headgates, and decided to postpone any decision until March.

Attorney contact policy: the directors asked the secretary to develop a policy.

Local public records grant: The secretary reported that the state offers grants for organizing and digitizing public records. There is probably not time to prepare an application for this year. The directors are generally in favor and would like to see the preparatory work done so an application can be submitted next year.

From previous meetings—incomplete or postponed

- Ken Hitt connection/Halyruud plan: re-working the Halyruud system this year does not seem feasible, but MVID should connect Ken Hitt.
- Excluded members—water use monitoring: Director Melton will find her spreadsheet.
- Employee attendance and reporting responsibilities: following discussion, the directors asked the secretary to draft an amendment to the bylaws to update the watermaster's responsibilities.

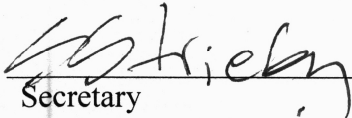
Reports and updates: the directors discussed possible malware protection for the Chromebook and an MVID email account for director Zahn—director Melton can create the latter. Only MVID email would go to the Chromebook.


Member concerns: Director Edson said that John Stidham's valve will need to be repaired before the start of the irrigation season. Director Zahn said he knows it is on the watermaster's to-do list.


Director Zahn adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

Passed and approved this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

ATTEST:

  
Secretary

  
President

  
Director

  
Director

