**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

# Final Minutes

September 27, 2023, 2:00 p.m.

# 1887 Howard Street, Anderson (Council Chambers)

1. **Call To Order** at 2:00 p.m.

**Board of Directors present**- Woolery, Rickert, Lund, McCarley, Butcher

**Staff present**- Justin Dahl (General Manger), Ben Duncan (Operations Manager)

Colleen Miller (Administrative Specialist)

1. **Flag Salute** was led by Director Rickert
2. **Public Participation**

Time set aside for members of the public that wish to address the Board regarding operations of the District within the jurisdiction of the Board. Individuals are requested to limit comments to a maximum of three minutes.

* **Ray Eliante**- Seepage issue on his property. He is also genuinely concerned about the District potentially spending so much money on the canal project and says that our main concern should be with the water users.
* **Dick Richards**-He wanted to thank the General Manager, Justin Dahl, and the Operations Manager, Ben Duncan regarding the meeting at his property. He thinks that the District should enforce the rules and regulations that would not allow people to irrigate out of turn, it affects his property down at the end. He appreciates the crew and the help that he has received this season.
* **John Van Eperen**-Property leased down in Churn Creek Bottom, wanted to get help to fix the holes in the ditch. He said that he couldn’t get his equipment down there and was not able to harvest hay this year. He handed a bill to Justin Dahl for the District to pay for his hay.
1. **Business Items**
	1. Consider Bids and Approaches for Maintenance and Repair of the Main Canal during the 2023 offseason
	2. Consider Resolution Accepting One or More Bids from Qualified Contractors and Authorizing Notice to Proceed to Construct the Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation District Emergency Canal lining Project

A motion was made by Director Rickert and seconded by Director McCarley to authorize Danny and Steve (engineers) to optimize and negotiate bids with the two very qualified local contractors, to look at alternatives, and to bring it back to the Board for final approval. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

* 1. Discuss & Approve shutdown date for 2023 water season

A motion was made by Director Rickert and seconded by Director Lund to postpone the shutdown date for the 2023 water season, and to instruct staff to work with growers to try to get as much water as possible down to the south end of the District. This issue will be tabled until the next Board meeting on October 12, 2023. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

* 1. Discuss & Direct Manager to start publication process to change monthly board meeting start time from 6pm to 10am, 2nd Thursday of every month (New start time can be decided by the Board)

A motion was made by Director McCarley and seconded by Director Lund to table this until the next Board Meeting on October 12, 2023. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

1. The meeting was adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

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 Dan Woolery, President