MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
SOUTH COLUMBIA BASIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT

March 8, 2024   Pasco, Washington

The special meeting of the Board of Directors of the South Columbia Basin Irrigation District was called to order by Director J. Balcom at 1:00 p.m. on March 8, 2024. Those in attendance were:

DIRECTORS	OFFICERS AND STAFF
Maurice Balcom	John O'Callaghan, Secretary/Manager
Richard Conrad	Kellie Pierson-Geddes, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
Charles Lyall	Eric Dixon, Assistant Manager
JJ Danz	Brian Scott, Chief Engineer
Jared Balcom	Terrie Larson, Executive Assistant
	Paul Dempsey, Attorney

OTHERS
Marc Maynard, United States Bureau of Reclamation
Matthew Weaver, Capital Press
Mike Schwisow, Schwisow & Associates
John Stuhlmiller, Washington State Water Resource Association
Philip Bauman
Arvid Kraft
Lois Clark

POTHOLES CANAL BREACH

Secretary/Manager O'Callaghan updated the Board on the status of the Potholes Canal Breach. Drone footage of the affected area was viewed by the Board, staff, and members of the public. There was discussion among the Board.

Matthew Weaver, Capital Press, asked how much land was affected by the canal breach. Secretary/Manager O'Callaghan will provide details to Mr. Weaver after the meeting.

Director J. Balcom moved to declare a state of emergency authorizing the District to issue contracts waiving the bidding requirements. Director Lyall seconded the motion and it carried.

Director Lyall moved to waive the normal authorization process for necessary expenses related to the PE59.4 canal breach repair. Director Danz seconded the motion and it carried.

Secretary/Manager O'Callaghan asked the Board for direction regarding filing an insurance claim. The consensus among the Board was to file an insurance claim.
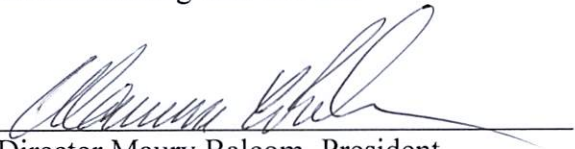
NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting will be Thursday, March 14th, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Director J. Balcom adjourned the meeting at 2:45 P.M.

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John O'Callaghan, Secretary/Manager   Director Maury Balcom, President