

# **CONSOLIDATED DIKING IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1**

## **ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**JULY 20, 2023**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the CDID No. 1 Advisory Committee was called to order by Committee Chair, Jamie Hanseler, at 7:00 AM. Committee members present were Francis Naglich, Mimi Falcon, Ken Hash, and guest member Chris Collins.

Bill Hallanger represented the CDID#1 Board of Supervisors.

Chance Cox, Operations Foreman and Amy Blain, District Manager, represented CDID#1 staff.

### **AGENDA**

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

### **OPERATIONS FOREMAN REPORT**

Chance Cox, Operations Foreman, reported on the following maintenance activities:

- Carney Construction cleaned and completed bank repairs along Drain No. 17. Discussion followed regarding impacts to property owners and improvements made to increase maintenance access.
- District staff completed the AquaFence trailer and re-organized the West Side Hwy building for emergency preparedness.
- Prepared Ditch No. 15 for the installation of a bird blind by Altrusa International Foundation. Mr. Cox noted the bank was grubbed and built out to provide room outside of the walking path.
- The Kubota Mini Excavator was delivered and is in use. Mr. Cox presented before and after photos of brushing operations along Drain No. 24 using the machine, noting he is impressed with the amount of work completed and now accessible with the smaller machine.
- Fenced sheep were temporarily placed at the Regional Detention Pond to graze.
- Mowing operations continue.

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Amy Blain, District Manager, reported on the following activities:

Project No. 23-14, Ditch No. 6 Glenwood Cleanout: Carney Construction completed construction of a lower access bench to clean out Ditch No. 6 at Glenwood Drive. The City finished sidewalk repairs and will pour the new driveway next week. Ms. Blain noted that hydroseeding will be scheduled in early fall when precipitation will support growth, and the District will coordinate with the City to plant additional street trees. Mr. Hallanger suggested installing gate to prevent public access if it becomes a problem.

Project No. 23-20, Pump Station Transfer Switches: District staff participated in training with a Trystar representative and coordinated with JHKelly and Cowlitz County to test the transfer switches at the Oregon Way and 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue pump stations using a borrowed mobile generator owned by the Lexington Flood Control Zone District.

Snooks Trailer Park: The District was contacted by Snooks Trailer Park with complaints about the adjacent ditch. Ms. Blain reported the ditch is as a private drainage facility, half owned by the Longview School District and half owned by Snooks Trailer Park but maintained by neither party. Ms. Blain stated she contacted the Longview School District about deeding property over so the District can take over responsibility for future maintenance. Ms. Blain explained this portion of ditch is hydraulically connected to Ditch No. 15 and Ditch No. 8 on both ends and improving it would provide additional storage to mitigate surcharge along Ditch No. 8 during major storm events.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Blain reported several complaints about mowing during peak nesting season. Ms. Blain explained there are numerous duck species with overlapping nesting that extend from March through August. The District is environmentally conscious but wildlife conservation sometimes competes with the District's mission to provide flood control. Ms. Blain explained mowing operations cannot be postponed; mowing is necessary to mitigate fire hazard, comply with Army Corps requirements, address public complaints, manage noxious weeds, control rodent population and discourage transient activity.

Ms. Blain shared a recently adopted policy which provides a take-home vehicle for the on-call employee. Ms. Blain explained the policy will improve response time, access, security and employee job satisfaction. Ms. Blain stated eliminating the on-call position for the months of July and August will offset the additional fuel cost, and indicated there have been minimal calls in those months for the past several years.

### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Mr. Hash reported Chris Collins has been promoted to Assistant Public Works Director and will assume the position of Public Works Director in roughly nine months.

### **ADJOURN MEETING**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 a.m.

The next Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for 6:45 a.m., August 17, 2023.