

CONSOLIDATED DIKING IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

AUGUST 17, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the CDID No. 1 Advisory Committee was called to order by Committee Chair, Jamie Hanseler, at 6:45 AM. Committee members present were Falcon, Ken Hash and Ray VonTongeren.

Bill Hallanger, Sherry Bean and Tim Kilmer represented the CDID#1 Board of Supervisors.

Chance Cox, Ops 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:

- Assisting the City with aquatic herbicide application in Lake Sacajawea to treat algae, milfoil and lily pads using the District's airboat.
- Darren Frye, Lead Person, is getting certified with SePRO via Zoom to treat aquatic weeds using ProcellaCOR.
- Homeless camp abatement along Ditch No. 3 with assistance from the City's Community Outreach Coordinator and the Longview Police Department.
- Vegetation removal along the Cutoff Slough to 52nd Avenue. Using the new Link-Belt excavator and airboat to remove iris mats.

Bill Hallanger asked whether it was safe to lasso and winch large mats of yellow flag iris. Discussion followed regarding winching methods and use of kinetic shock line to reduce shock on the winch rope.

Ken Hash indicated certain private parties have stepped up to donate funds and/or purchase airline tickets to help a few of the homeless population get home to family.

Jamie Hanseler asked where the material removed from the ditches is hauled off to. Discussion followed regarding the use of the Regional Detention Facility for disposal and farming, and the process of dessication, turning, composting, rototilling and blading.

Ray Vontongeren asked if the District is done spraying for the year. Discussion followed regarding the timing and practice of spraying depending on wind and temperature to limit overspray and evaporation.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

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

Permit 23-02: 46th Avenue Streetscape Improvements: The City's contractor is installing sheet piling and block nets on both sides of the bridge to remove fish and dewater the work area. Ms. Blain noted multiple pumps are onsite to keep up with seepage and groundwater intrusion, and provide bypass pumping around the work area. Ms. Blain reported two homeowners contacted the District with concerns about an oil sheen on the water and dead fish in Cutoff Slough. Ms. Blain attributed the fish kills with low water level, increased water temperature and low dissolved oxygen due to record heat this summer. Ms. Blain explained the low water level exposed rotting vegetation along the banks and the decay process releases natural oils that leave a sheen on the water. The contractor's equipment was visually inspected and there is no evidence of hazardous leaks or spills.

Property and Easement Acquisition: District staff met with a property owner at the end of 48th Avenue where Ditch No. 8 connects with Bypass Ditch to discuss the purchase of 25-feet from the top of ditch bank to allow continuous maintenance access for operations. Ms. Blain engaged Cowlitz County Title Company for a title search of the parcel and requested a proposal from G&O to survey property corners.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Blain reported Thuy Vo has decided to leave the advisory committee for personal reasons. Following Mr. Hallanger's suggestion, Ms. Blain will reach out to local science teachers in the Longview School District to see if there is interest in filling the vacancy.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Blain reported the District's new electrician started work as of August 16, 2023.

ADJOURN MEETING

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

The next Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for 6:45 a.m., September 21, 2023.