

MANAGER'S REPORT - NOVEMBER 2021

This report provides an overview of District issues and projects that we have been working on since the last board meeting.

OPERATIONS: October and early November are busy times. In addition to shutdowns and year-end repairs, trainings take place. We sent three employees to the OWRC O&M workshop in Bend. Five employees attended 2 days virtual training for their pesticide license. Season-end work is 95% complete. Inmate crew will work for a week on clean-up and concrete work on the back side of the canal upstream and downstream of Division. We have rodent activity in this area.

BOARDMAN PIPING PROJECT: We rented a smaller excavator for a month. A two-man crew laid 3300 feet of 4-inch and 6-inch pipe and 19 delivery stub-outs. Around the 20th, the crew will start laying the 18-inch, 15-inch and 8-inch pipe (5200 feet total) for the mainline. There are 7 deliveries off this line, plus the connections to the smaller lines. Two road crossings will be pushed. We plan to have this work done by the end of the year. UEC has been contacted about the power needed for the site. The estimate in 2019 was \$37,880. The pumps have gone out for bid. The pump, electrical and individual metered deliveries will be completed in 2022.

IRRIGON PUMP STATION UPDATE: Crews are working to pull the motor. Kern Brothers will do the repair work. They will also pull the pump and put it on a trailer for Rivertech (Garry Moore) to take the pump to Portland for the rebuild.

PARTITIONS/SUBDIVISIONS: The subdivision "Final Findings of Fact" for Eagle Crest subdivision (Double T) from Morrow County Planning is in the Board packet and on the agenda for review. My main concern is that Planning lists as a requirement to pave from the end of the existing Root Lane, over the canal and into the subdivision. It is the paving of the canal ROW that 1) the county has no jurisdiction over 2) Double T is not the underlying owner, and 3) we will likely allow, but any conditions?

BUDGET/FINANCIALS: Lisa and I are working on the budget report, that will address my concern about not funding our regular employees completely from our patron funds. See the discussion in last month's meeting (Oct meeting minutes). We will also provide records of how our reserve funds have been used in recent years. Lisa has already provided a spreadsheet showing our annual costs and comparison to other districts with the Board packet. I will have a preliminary 2022 budget ready for review and discussion.

QUICK REPORTS:

- The variance needed for the 50-foot tower to be sited at our office was approved by the City of Irrigon. We are waiting for the permit to be issued.
- Gary & Kathy Neal agreed to quitclaim the ROW to the District.
- Wise Construction still has work to finish for us along the canal ROW
- I am meeting with Farmers Conservation Alliance Nov. 28
- OWRC conference is Nov. 28 – Dec. 2. Vern and I plan to attend.
- Contacted Dohertys and I will meet with them after Dec. 6 regarding Lat 31.
- Working on a special meeting for Irrigon users, likely Dec. 13.