

WEST EXTENSION IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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June 20, 2019

Monthly Board Meeting

Chairperson Philippi called the Board meeting to order on June 20, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Irrigon Fire Hall located at 705 N. Main St. in Irrigon. Those in attendance were: Board members, Dalarie Philippi, Warren Kemper, Vern Frederickson, and Bob Mueller; Board Secretary/Manager, Bev Bridgewater; Office Manager, Lisa Baum; Field Supervisor, Ben de los Santos; Guests, Water users, Chris & Jodi Marston, Tony Osbourne and Herb Stahl of Stanfield Hutterian Brethren. Director Abe McNamee was not able to attend the meeting.

AGENDA: An updated agenda was distributed. Mueller moved to approve the agenda as distributed. Frederickson seconded. Motion passed.

INTRODUCTIONS WERE MADE.

FLOOR BUSINESS

CHRIS & JODI MARSTON: The Marstons gave an update on their “forced” conversion from flood irrigation, based on the Lateral 12 project that will be installed for the next irrigation season. They have received funding from NCRS for Russian Olive tree removal and 75% funding for the costs of their new irrigation system. They remain concerned about having to pay the higher cost of pressurized water and asked the Board to consider some other options, such as spreading the cost around all the flood irrigators in Boardman or adjusting the rate. Discussion. The Board will consider their suggestions. Marstons left the meeting at this time.

TONY OSBORNE: Tony has received a bill for \$16,137.95 for costs of the repair of the spillway at the end of the Relocation Canal. He stated he is not at fault. Bridgewater and crew believe he is at fault and have pictures to show that boards he placed in the canal caused the canal to overtop. Discussion. Tony left the meeting after discussion.

HERB STAHL: There have been problems with the screen plugging at the Irrigon Pump Station and divers have been brought in to clean. Bridgewater stated she has brought in the District diver one other time. The water is very dirty. The 300 HP pump is having trouble quicker than others on the system. Stahl is getting the airblast system hooked up. He wanted to know about the cost share of the screen cleaning and the airblast system. The Board agreed that the 75/25 cost share that has been used in the past and is in the original contract is fine with them. Stahl will send invoices to the District. He left the meeting.

MONTHLY BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mueller moved to approve the minutes of the May Board meeting as presented. Kemper seconded. Motion passed.

BILLS PAYABLE: After review, Mueller moved to approve the May accounts payable list in the amount of \$155,851.75. Frederickson seconded. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The financial reports for the period ending April 30, 2019 were presented and reviewed.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

OPERATIONS: Field Supervisor, Ben de los Santos, was not able to attend the meeting. Operations report is in the Managers Report, which is attached to and part of the Board meeting minutes.

MANAGER'S' REPORT: A written report was distributed to the directors and is attached to and a part of the minutes. Discussion.

DISTRICT BUSINESS

OSBORNE BILL: The Board directed that our attorney send a letter with the bill to Osborne.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into executive session at 10:30 p.m. in accordance with ORS 192.660 to discuss the legal issues and the tribal water right settlement. The Board came out of Executive Session at 12:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chairperson Philippi adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Signed:

Bev Bridgewater, Secretary

Attest:

Dalarie Philippi, Chairperson