

WEST EXTENSION IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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December 16, 2021

Monthly Board Meeting

Chairperson Philippi called the Board meeting to order on December 16, 2021 at 9:20 a.m. at the Columbia Improvement District meeting room located at 501 E. Columbia Ave. in Boardman. Those in attendance were: Board members, Dalarie Philippi, Vern Frederickson, Bob Mueller, Whitney Coffman and Abe McNamee; Board Secretary/Manager, Bev Bridgewater; Field Supervisor, Ben de los Santos.

AGENDA: Mueller moved to approve the agenda as presented. McNamee seconded. Motion passed.

MONTHLY BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mueller moved to approve the minutes of the November 2021 Board meeting. McNamee seconded. Motion passed.

BILLS PAYABLE: Review and discussion. McNamee moved to approve the November accounts payable list in the amount of \$69,708.90. Frederickson seconded. Motion passed.

FINANCIALS: The financials for the period ending October 31, 2021 were reviewed.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

OPERATIONS: Ben de los Santos gave an update on operations. Frederickson commented on the excellent job Tassie is doing, mowing the canal and laterals. Abe asked about saplings growing along the canal. Discussion.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: The Board reviewed Public Meeting procedures and Rules of Order. The Board used Robert's Rules of Order, Simplified to conduct its meetings.

MANAGER'S REPORT: A written report was distributed to the Directors and is attached to and a part of the minutes. It was reviewed and discussed.

RECLAMATION / CROSSING AGREEMENTS: Following up from previous discussions with Reclamation, the Board reviewed procedures recommended by Bridgewater and a letter to be sent to Reclamation. McNamee moved to approve the

letter and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board. Mueller seconded. Motion passed

IRRIGON LANDOWNER MEETING: The District is planning a public meeting for Irrigon landowners to discuss water use, meters and landowner questions. It is planned for Tuesday, January 18, 2022. The building fee is \$250 for a 2-hour meeting and cleaning costs. The Board approved this. Discussed ensued on how to reach the District's goal of metering this system. Several ideas were brought up. The Board want to find some grants and assistance to help with the costs.

FARMERS CONSERVATION ALLIANCE: Information from the Farmers Conservation Alliance was briefly reviewed. The Board wants more information as to the viability of a hydro project at the dam. They authorized Director Mueller to contact Anderson Perry Engineers to assess a potential project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into executive session at 10:55 a.m. to discuss the CTUIR water right settlement offer. They came out of executive session at 11:35 a.m.

DISTRICT BUSINESS

HERMISTON SCHOOL DISTRICT – NEW WATER RIGHT APPLICATION: The Hermiston School District is building a new school off Theater Lane in Hermiston and plans to apply for 7.8 acres of water rights. It is located in an area where the District has been protesting new irrigation rights due to the cumulative effect on return flows to the Umatilla River. Bridgewater and consultant, Owen McMurtrey have met with the HSD and their consultants. Discussion. The matter is tabled until more information is available.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (cont)

The Board went into executive session at 11:50 a.m. to continue review of the CTUIR water right settlement offer. They came out of executive session at 12:15 a.m.

DISTRICT BUSINESS (cont)

CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD: The board sat as a Contract Review Board and reviewed two bids for the new pumps on the Lateral 15 project. Bids were received from Kern Brothers and from Agri-Tech. After reviewing the pump specs, the Board directed Manager Bridgewater to go back to the vendors for costs on the Gould pumps without fan cooling. This pump was recommended by the District engineer and better meets the needs of the project. She should then order the pumps.

OTHER BUSINESS

2022 BUDGET: A worksheet and preliminary budget for 2022 was reviewed and discussed. The board would like historic information on the District's cash position. Discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chairperson Philippi adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

Signed:

Bev Bridgewater, Secretary

Attest:

Dalarie Philippi, Chairperson