

WEST EXTENSION IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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January 20, 2022

Organizational Meeting 2022

Monthly Board Meeting

Chairperson Philippi called the Board meeting to order on January 20, 2022 at 9:05 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, Abe McNamee, and Bob Mueller; Board Secretary/Manager, Bev Bridgewater; Administrative Services Manager, Lisa Baum. Director Whitney Coffman was not able to attend.

ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

OATH OF OFFICE: The following newly elected directors took their oath of office:

Division Two (Irrigon West): Abe McNamee (three-year term)

Division Three (Boardman East): Vern Frederickson (three-year term)

OFFICER ELECTION / APPOINTMENT:

CHAIRMAN: Philippi asked for nominations for officers of the Board. Mueller nominated Dalarie Philippi to continue as Chairman. McNamee seconded the nomination. With no further nominations, they were closed. A unanimous vote was cast thus electing Dalarie Philippi as Chairman of the Board of Directors.

VICE CHAIRMAN: Philippi asked for nominations for Vice Chair of the Board. Mueller nominated Vern Frederickson to continue as Vice Chairman. McNamee seconded the nomination. With no further nominations, they were closed. A unanimous vote was cast thus electing Vern Frederickson as Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors.

SECRETARY: In accordance with ORS 545.181 (b), Manager Bev Bridgewater was appointed as Secretary for the Board of Directors.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-001: REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2021 and ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING FOR 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-002: AUTHORIZATION FOR BOARD MEETINGS TO BE HELD OUTSIDE THE WEID BOUNDARIES FOR 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-003: PUBLIC MEETINGS, ON-LINE ACCESS NOT AVAILABLE.

Mueller moved to adopt Resolution No. 21-001 which sets the monthly and the 2022 organizational meeting days, Resolution No. 21-002 which allows the District to hold its Board meetings at locations outside the WEID boundaries, and Resolution No. 21-003 which states that the District does not have resources to allow on-line meeting attendance. McNamee seconded the motion. Discussion. Motion passed.

BANKING: Frederickson moved to continue banking with Banner Bank of Oregon, the Bank of Eastern Oregon and Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP). McNamee seconded. The signers on the accounts will remain the same. Motion passed.

AGENDA: Frederickson moved to approve the agenda as presented with the option to move items around, as needed. Mueller seconded. Motion passed.

MONTHLY BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mueller moved to approve the minutes of the December Board meeting. Frederickson seconded. Discussion. Motion passed.

BILLS PAYABLE: Frederickson moved to approve the December accounts payable list in the amount of \$104,820.41. Mueller seconded. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The Financial Report dated November 30, 2021 was reviewed and discussed.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

OPERATIONS: Operations report is included in the Manager's report. Ben gave an update on current crew activities. The Kenworth dump truck is at Woodpeckers for a repair to the fan clutch, an air leak and ODOT inspection. Discussion.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: No report

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.

- Umatilla County plans to cross the WEID main canal with a 42-inch pipeline as part of the Central project that JR Cook is working on. Mueller mentioned contacting JR to see if the District could arrange for emergency water.
- Development off Bombing Range Road. Discussion ensued about the planned development off Bombing Range Road and south of the canal. Groundwater issued in the area were also discussed.

HERMISTON SCHOOL DISTRICT GROUNDWATER APPLICATION: Bridgewater reported that the new Hermiston school is outside the Hermiston ID service area. Groundwater appears to be the best choice for their irrigation water. The District discussed conditions they would like to propose in order to NOT protest the filing.

- 3.0 acre-feet
- Metered delivery
- Can't sell water to a third party

Frederickson moved to direct our consultant to pass this information on to the HSD' consultants and we would not protest their irrigation water right filing, based on the discussion today. Mueller seconded. Motion passed.

CTUIR SETTLEMENT UPDATE: Bridgewater reported that the CTUIR is continuing to work with Westland ID and several small water users towards a settlement. We expect them to be back in our area in the next two months.

DISTRICT BUSINESS

HYDRO PROJECT REVIEW: Mueller has reached out to Anderson Perry to do a feasibility review of the potential for hydro at Three Mile and the Umatilla PS site. They are preparing a scope of work. \$2500 is in the proposed budget for this work.

IRRIGON LANDOWNER MEETING: The Irrigon Landowner meeting will be Thursday, February 3 at 6 pm. Notices will go out right away and the agenda will be posted on the District website. The draft agenda was reviewed and discussed.

BUDGET 2022: The Board addressed the 2022 Budget. A projects report was distributed. Dalarie pointed out that we want to be sure that our patrons know why we are doing the projects. Not that the project's aren't working, but we are behind in our district work. Bridgewater stated that the Lateral 17 work has been moved out a year, so the upcoming winter can be focused on the main canal work.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-004 – 2022 BUDGET: The proposed budget was presented. The budget represents a 5% increase in incurred charges, needed to meet inflation and increasing costs to the District. Discussion. Frederickson moved to pass the budget as presented.. Mueller seconded. Motion passed.

INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING: The federal government has passed a funding bill for infrastructure and there is an opportunity to apply for funds to be used within the next year. The Board wondered about a cost share. Bridgewater had not seen any mention of cost share. But, using District crew/equipment would meet any cost share requirement. Due date for application is January 30. The Board agreed to put in the application as they could always change their mind later. Bridgewater will apply for canal repair and groundwater control funding, likely at Gattenbein corner.

WEED CONTROL: The Board is concerned about mowing the canal during the irrigation season. Even though the mowing is on the road or off-ditch side, the cut weeds and grass blow back into the canal and get caught on the irrigation screens. The Board would like to see more use of herbicides to control the weeds.

Lisa and Alan Svantonsky both have public pesticide licenses with aquatic and right-of-way endorsement. Three other employees (Ben, Adam, Tassie) have their apprentice license, which allows them to spray under supervision of the licensed applicators. Thus, although we would like more fully licensed applicators, we are okay for now.

Ben de los Santos, Field Supervisor, was contacted by telephone for discussion. The Board made it clear that they would like to change the current program to spraying now, especially on the canal side of the ditchroad, then continue spot spraying during the irrigation season.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chairperson Philippi adjourned the meeting at 12:15 pm.

Signed:

Bev Bridgewater, Secretary

Attest:

Dalarie Philippi, Chairperson