

MANAGER'S REPORT - JANUARY 2022

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

OPERATIONS: It has been a slow start-up after the holidays. Two employees came back on Jan. 6 and two more on Jan. 10. Alan's father-in-law lost his battle with Covid on the 14th, so he has been gone plus he now has Covid. Tassie's mother is quite ill and she is home, taking care of her. Ben, Don and Adam are working with one temp, Ben's daughter, Azpen.

Project – Parts arrived and two employees have been working that job. The mainline between Kunze and Wilson is ready to be installed, once the weather warms up to 40 degrees. Pump and accessories have been ordered.

Equipment – The International dump truck is still at Woodpecker for repair. The fly clutch was replaced and several leaks repaired. The crew welded the broken hub cap on the backhoe in place, still waiting for parts to arrive. They are lost in the Midwest. Mower was down, but is repaired now and ready to go.

O&M – Mowing will continue. Burning on the canal has started and cleaning will follow. The adults in custody (inmate) crew is currently on lockdown due to Covid. As soon as they are clear, we will get them on the laterals and canal. The canal has been inspected and work identified. It will need to be looked at again after this deep freeze and the weeds are burned. The initial review showed a small number of panels (50 – 60) to be replaced. Lots of patching work to be done.

PIPE CROSSING NEAR KURZ LANE: We approved this 42-inch pipe crossing for Westland Irrigation 5 years ago. They are transferring the project to Umatilla County. This is part of the Central irrigation project that JR Cook has been working on.

WINDWAVE CROSSINGS: Windwave has been trying to get Reclamation approval for two main canal crossings – Miller Road and Paterson Ferry. We worked with Windwave in December to update their crossing request and resend it with all maps in one request. Reclamation has started working on the approval and I anticipate it before the end of the month.

2022 BUDGET: The draft 2022 budget is in the Board packet. A cash flow report is included for the same period. I will bring a project year-end report to the Board meeting.