

MANAGER'S REPORT - JUNE 2023

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

OPERATIONS: The crew has been very busy with small projects, pump station maintenance, running water. We have started the herbicide applications and done some weed spraying. We have also started work on the lateral pipe off 15, from the valve on the Tobin property to the Broadbent property. We are seeing that we are moving forward, atarting to get lingering issue, repairs, maintenance and projects done.

Dan has been training on running the water (watermaster, we call it for the person that has that duty for the day). He has not been perfect, but is learning everyday. I think he is developing a good feel for the water.

Ben will be at the meeting for any operations questions.

BONNERS MEADOWS & SOUTHSORE PUMP STATIONS: We had to 1) replace the VFD on the Bonners Meadows pump. Apparently, the VFD installed by the developer was not designed for its application and it failed. The VFD at the Southshore pump has not been installed yet and we monitor that station frequently. We sent a letter to the landowners (copy enclosed). I am considering sending a like letter to other patrons that share a system. We have had several instances already this season where the lack of a good shut-off valve has caused a whole system to shut down for a few days. I feel this letter or something like this, may be informative to patrons, especially when they share a system. This happens in Irrigon in several places and off the main canal at Umatilla.

DISTRICT MAPS – LINES AND FACILITIES: Over the years, JUB has developed the District maps showing water rights and systems. The Irrigon pressure system and Boardman laterals were added years ago and the main canal was added with 3111. We have used County maps to locate the laterals. The location of the main canal has been revised and is now based on aerial photos tied to satellite images. With the addition of the I-pads for the crew and the pressure of development, it's time to step up what we have. Patrons want information about valve locations, easements. Ditchriders need help responding to emergencies. In talking to JUB, they have quite a bit of information already and they have kept up our maps, matching County records. While Emma is here, we plan to have her work with JUB getting data they need. This is an ongoing project and one we've budgeted in maps and in the canal study grant. I wondered if the Board has any ideas about what they would like to see. It is a multi-year project as we don't move quickly. However, I can see it is one that has huge benefits for us and keeps us moving forward.

CITY OF IRRIGON INTERACTION: Chet will be at the meeting to discuss his recent meeting with the City of Irrigon Manager. I would like the Board to discuss next steps of what I have characterized as unauthorized encroachment on our federal facilities.