

# WEST EXTENSION IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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## **Monthly Board Meeting**

Chairperson Philippi called the Board meeting to order on April 18, 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 and Bob Mueller; Board Secretary/Manager, Bev Bridgewater; Office Manager, Lisa Baum; Field Superintendent, Ben de los Santos; Guests, Jim Young, Marty Gardner, Mark Johnson. Director Vern Frederickson arrived at 9:30 a.m. Director Abe McNamee was not able to attend the meeting.

**AGENDA:** Two items were added to the agenda – Flood crops and NRCS update. Mueller moved to approve the agenda with the additions. Kemper seconded. Motion passed. **INTRODUCTIONS WERE MADE.**

### MONTHLY BUSINESS

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

**BILLS PAYABLE:** After review, Mueller moved to approve the March accounts payable list in the amount of \$119,291.05. Kemper seconded. Motion passed.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** The financial reports for the period ending February 28, 2019 were presented and reviewed.

### REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

**OPERATIONS:** Ben reported that start-up went fairly smooth, although the pressurized system took more time than usual due to leaks on the system. Mostly, these were landowner problems likely due to the extended cold winter.

**LATERAL 9 PROJECT:** We are still a couple of weeks out from starting up the upgraded Hamilton pump station that will have a VFD and will include the folks off east Eastregaard Lane that were formerly on Lateral 9. We are waiting for the electrical work to get done. A letter will be sent to all the landowners. We are still waiting for the BOR to give us a “notice to proceed” to dig up the Lateral 9 concrete and bury the pipe as they are waiting on agreement with CTUIR. We understand the notice can come “any day”.

**WEED CONTROL:** The main canal has been sprayed on the roadside and several backside areas. Portions of laterals 24, 31, 15, 17 have been sprayed. Other areas still need to be sprayed. Philippi asked about Lateral 24 along Wilson Road. Ben confirmed that neither this area nor the area of Lateral 15 along Wilson Road have been sprayed yet and will need hand spraying.

**OFFICE MANAGER:** Lisa gave a report on collection actions. The Martinez property (5N2723B tax lot 901) has come out of bankruptcy and we are starting foreclosure proceedings. The County will also be starting foreclosure soon. The Board directed that we discuss this with our attorney and follow his advice on whether to pay the county taxes in order to protect our interest in the property.

**RESOLUTION NO 19-008 – ORDER OF FORECLOSURE:** Mueller moved to adopt Resolution No. 19-008 which orders two properties to go to collections proceedings, which includes foreclosure. Kemper seconded. Motion passed.

## FLOOR BUSINESS

**3D IDAPRO SOLUTIONS:** Marty Gardner and Mark Johnson were in attendance to discuss the needs of 3D Idapro Solutions. They are looking for a place to put their process wastewater and are interested in the WEID canal. It would be hauled in by tank trucks – approximately 50,000 – 75,000 gallons per day. Discussion. Key points:

Would be delivered daytime hours.

DEQ would need to issue a permit

Would additional filtration be needed due to suspended solids?

How would the project benefit our patrons?

We would need to see the results of a chemical test

There would need to be a containment large enough for 12 hours of waste

They would be interested in a future regional storage reservoir

The Board appointed Vern Frederickson as its liaison for this project. Gardner and Johnson left the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

**CONVEYOR & RUBBER RESOURCES:** Jim Young discussed the liner material the District has put into its canal at Coyote Springs and answered some questions from the Board. He stated the project has proven to be heat and weather resistant for 30 years and counting. The ductility is the key as it is able to mold to its environment. He went through the installation process. Key statements:

Brittle: Failure point would be brittleness with age.

Burning: Grass fire on banks will not affect, but burning weeds in canal could melt the liner.

Cleaning: He recommends we use the material as a “glove” over our cleaning bucket. Other districts have not had problems with cleaning.

Jim left the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

## REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE (cont)

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

**NRCS FUNDING:** The first funding cycle has passed and only one landowner applied for funds. The Browns off lateral 12 will get help with planning, nozzle sizes, irrigation system purchase and tree removal.

**RIVER MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTING:** Since Phase II, the accounting on the Umatilla River has meant less water for WEID. This is because flows that came down the river due to bypassed irrigation or return flows from the mid-river are now protected as fish flows. WRD has agreed that there is a specific area of concern now that the Dillon Ditch Co has moved their diversion upstream. We will meet with them in early May for discussion. In the meantime, our consultants continue working to specifically identify other injury. Discussion.

## DISTRICT BUSINESS

**WATER MARKETING:** The Board discussed various options for marketing water such as wastewater in detail. They compared costs to what our landowners pay and what others in the area pay. They realize this is an interruptible source. Frederickson moved to set a fee of \$40 per acre-foot for reuse or other marketed water. Kemper seconded. Motion passed.

Board directed Bridgewater to contact Douglas MacDougal, attorney, to let him know that once water comes into the District's canal from other sources, the District should have sole control of the water. Such water needs to benefit the patrons of the District by either supplementing the primary or obtaining funds to help our own conjunctive use costs via marketing the water.

Frederickson moved that revenue from water marketing will be used to offset the District pumping costs on the main canal. Mueller seconded. Motion passed.

**CROP SUGGESTIONS:** Mueller has been looking at alternatives for cropping in Boardman. Several seed crops may be of interest to those going from flood to sprinkler. He would like to see the District explore this more and had a handout of ideas. Discussion.

**DEQ CLEAN WATER PROGRAM APPLICATION:** Bridgewater stated that a program person will meet with her the end of the month to start discussion on a loan. The program needs to assist with clean water needs, so we'll have to find a way to meet that qualification.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into executive session at 11:40 a.m. in accordance with ORS 192.660 to discuss the lawsuit filed by a former prison inmate. The Board came out of Executive Session at 11:45 a.m.

## OTHER BUSINESS

No other District business.

## ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chairperson Philippi adjourned the meeting at 11:45 am.

Signed:

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Bev Bridgewater, Secretary

Attest:

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Dalarie Philippi, Chairperson