

WEST EXTENSION IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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Monthly Board Meeting

Chairperson Philippi called the Board meeting to order on February 22, 2024, 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, Bob Mueller, Abe McNamee and Von Studer; Board Secretary/Manager, Bev Bridgewater; Director Vern Frederickson was not able to attend.

AGENDA: Chairperson Philippi asked for additions to the agenda. Mueller moved to accept the agenda. McNamee seconded. Motion passed.

MONTHLY BUSINESS

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

BILLS PAYABLE: A list was not available for this board meeting..

FINANCIAL REPORT: Reports were not prepared for this board meeting.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

OPERATIONS: General discussion. McNamee brought up concerns about silt in the Relocation canal.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: No report.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

A written report was provided to the Board and is part of the meeting minutes. The board reviewed and discussed the report.

LEASED WATER: Bridgewater reported that two properties in Boardman have requested use of the leased water available for marketing. She will work with the landowners to identify the ground, how they will monitor delivery and area to be watered.

DISTRICT BUSINESS

POLICY REVIEW:

The Easement standards were reviewed. No changes were made.

The Land Development Policy was reviewed. Some housekeeping changes were recommended and an addition of 6-8-inch diameter pipe have a 30-foot easement. Fees were updated. The Board added language to the new delivery fee that would be for district labor and crew to install the valve. The cost of materials, including the valve and any excess labor (beyond normal installation) will be billed to the owner. McNamee moved to update the Policy with the changes as noted. Mueller seconded. Motion passed.

OSHA COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CONSULTATION REPORT: The consultation occurred on January 23 and included the shops and the pesticide storage area. Several things were noted:

- 1) A lack of coordination between the policies we have and the implementation of the policies. Operations isn't in tune with the office.
- 2) District has OSHA required policies and he would like them to be more specific as who has responsibility, names of positions the policy affects and specific instances where policy would be applicable. An example is the requirement for respirators. Our current policy is broad, but respirators are required, and he would like to have a specific procedure in place for that. Welding rules have changed, and we need to post those in the welding area.
- 3) Since we have a small crew, he would like all employees to be knowledgeable of all policies and procedures. He would like annual training on SDS.
- 4) There was one housekeeping comment, which the crew has remedied.
- 5) The remaining comments were about the Eye Wash station for herbicide applications and the railroad car. These were all deemed "serious" and need to be remedied.

Discussion took place about the railroad car, and where we could store herbicides and pesticides. No resolution.

PRIVATE BRIDGES OVER MAIN CANAL: The Board wants to be sure that folks know the District is not liable for any on the private bridges. Owners should understand they have that responsibility. Discussion.

OTHER BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 24-002: AUTHORIZATION FOR DISTRICT MEETINGS TO BE HELD OUTSIDE THE WEID BOUNDARIES. This resolution was postponed at the January Board meeting so it could be broadened for not only Board meetings, but other water user meetings. It is common to hold these at the Port of Morrow, the Boardman Fire Hall and other local places that are not within the District boundaries. A motion was made by McNamee to adopt the Resolution as presented. Studer seconded the motion. Discussion. This resolution remains in place until changed, so it won't need to be adopted each year. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chairperson Philippi adjourned the meeting at 11:10 am.

Signed:

Bev Bridgewater, Secretary

Attest:

Dalarie Philippi, Chairperson