

WEST EXTENSION IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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September 19, 2024

Monthly Board Meeting

Chairperson Philippi called the Board meeting to order on September 19, 2024, at 9:10 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, Von Studer, Bob Mueller, and Abe McNamee; Board Secretary/Manager, Bev Bridgewater; Administrative Services Manager, Lisa Baum. Guest was John “Jay” Marlow from Amazon Web Solutions (AWS).

Introductions were made.

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

FLOOR BUSINESS

Marlow stated that AWS is committed to returning more water to communities than the company uses by 2030, through a ‘water positive program.’ Practices such as water conservation, reuse of water and SCADA to manage the water are of interest to them and they would like to be partners, as possible.

Currently, the District gets industrial water from three AWS campuses through the City of Umatilla. They are looking at sending water directly to WEID upstream of Phase I and are working with DEQ for permitting. Discussion. Board gave approval for Bridgewater to sign NDA.

MONTHLY BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mueller moved to approve the minutes of the July Board meeting. McNamee seconded. The motion passed.

BILLS PAYABLE: The Board reviewed the bills payable report from July and August. McNamee moved to approve the bills payable list in the amount of \$131,076.50 for July and \$113,207.54 for August. Mueller seconded. Discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: The financial reports for the period ending August 31, 2024, were reviewed and discussed.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

SCADA: Baum gave an update on the SCADA system.

MANAGER'S' REPORT

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

VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT SURPLUS:

1) Pickup No. 2: This is the 2010 1-ton with the service box. The Board reviewed the repairs needed for the motor. After discussion, they directed staff to clean it up, put on the original bed and sell at auction. We will keep the utility box.

2) Old Ford Mower: Scrap the mower.

OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR: Two employees have applied for the Operation Supervisor position. Bridgewater and Studer conducted interviews. Discussion. Alan Svantonsky is the recommended employee to promote as Operations Supervisor. The position is a six-month trial period with evaluations at three and six months. The Board agreed to the promotion and the probation period.

DISTRICT BUSINESS

2023 AUDIT REPORT: The Audit Report was distributed to the Board members for their review. Action will be taken at the October meeting.

DIRECTOR TERMS AND ELECTION: Three positions are open and District election date (second Tuesday in November by statute) is coming up. Nominating petitions are due October 8, 2024. Positions are:

Division One: Two-year term.. Bob Mueller is current director.

Division Two: Three-year term. Abe McNamee is the current director

Division Four: Three-year term. Vern Frederickson is the current director

MOTION: Frederickson moved to hold the District election on Nov. 12, to start looking for judges and to do a mail-in election. Studer seconded. Motion passed.

BUDGET MEETING: The Board will meet as a Budget committee at the October 17 Board meeting. Lunch will be provided.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chairperson Philippi adjourned the meeting at 11:15 am.

Signed:

Bev Bridgewater, Secretary

Attest:

Dalarie Philippi, Chairperson