

WEST EXTENSION IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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Minutes - Special Board Meeting

July 11, 2022

A special meeting was called by the Board for the purpose of reviewing a letter from Westland Irrigation District.

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. at the District office located at 840 E. Hwy 730 in Irrigon. Those in attendance were: Board members, Dalarie Philippi, Vern Frederickson, and Abe McNamee. Board Secretary/Manager, Bev Bridgewater; Administrative Services Manager, Lisa Baum. Directors Bob Mueller and Whiteny Coffman were unable to attend.

FISH FACILITY CONTRACT: A letter dated July 8, 2022, from Westland Irrigation District was received in the office that day providing notice of intent to cancel the Joint Operating Agreement between the Districts for the operation and maintenance of the fish facilities on the Umatilla River. Westland carries the contract with BPA with WEID listed as a sub-contractor. It has been in place since 1997 and there is a termination clause, but also an arbitration clause.

Bridgewater explained that our workers, which we have one now, are assigned and work under Westland's supervision. The working environment of our employees has been hostile since the beginning. The previous Manager at WID somehow managed to keep the crews working. However, the overall environment and some personal issues have affected our employee such that he is not working at his best.

The Board wondered how much comes into our budget from the contract – about \$12,000 last year, dropping a bit this year. Is it worth the time we are spending on the project? We like having a presence on the river. It helps us keep in touch with what is going on.

After discussion, the Board directed that we contact the Manager at WID to let him know that we don't want to terminate. We will contact our attorney to see our options and put a letter together. We would like to keep the good relations and hope to negotiate an agreement.

BOARD MEETING: The Board changed its next meeting back to its original date of July 21. Bev will conference in.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Philippi adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Signed:

Beverly J. Bridgewater, Secretary

Attest:

Dalarie Philippi, Chairman