

## MANAGER'S REPORT - OCTOBER 2021

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

**OPERATIONS:** The crews have been shutting down the system and completing work orders. Five pumps were taken in for service. They are on a rotating schedule. Thus far, two (one 30 Hp and one 15 Hp) will need to be replaced.

Work orders are being completed as systems are shut down. Main canal shut-off is Oct. 27. Once we shutdown, there is work at the canal upstream from Division where varments have undermined the canal that will be done right away. Mowing and spraying along the canal will continue.

**BOARDMAN PIPING PROJECT:** The installation of pipe for Lateral 15 started back up October 18. A two-man crew will be installing the 6-inch and 4-inch pipe for the landowners north of Wilson Road and the ones along Olsen Road. Some new pipe needed to be ordered to accommodate Holmes change of delivery. All the pipe has arrived. Laying of the mainline pipe will begin mid-November.

We are waiting for specifications on the pump station so we can order the pump. The pump station will need to be installed winter of 2022, so not all the work can be done before the end of this fiscal year. The 2022 budget will reflect that work.

**IRRIGON PUMP STATION UPDATE:** We were not able to meet with Gary Weatherly, the District engineer, due to vacations. He is available this week, but not for the Board meeting. So, we are hoping for a meeting Friday, Oct. 22 at 9 am.

**TELEMETRY UPDATE:** Communication continues to be the problem. We have a hearing with the City of Irrigon Council about the variance needed for the 50-foot tower to be sited at our office.

**PARTITIONS/SUBDIVISIONS:** Partitions and subdivisions continue to take up a lot of office time as we do research and work on providing written notes to the planning agencies and the involved parties. Joe Taylor et al has filed for subdivision off Root Lane on the back side of the canal in Boardman. This involves a bridge crossing. Currently, Double TT LLC and Stiffler co-own the bridge. We will likely have the new subdivision be part of an LLC that owns 50% of the bridge. The canal ROW in the area is in question as Gary Neal developed Sunrise as north of the canal ROW and sold Double TT the land south of the canal. So, who is the underlying landowner of the north canal ROW? We will try to get this resolved.

There are two other partitions coming up – Hearn in Boardman dividing her 5 acres into 3 lots; Vandecar in Irrigon is partitioning his property. These are both under Morrow County. All lots have a federal right on them. The Crispin-Dunn folks have not come to the office yet despite two phone calls. They also have a federal right on their property. For the subdivision

off Division in Irrigon and the Anacapa, we are waiting for the owners to sign off the water rights before we take further action. Several others are outstanding. As I said, it is busy.

**WISE CONSTRUCTION:** Wise is doing some work for us. They are installing the Kroske irrigation line which will replace the line going through the Dollar General store. This work will be paid for by Dollar General. We have a drain valve in front of the Wayne Huwe property along Washington Street in Irrigon. It causes water issue to Huwes each year and is leaking now. We will have Wise extend that pipe to the Corps ground and install our drain there. Due to the City utilities in the area, Wise is the best choice to do this work. Wise will also finish up the gravel that we are trying to lay down along the main canal and Relocation canal.

**GRANTS:** The work for Lateral 12 is complete and the grant report has been filed. The annual report for the larger multiple-year grant that includes Laterals 15 and 17 is  $\frac{3}{4}$  complete. I will include reports on both of these in the grant financials for the board meeting. They are not in a format yet for the board.

**FINANCIALS:** I am working on the financial reports that the Board has requested. Lisa and I will put a booklet together so we can all refer to these and other discussion notes when needed. We will contact you as soon as it is ready.

**FARMERS CONSERVATION ALLIANCE:** No update. But, they are planning to be involved with the November meeting.