

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 14, 2023
64697 Cook Avenue
Bend, Oregon 97703**

BOARD: Ron Cochran, Martin Warbington, Steve Putnam, Carol Shull, Jack Farley
STAFF: Chris Schull, April Harris Spath
ATTORNEY: Attorney Reinecke
GUESTS: Bob Varco, Greg Mohnen, Andrew Green, Susie Hart, Todd Peplin

Chairman Cochran called the regular board meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. and appointed April Harris Spath scribe.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

At 10:04 a.m. the Board recessed the regular session and entered executive session per:

- ORS 192.660(2)(e): To conduct deliberations with persons you have designated to negotiate real property transactions.
- ORS 192.660(2)(f): To consider information or records that are exempt from disclosure by law, including written advice from your attorney.
- ORS 192.660(2)(h): To consult with your attorney regarding your legal rights and duties in regard to current litigation or litigation that is more likely than not to be filed.

RECONVENE

Following the executive session, the regular session was reconvened at 11:03 a.m.

APPROVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2023 BOARD MEETING

Director Putnam made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 2023 board meeting. Director Shull seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

WATER SUPPLY REPORT

Manager Schull reviewed the current water supply report and attached graph, which indicated that Crescent Lake was 7% full at ~6,200 AF. Tumalo Creek has not increased enough to do a stock run. Current weather predictions are for more rain than snow this winter.

GROUP 4 UPDATE

Contractor bids for Group 4 were received on October 17, 2023. The four contractors that submitted bids were Colf Construction LLC, Emery & Sons LLC, K&E Excavating Inc., and Taylor NW. All bids were reviewed and ranked on October 19, 2023 and the contract was awarded to K&E Excavating on October 26, 2023. The contractors and TID's field crew have begun digging trenches. Group 4 will be enclosing approximately 12.5 miles of open ditches.

GROUP FUNDING

Manager Schull is still working on securing funds for Group 6B, which will enclose the Columbia Southern canal from Hwy 20 to Connarn Rd. An application has also been submitted for a WaterSmart grant through the Bureau of Reclamation that would enclose the entire Couch lateral. This grant would not require any matching funds or conserved water orders.

STEIDL DAM UPDATE

The last two automated river gates are still on schedule to be installed this winter. Once these two gates are installed, all five river gates will be fully automated.

PECK'S MILKVETCH PLANT

The Oregon Department of Agriculture Native Plant Conservation Program reached out to TID by email and would like to discuss the threatened Peck's milkvetch plant that can be found in scattered populations around Tumalo, including around the Bull Flat area and Tumalo Reservoir.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Susie Hart recommended people take the time to keep up on what's happening in Tumalo and how residents could be affected. She referenced a Transportation plan, the Tumalo Community Plan, and the Deschutes County Comprehensive Plan

MOTION TO APPROVE NOVEMBER 2023 VOUCHER LIST

Vice Chair Warbington made a motion to approve the November 2023 voucher list. Director Putnam seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The date of the next Regular board meeting was set for December 12, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. A Special meeting will be held Monday, November 20, 2023 to certify the 2023 election for Division 2.

ADJOURN

Director Shull made a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:37 a.m. Director Putnam seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.