

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 8, 2022
64697 Cook Avenue
Bend, Oregon 97703

BOARD: Ron Cochran, Jack Farley, Steve Putnam, Carol Shull, Martin Warbington
STAFF: Chris Schull, April Harris Spath
GUESTS: Greg Mohnen, Todd Peplin, Bendt Broderson

Chairman Cochran called the regular board meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and appointed April Harris Spath scribe.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

At 10:01 a.m. the Board recessed the regular session and entered executive session per:

- 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 11:30 a.m.

APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2022 BOARD MEETING

Vice Chair Farley made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2022 board meeting. Director Putnam seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

WATER SUPPLY REPORT

Manager Schull reviewed the current water supply report and attached graphs, which indicated that Crescent Lake was down to 7,484-acre feet and 9% full. Snow pack levels were still below average and are continuing to decline. A request to the Governor of Oregon has been submitted to issue an executive order for all of Deschutes County under the provisions of ORS 536 as a direct result of current drought conditions. With the historic drought and lack of available water for the District, we are considering two options for the upcoming irrigation season once Tumalo Creek water runs out (usually at the end of June). We hope to have enough water to do a 7-day on, 7-day off rotation (as we did last year) for the month of July. This will only be for the month of July. By August, we will have to choose one of the two options listed in the survey that was included in the Spring newsletter that was just mailed. A link to complete the survey online will be sent out via text to those who have signed up for TID text alerts. The survey contains the two scenarios that the District has discussed as workable options for the upcoming season: 1) turn off the system in August when the amount of water does not allow for a 7-day on, 7-day off rotation like last year or 2) change the rotation schedule to a 7-day on and 14-day off rotation and run into September before shutting off. Starting the season later does not mean we are able to run water longer. The water we deliver in the beginning of the season comes from Tumalo Creek, which is a live flow and is fully dependent on the past year's snowpack. We do not currently have a reservoir that will hold storage water here in Tumalo so if we don't take the Tumalo Creek water when our certificates allow us to, it will just stay in-stream. Every year when Tumalo Creek snow melt runs out, we switch from Tumalo Creek water to storage water from Crescent Lake. Unfortunately, because of the relatively small drainage area around Crescent Lake, the lake is slow to fill and is mostly filled with spring runoff from the snowpack, which at this time is below average and the lake is not refilling as quickly as it has in past

years. This is the reason that we now have to resort to a rotation, because there is not enough water in the reservoir to deliver to all patrons for a full season.

STEIDL DAM UPDATE

Manager Schull stated that the new slides gates for Steidl Dam look great. They plan to have divers in the water next week to drill holes for the wiring so that they can complete the installation of the gates.

WATER TRANSFERS

The Board reviewed two proposed water transfers. N22.002 transfers 1.14 acres from Kingery to self and N22.003 transfers 1.4 acres from Dugan to self. Director Putnam made a motion approving both transfers. Director Warbington seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Todd Peplin, Programs Lead with the Deschutes Soil and Water Conservation District, discussed the Irrigation Water Management Workshop Series: Adapting to Drought Conditions. The series consists of three workshops combining classroom sessions with on-farm field application and focuses on improving your irrigation system and management skills in times of drought. More information on the workshop and the link to register can be found on TID's website.

MOTION TO APPROVE MARCH 2022 VOUCHER LIST

Director Putnam made a motion to approve the March 2022 voucher list. Director Warbington seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The date of the next board meeting was set for April 12, 2022.

ADJOURN

Director Putnam made a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:17 p.m. Director Shull seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.