

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 13, 2022
64697 Cook Avenue
Bend, Oregon 97703

BOARD: Ron Cochran, Jack Farley, Steve Putnam, Carol Shull, Martin Warbington
STAFF: Chris Schull, April Harris Spath
ATTORNEY: Mark Reinecke
GUESTS: Todd Peplin, David Arnold, Doug Stout, Marianne Walker, Nunzie Gould, Mary Wallis, Lauren Cramer, Kevin Crew

Chairman Cochran called the regular board meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and appointed April Harris Spath scribe.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

At 10:31 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 11:32 a.m.

APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 2022 BOARD MEETING

Director Putnam made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 2022 board meeting. Director Shull 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 7800-acre feet and was 9% full. Manager Schull stated we will have just enough water to finish the season. Once the lake goes below 7%, there won't be enough head pressure and the outflow would only be a trickle.

GROUP 6A

The Board reviewed a draft resolution adopting the Findings of Fact policy which permits TID to use an alternative solicitation process for the Columbia Southern Piping Project that was prepared by Kevin Crew of Black Rock Consulting. A final vote to adopt the resolution will be taken at the Local Public Contracting Board Meeting that will be held following the regular meeting.

GROUP 4

Funding has been secured for Group 4. Grant applications have been approved by the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Oregon Water Resources Department, and the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board. This project will use the remainder of the PL566 funds that the district had secured. Group 4 will be a continuation of the Allen lateral and will include piping the NW Branch, the Beasley lateral, and the Spaulding lateral.

2005 FORD F-450

The Board discussed the need to replace the 2005 Ford F-450 that Bob Varco had been using for the past 17 years. Manager Schull stated that it has been very expensive to maintain, and we no longer have a need for such a heavy-duty truck. The crane that was installed on the vehicle is no longer a necessity, as we have a backhoe and excavator that serve the same purpose. Director Putnam made a motion to declare the 2005 Ford F-450 surplus and authorized Manager Schull to purchase a replacement truck. Vice Chair Farley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

VOTE BY MAIL RESOLUTION

The Board of Directors' positions for Divisions 1 and 3 are up for election on November 8, 2022. Resolution 2022-01 was presented to the Board, which stated that the 2022 election for the Board of Directors shall be conducted by mail. All board members signed the resolution, and it was approved unanimously.

DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS

The Board was updated on the total amount of assessments outstanding and the number of patrons that were delinquent and not on a current payment plan. On September 1, District staff mailed letters to all the delinquent patrons, that were not on a payment plan. A total of 30 letters were mailed and out of those 30, 18 patrons had not responded. District staff will make one last attempt to reach these patrons by telephone before the next Board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Manager Schull addressed general questions that were asked about Group 6A and used a Google Earth map to show what portion of the Columbia Southern will be piped.

Doug Stout had concerns about his personal delivery. Manager Schull discussed the challenges of delivering water to Stout's property.

David Arnold made suggestions about how the TID website is updated. It was suggested that it be made clearer on the front page when something new is added. District staff took note of his suggestions and stated they will work on making improvements.

Nunzie Gould expressed her concerns that comments made to District staff are not being passed onto the Board. She put her concerns in writing and submitted them through email. All Board members were provided with a copy of her two emails, and they will also be attached to the minutes, per her request. The Board addressed the concerns listed in her emails and answered her questions to the best of their ability. Manager Schull stated that it will take some time to fully train our new staff because there is a lot for them to learn. Nunzie also suggested that the Board members' email addresses be added to the TID website.

Todd Peplin invited everyone to join the Deschutes Soil and Water Conservation District and OSU Extension Service for the final session of their IWM workshop series being held on October 6, 2022. As part of this workshop, they will hear from farmers from Arnold, Tumalo, and Central Oregon irrigation districts on how they are managing their irrigation water during the drought. They will receive tips on winterizing their irrigation system and find out about incentives that help improve irrigation systems.

Director Warbington stated that he attended SDAO's Board of Directors & Management Staff Training that was held in Redmond last month. He said there wasn't anything significantly new except for the updated legislation that requires all Oregon public entities, including special districts, make all public meetings accessible remotely.

WATER THEFT

Chairman Cochran asked Manager Schull what steps the District was taking to discourage patrons from disrupting flows during the rotation. Schull stated they have been giving out warnings as cases arise, per TID's current Water Theft Policy. They discussed revising the penalties listed in the policy to include higher fines. Director Putnam suggested we continue to start with a verbal and/or written warning on the 1st offense. And then upon 2nd offense enforce the penalties.

RETIREMENT PARTY

There will be a small retirement party here at the District office on September 28, 2022 to celebrate Bob Varco's 40+ years with TID. It will be an open house and refreshments will be provided from 11:00-4:00.

MOTION TO APPROVE SEPTEMBER 2022 VOUCHER LIST

Director Shull made a motion to approve the September 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 October 11, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

ADJOURN

Director Steve Putnam made a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:50 p.m. Vice Chair Farley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.