

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 8, 2021**  
**64697 Cook Avenue**  
**Bend, Oregon 97703**

BOARD: Ron Cochran, Jack Farley, Steve Putnam, Martin Warbington, Carol Shull

STAFF: Chris Schull, April Harris Spath

ATTORNEY: Mark Reinecke

GUESTS: Andrew Green, Greg Mohnen, Scott Maricle, Todd Peplin

Chairman Cochran called the regular board meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and appointed April Harris Spath scribe.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

At 10:02 a.m. the Board recessed the regular session and entered executive session per:

- ORS 192.660(2)(a) To consider the employment of an officer, employee, staff member or agent.
- 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 11:38 a.m.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF MAY 2021 BOARD MEETING**

Director Putnam made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 2021 board meeting. Director Shull seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**2020 FINANCIAL AUDIT**

The Board was provided with copies of the drafted 2020 financial audit. Richard Winkel of Winkel CPA joined the meeting via Microsoft Teams and reviewed with the Board the Independent Auditor's Report and the single audit report that is required when an organization spends over \$750K of Federal money in a single fiscal year. Winkel stated that there were no findings or weaknesses in compliance or internal controls in either report. The only significant variances in 2020 were related to the piping project. The Board was reminded of its role and responsibility in overseeing and regularly monitoring the district's financial reports. Director Putnam made a motion to accept the 2020 financial audit. Vice Chair Farley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. With the Board's approval, Winkel stated he will finalize the audit report and submit it to the Secretary of State.

**540 PROPOSAL**

John and Alex Eakin were introduced. They presented a proposal to the Board for the 540 acres, formerly known as the Cascade Mining Pit and recently rezoned to MUA-10. The Board reviewed the printout of the terms they offered. Director Warbington recommended the district get the property appraised and the rest of the Board agreed. Chairman Cochran informed the Eakins that the Board would get back to them as soon as we received the appraisal.

## **WATER SUPPLY REPORT**

Manager Schull reviewed the current water supply report and attached graphs, which indicated that Crescent Lake was 28% full. The snowpack levels for the entire Deschutes Basin were 47% of normal. Inflow into Crescent Lake continues to be low at just 26% of average and the lake has only gained approximately 2,000-acre feet from snow melt so far this year. The 7-day water on - 7-day water off rotation will begin when the snowmelt stops replenishing Tumalo Creek. At that point, we should be able to deliver close to 100% during the on weeks through the end of the season. Schull also stated that unless we have significantly more snow this winter, we will most likely have to go on rotation again next year.

## **HCP UPDATE**

To stay in compliance with the HCP - for the benefit of the Oregon spotted frog - we will start increasing the amount of water being released from Crescent Lake beginning the third week of June in order to meet the required flow of 50 cfs by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Manager Schull updated the Board on the DBBC board meeting that he attended. As part of the drought messaging strategy, the DBBC board asked if TID and its patrons would be willing to forego their water and leave it in the system for a higher and better use by larger farmers. Director Putnam stated that he feels it would be in the District's best interest to leave any unused water in Crescent Lake for future use.

## **VANDALIZED PIPE**

The Board discussed the cost of the repair that was completed by Taylor NW on the 330' section of newly installed pipe that was vandalized. Chairman Cochran made a motion to offer Taylor NW payment for 50% of the amount that it cost them to repair the damaged pipe. Vice Chair Farley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

## **STEIDL DAM GATES**

Manager Schull proposed that the District consider replacing the three main river gates on Steidl Dam this year. With current water levels at a record low, it would be more cost effective to replace these slide gates now. Each gate is estimated to cost approximately \$29k. It was recommended that Long Term funds be used to complete the project instead of using the Steidl Dam funds that are currently set aside for the maintenance. Director Putnam made a motion to proceed with replacing the three gates this year using long term funds. Director Warbington seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Warbington stated that, if needed, adjustments to the 2022 budget can be made at the budget meeting at the end of the year.

## **OTHER**

With Ken Rieck's retirement, Manager Schull suggested listing his vehicle, a 2007 GMC Yukon, as surplus. The Board discussed the District's needs and decided to keep it as an extra vehicle for the time being.

Manager Schull would like to hire a consultant to work on telemetry. Vice Chair Farley made a motion to proceed with hiring a consultant for telemetry maintenance and repairs. Director Warbington seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

## **MOTION TO APPROVE JUNE 2021 VOUCHER LIST**

Director Warbington made a motion to approve the June 2021 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 July 13, 2021.

**ADJOURN**

Director Putnam made a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:58 p.m. Vice Chair Farley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.