

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

BOARD: Ron Cochran, Martin Warbington, Jack Farley, Steve Putnam, Carol Shull
STAFF: Chris Schull, April Harris Spath
ATTORNEY: Mark Reinecke
GUESTS: Greg Mohnen, Nunzie Gould, Dave Arnold, Susan Hart, Todd Peplin, Patrice Spyrka, Bob Varco, Lauren Cramer, Mike Roscoe, Mary Wallis, Susan Strauss, Marianne Walker, Casey Roscoe, Bendt Broderson, Scott Maricle

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)(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.
- ORS 192.660(2)(e): To conduct deliberations with persons you have designated to negotiate real property transactions.

RECONVENE

Following the executive session, the regular session was reconvened at 11:05 a.m.

APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2023 BOARD MEETING

Director Putnam made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2023 board meeting. Vice Chair Warbington 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 9% full at ~8200 AF. He is still hoping we will have at least 18,000 AF by July. It all depends on the weather and it could be as late as the end of May before we see any snowmelt at Crescent.

GROUP 6A

Manager Schull updated the Board on the progress of construction. The contractor is still ahead of schedule and will be ready to begin testing the system this week.

GROUP 4

There was a previous concern that portions of the Group 4 project were not included on the original Carey Act easements map. Manager Schull stated he has solved the issue by obtaining title reports for the properties in question and discovered patents for the original easements that date back to the late 1800's.

STEIDL DAM

Steidl Dam maintenance is still going well. The concrete has been poured and the contractor has completed all the patching. After this season's maintenance, there are two more gates that need to be replaced and automated.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Patrons Nunzie Gould and Susan Strauss submitted written comments to the Board and requested they be included in the minutes regarding the District's participation in discussions concerning the County's proposal for Mule Deer Winter Range Combining Zone Amendments. Manager Schull and the Board answered the questions included in their comments. The Board also discussed concerns about the potential impact of the proposal on the value of the 540 acres owned by the District, formerly known as the Cascade Mining Pit, that was recently rezoned to MUA-10. Several patrons had general questions about the 540 acres and what the District's plans are for the property. While the property is available for sale, the Board indicated that no specific decisions have been made. Vice Chair Warbington expressed his thoughts on the importance of keeping the District's patrons informed of the issues impacting the District and stated that the Board has a fiduciary responsibility to protect the District's assets. Nunzie encouraged anyone with questions about the proposal to look at all the information that is available.

Casey Roscoe asked questions specifically about the mule deer population and what the baseline was that they started with. Manager Schull stated that would be a question for Oregon Fish & Wildlife, as they provided the County with the data that is being used for the proposal.

Mary Wallace asked about Thornburg Resort and the controversy over where the resort will get its water rights. Manager Schull stated that TID's water right certificates are for surface water while Thornburg is applying for ground water rights, not managed by TID.

MOTION TO APPROVE MARCH 2023 VOUCHER LIST

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

NEXT MEETING DATE

The date of the next board meeting was set for April 11, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURN

Director Putnam made a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:27 p.m. Director Shull seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.