

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 11, 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: Scott Maricle, Greg Mohnen, Gail Gregson, Todd Peplin, Patrice Spyрка, Bob Varco

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 11:33 a.m.

APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 2022 BOARD MEETING

Director Shull made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 2022 board meeting. Vice Chair Farley 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 8% full and 11 cfs was continuing to be released from Crescent Lake to support the Oregon spotted frog and instream water rights.

GROUP 6A

There were 9 companies that attended the pre-bid meeting last month. Proposals were submitted by K&E Excavating, Inc. and Taylor NW. The contract was awarded to K&E Excavating on September 15, 2022. Manager Schull attended the preconstruction meeting on October 4, 2022. He stated that boots were on the ground and K&E was setting up their staging areas and moving equipment in. Trenching will begin soon and the first stick of pipe is scheduled to be delivered November 2, 2022. Schull expects pipe to be in the ground by February 2023.

GROUP 4

Funding has been secured for Group 4. Grant applications have been approved by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD), and the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB). The NRCS grant agreement was signed in 2020. Both the OWRD and OWEB grant agreements should be signed by the end of this month.

STEIDL DAM

JAL Construction is scheduled to begin the next phase of Steidl Dam Maintenance.

DISTRICT WATER BANK PILOT PROGRAM

The Board reviewed a drafted Forbearance Agreement for the District Water Bank Pilot Program that would be signed by irrigation districts in the Deschutes Basin. Manager Schull reviewed the agreement with Attorney Reinecke and the Board discussed the pros and cons of signing the agreement and how it could affect TID. Edits to the agreement were suggested and Chairman Cochran suggested revisiting the discussion next month after the suggested changes were made and reviewed.

2022 ELECTION

Director Carol Shull was re-elected as director of Division 3 by reason of sole nominating petition. An election was declared for Director of Division 1 for the three-year term beginning January 2023 and ending January 2026. Steve Putnam and Scott Maricle turned in nominating petitions for the election to be held on November 8, 2022. Mail in ballots and other pertinent information regarding the election will be sent out to all registered voters in Division 1. Director Warbington made a motion allowing scribe Harris-Spath to take nominations and appoint three election judges for the election being held on November 8, 2022. Vice Chair Farley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS

At the previous meeting the Board was updated on the number of patrons that were delinquent and did not respond to the office staff's first attempt to reach them concerning the status of their accounts. Office staff made two more attempts to reach these patrons following the board meeting. Out of those 18 patrons, 11 of them paid their account in full, 3 of them set up payments plans, and 4 of them did not respond. One of the 4 patrons that did not respond has a current lien already filed and it will remain in place until their balance has been paid in full. The Board directed Attorney Reinecke to send a letter of intent to lien to the other 3 patrons.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Varco suggested that the Board and TID management consider the idea of moving TID's 2nd Street shop to the "Gerking Market Pit". With the growth in downtown Tumalo and the increase in traffic on Cook Avenue, it has become difficult to move TID's equipment. The property off Gerking Market Road would allow plenty of room to store the equipment and if a large enough building could be constructed TID could perform more maintenance on equipment.

Todd Peplin talked about the final session of their IWM workshop series that was held on October 6, 2022. He stated that it went well, and they hope to continue holding events to help educate irrigators.

OWRC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Oregon Water Resource Congress' annual conference will once again be held in Hood River, Oregon this year. The dates of the conference have been scheduled for November 28-30, 2022.

BUDGET MEETING

A special board meeting was scheduled for November 8, 2022, following the regular board meeting, to review and discuss the 2023 budget.

MOTION TO APPROVE OCTOBER 2022 VOUCHER LIST

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

NEXT MEETING DATE

The date of the next board meeting was set for November 8, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

ADJOURN

Director Warbington made a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:28 p.m. Vice Chair Farley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.