

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 12, 2023
64697 Cook Avenue
Bend, Oregon 97703**

BOARD: Ron Cochran, Martin Warbington, Steve Putnam, Carol Shull, Jack Farley
STAFF: Chris Schull, April Harris Spath
ATTORNEY: Attorney Reinecke
GUESTS: Bob Varco, Robert Schultz, Taffee Hoffee, Todd Peplin, Doug Stout, Patrice Spyrka,
Marianne Walker, Mary Wallis

Chairman Cochran called the regular board meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and appointed April Harris Spath scribe.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

At 10:05 a.m. the Board recessed the regular session and entered executive session per:

- ORS 192.660(2)(e): To conduct deliberations with persons you have designated to negotiate real property transactions.
- 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 11:15 a.m.

APPROVE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 2023 BOARD MEETINGS

Director Shull made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 2023 board meetings. Director Putnam 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 10% full at ~8,700 AF. A stock run was started this week - December 11-15, 2023. This excluded any laterals associated with the current piping project: Allen, West Branch, Beasley, and Spaulding. We will send out a notice by email and text when we know the dates of the next stock run.

GROUP 4 UPDATE

Construction is moving along as expected. The contractor brought in two additional crews to help keep the project on schedule. There are now five total crews working in five different areas.

OWRC CONFERENCE

Manager Schull and Director Jack Farley attended the OWRC Annual Conference in Hood River this year. Schull stated that overall, the conference covered some good information. The state water supply outlook report however was bleak, as expected.

2024 ANNUAL BUDGET

The Board reviewed the final draft of the annual budget. Vice Chair Warbington made a motion to approve the 2024 Annual Budget as discussed at the November 12, 2023 special meeting. Director Shull seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Todd Peplin asked about the annual patron meeting that was discussed at the October 10, 2023 board meeting. Peplin had offered to help find speakers who could attend and answer questions about water management. Schull stated that the meeting would be held closer to the start of the next irrigation season and that he would reach out to Peplin when we got closer to setting a date for that meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE DECEMBER 2023 VOUCHER LIST

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

NEXT MEETING DATE

The date of the next Regular board meeting was set for January 9, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURN

Director Putnam made a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:45 a.m. Director Shull seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.