

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 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, Brooke Olsen
GUESTS: David Arnold, Baron Braatz, Dave Gobeille, Greg Mohnen, Doug Stout, Susan Hart, Ryan Fred, Bob Buddenbohn, Marianne Walker, Todd Peplin, Patrice Spyrka

Chairman Cochran called the regular board meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. and appointed April Harris Spath scribe.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

At 10:01 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 11:13 a.m.

APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 2023 BOARD MEETING

Director Schull made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 2023 board meeting. 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 9% full at ~7600 AF, and snowpack levels were below average. Schull stated that we need at least 18,000 AF by July in order to do a rotation like last year. April 10th was suggested as a proposed start date. This date is earlier than we normally start water but the decision was made in an effort to utilize snow melt from Tumalo Creek as soon as it is available. With this earlier start date, it should be made known that there will be some challenges with delivering water at a steady rate during the first few weeks due to the fluctuations that happen as the weather changes and patrons should expect stock run levels, not the full 70%.

GROUP 6A

Manager Schull updated the Board on the progress of construction, stating that the contractor is moving along and should be ready to begin testing the system as soon as the first week of March.

STEIDL DAM

Steidl Dam maintenance is still going well. The contractor is two weeks out from completing the concrete patching.

WATER THEFT POLICY

Last year, the penalties listed in TID's Water Theft Policy were revised to include higher fines. Manager Schull suggested reviewing those fines and possibly increasing them again to further discourage patrons from disrupting flows this year. The Board discussed the issue and Vice Chair Warbington made a motion to increase the fees as suggested. The first offense will still be just a warning. The second offense will include a fine of \$1,500. The third offense will include a fine of \$2,500. Director Shull seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2022 FINANCIAL AUDIT

The Board received a copy of the engagement letter for the 2022 financial audit that describes the scope and objectives of the audit. The letter was signed by Manager Schull and Chairman Cochran and gives Richard Winkel permission to begin the audit process for 2022.

District staff prepared a Request for Proposal and submitted it by email to local CPA firms that are licensed municipal auditors in the state of Oregon. Proposals were to be submitted by January 31, 2023. One response was received stating they were not interested. The only other response that was received was from our current auditor, Richard Winkel, and he submitted an updated fee schedule. Chairman Cochran asked office staff to find out more about the policy of changing auditors every 3-5 years and what to do if we don't receive enough proposals to do that.

OTHER

The Oregon Bicycle Racing Association would like to host their Thrilla Cyclocross Series on the 540, formerly known as the Cascade Mining Pit, this fall. The proposed dates are September 7, 14, 21, and 28. Manager Schull stated that he would get more information for the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Several comments were made by patrons Dave Gobeille, Doug Stout, Ryan Fred, Baron Braatz, David Arnold, Bob Buddenbohn, and Susan Hart. They expressed their concerns about the upcoming season and discussed the problems they had during the rotation last year. Manager Schull listened to their suggestions and answered questions about how the system works, the challenges with their specific deliveries, and the challenges we experience in general with open ditches. He stated that he hopes to see improvements this year with the completion of piping the Columbia Southern on the south side and with new ditch riders.

MOTION TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 2023 VOUCHER LIST

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

NEXT MEETING DATE

The date of the next board meeting was set for March 14, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURN

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