

WEST EXTENSION IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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May 19, 2014

Monthly Board Meeting

Chairperson Philippi called the meeting to order on April 21, 2014 at 10:10 a.m. at the Irrigon Fire Hall located at 705 N. Main St. in Irrigon. Those in attendance were: Board members, Dalarie Philippi, Vern Frederickson, Bob Mueller, Abe McNamee and Warren Kemper; Board Secretary/Manager, Bev Bridgewater; Operations Manager, Ray Akers. Employees, Lisa Baum and Walt Steagall attended the meeting from 11:00 – 11:25 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into executive session at 10:00 am to discuss Union negotiations. Executive session was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Chairman Philippi approved the agenda.

MONTHLY BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mueller moved to approve the minutes of the April 2014 Board meeting. Frederickson seconded. Motion passed.

BILLS PAYABLE: After review, Frederickson moved to approve the April accounts payable list for a total amount of \$154,888.52. Mueller seconded. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: The financial reports for the period ending April 30, 2014 were reviewed and discussed.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

OPERATIONS REPORT:

CONTRACTOR DEFAULT/IRRIGON PUMP STATION METER: As stated in the Manager's Report, Contractors Titan Pump LLC have defaulted on the job to install the new meter, vault and telemetry system at the Irrigon Pump Station. Discussion. The Board advised:

- 1) Pay the subcontractors – assure the meter is in new working condition
- 2) Have PGG check out the problems and repair
- 3) Complete the job once Titan has been defaulted
- 4) Turn in to the insurance company only if cost is too high; preferably cover the costs ourselves

ROAD MAINTENANCE – THREE MILE DAM: Ray is getting three bids for the road maintenance of the canal road from Powerline into Three Mile Dam. The work will be done in June.

EMPLOYEES: Lisa Baum and Walt Steagall were at the meeting, not representing the Union, but as employees of the District. They each made a statement about District wages and health insurance from their perspective as employees. Discussion ensued. They left the meeting after the discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (cont)

The Board went back into executive session at 11:25 am to discuss personnel issues and Union negotiations. Executive session was adjourned at Noon.

The Board announced that it would hold a special meeting on Thursday, May 20 at 10:00 am to discuss District health insurance. (This meeting was subsequently changed to Thursday, June 5)

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE (cont)

RESOLUTION NO. 14-010 - COLLECTIONS: Frederickson moved to adopt Resolution No. 14-010 which would send one delinquent account to the attorney for collection. McNamee seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

MANAGER'S' REPORT: A written report was provided and is attached to and a part of the minutes. The report was reviewed.

100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION THREE MILE DAM: Preparations for the celebration are complete. Chairman Philippi will not be able to attend. Vice Chairman, Vern Frederickson will speak on behalf of the District.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SDAO CHANGES-TRUST AGREEMENT: The Board reviewed the document sent to them by Special Districts Association of Oregon about the Special Districts Insurance Services (SDIS). WEID purchases its property, liability, workers compensation and health insurance through SDIS. The property and liability program and the workers' compensation programs are a self-insured program and

the District has seen rate stability as a result. Starting June 1, the employee benefit program for health, dental and vision will be a self-insured program. The goal is to stabilize rates for this program as well.

Also, changes will be made to the dues. Ten years ago, SDAO did away with membership dues and built them into the cost of their self-insured programs. New guidelines recommend they reinstate the dues structure. Dues of \$1979 will be billed to WEID in September. They will make this up to the participating Districts by:

- lowering property and liability coverage starting 2015 by 1%
- lowering average workers compensation by 1% (although WEID will see an increase in its modification factor due to injuries the last three years)
- developing a workers compensation longevity credit program
- continuing the property and liability longevity credit program and adding a dividend to those participants in 2015.

SDIS has created a new Trust Agreement, which necessitates the District signing a Joinder of Trust Agreement that will enter WEID into an intergovernmental agreement with SDIS under ORS Chapter 190. Frederickson moved to approved the SDIS Trust Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board of Directors. McNamee seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chairperson Philippi adjourned the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

Signed:

Bev Bridgewater, Secretary

Attest:

Dalarie Philippi, Board Chairperson