

WEST EXTENSION IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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Monthly Board Meeting

Chairperson Philippi called the meeting to order on June 16, 2014 at 9:00 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.

Herb Stahl and J.R. Cook were each scheduled to present to the Board. Neither could attend the meeting today.

AGENDA: Mueller moved to accept the agenda. Kemper seconded. Motion passed.

MONTHLY BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mueller moved to approve the minutes of the May 2014 Board meeting. McNamee seconded. Motion passed. Mueller moved to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on June 5, 2014. McNamee seconded. Motion passed.

BILLS PAYABLE: After review, Mueller moved to approve the May accounts payable list for a total amount of \$127,665.31. McNamee seconded. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: The financial reports for the period ending May 31, 2014 were reviewed.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

OPERATIONS REPORT:

CONTRACTOR DEFAULT/IRRIGON PUMP STATION METER: The project is being covered by WEID. We will be close to the bid cost in recovery, as Titan had paid the vendor for the concrete box. We are waiting for HD Fowler to inspect the meter, so that account remains in dispute.

AQUATIC TREATMENT MAIN CANAL: We used the herbicide Cascade with active ingredient endothall under a new Permit from DEQ. Ray is pleased with the

treatment. It was safer for the crew and continues to be working on the weeds. The cost of the treatment is relative to the amount of water in the canal and is the same as acrolien when there is about 100 cfs in the canal. The potential financial savings of using Cascade is that we would not need 4 – 5 treatments per season. We may be able to do as few as two with some spot treating of acrolien. We will need to continue using copper sulfate.

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

DISTRICT BUSINESS

WATER SUPPLY PLANNING: The Board reviewed and discussed issues on the updated WEID Water Issue Matrix. Discussion centered on four areas for potential water:

1. Irrigon Fish Hatchery water: Amount potentially available during the summer months (June – August) is 8 – 10 cfs. This would be able to be managed in our Irrigon system. Now that we have an amount, we can see if this is viable for use around Irrigon with the potential to free up some canal water.
2. HID/Maxwell Diversion: Discussion of working with Hermiston Irrigation District (HID) in a project that would free up the Maxwell water for WEID’s use. This would involve a study/model of the HID system to determine how much water is needed, then enlargening some of their existing deliveries from Cold Springs. The water right is for up to 35 cfs, and there is typically 12 – 15 cfs available summer months.
3. Storage in Cold Springs: The possibility exists for reuse water to be stored in Cold Springs, then sent to WEID. This would take enlargening the HID canal system (as above).
4. WEID Drainage water: The district will continue to look for viable places to pick up drainage water in WEID to put back into the canal.

HERMISTON IRRIGATION DISTRICT: Frederickson moved that a letter of intent be sent to Hermiston Irrigation District requesting to move forward with work needed to determine how Maxwell Diversion can be idled. All Board seconded. Motion passed. Bev will meet with Jeremy Bolen, their manager, to get next steps.

IRRIGON FIRE HALL: The property may be for sale in the next year or two. They plan to build a new fire hall and are securing funding. The Board agreed to explore options regarding purchase of the fire hall, if it becomes available at a reasonable cost.

NORTHEAST OREGON IRRIGATORS ASSOCIATION (NOWA): Discussion ensued regarding issues being handled in the Basin by JR Cook ED of the NOWA and its Directors. The WEID Board would like to talk to JR. They asked Bridgewater to see about minutes from the NOWA meeting and ask when there will be a membership meeting. She will see if JR can attend the next Board meeting.

FINANCING OPTIONS FOR IPS SCREEN: Postponed to future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chairperson Philippi adjourned the meeting at 11:15 p.m.

Signed:

Bev Bridgewater, Secretary

Attest:

Dalarie Philippi, Board Chairperson