

WEST EXTENSION IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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Monthly Board Meeting

Chairperson Philippi called the meeting to order on March 27, 2013 at 6:38 p.m. at the District office in Irrigon. Those in attendance were: Board members, Dalarie Philippi, Doug Strebin, Vern Frederickson and Max Hellberg; Manager/Secretary, Bev Bridgewater; Operations Manager, Ray Akers; Office Manager, Lisa Baum; Water users, Troy Potter, Alan Cleaver, and Tim Hellberg. Bill Cline was out of town and not able to attend.

AGENDA: Chairman approved the agenda as prepared.

UPS SCREENS: Alan Cleaver and Troy Potter were at the meeting to review the proposed design for screens at the Umatilla Pump Station (UPS). They are interested in being a part of the new screens, but on a pro-rated basis. This was discussed as well as on-going maintenance of any new screens. The board directed Bridgewater to work with Cleaver to develop a new agreement, as discussed. The new agreement would:

- Consider a 50/50 cost share of the new screens after grant funding is found. Anticipated that 50% of the construction cost will be paid by grant funds.
- Pro-rate on-going maintenance as a percentage of use.

MONTHLY BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the January 21 and March 13, 2013 Board meetings were reviewed. Hellberg moved to approve the minutes. Second by Strebin. Motion passed.

BILLS PAYABLE: After review, Frederickson moved to approve the January and February accounts payable lists for a total amount of \$\$261,955.62. Second by Strebin. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: The financial reports for the period ending February 28, 2013 were reviewed.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT POOL: Strebin moved to authorize Chairman Dalarie Philippi, Manager Bev Bridgewater and Office Manager, Lisa Baum to be signers on the LGIP account. Frederickson seconded. Motion passed.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

OPERATIONS MANAGER'S REPORT: Ray reported that the District crews have used 299.5 yards of concrete in the canal this winter - \$27,000. A lot of work has been done replacing the panels and some areas of floor. Most of the work was in upper part of the canal this year. The canal watered up this week and crews took water into Boardman today. Irrigon System will start April 2.

OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT: There are 11 properties up for foreclosure. Strebin moved to adopt Resolution No. 13-0004 that would authorize foreclosure proceedings to begin on the properties listed. Second by Frederickson. Motion passed.

TELEMETRY COMPUTER: The telemetry computer has quit working. Recommended replacement for the computer, software, installation and training on the upgraded system by Aqua Systems is \$13,524. We could save a few thousand, but it would cost in time and potential problems. Strebin moved to authorize the computer and software purchase as presented. Frederickson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

POLICY MANUAL: The policy manuals were distributed to the Board. Discussion took place about two policy manual changes.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-005 INVESTMENT POLICY: Strebin moved to approve Resolution No. 13-005 which will adopt an investment policy for the District. Hellberg seconded. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-006 WATER RIGHT TRANSFER POLICY: Strebin moved to approve Resolution No. 13-006 which will update the District's Water Right Transfer policy. Hellberg seconded the motion. Discussion – there was some housekeeping to do in order to be up to current practices. Also, we now can transfer water rights on the Irrigon system, so that change was made. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

UPS MOTORS & SCREEN UPDATES: The UPS motors are going in for service in April. One is being repaired due to vandalism last summer. The other two are being checked out and new rodent protection screens will be installed on all three. Fish screen information for the pumps was discussed earlier in the meeting. Bev reviewed costs of pumping and wanted to be sure the Board wants to use the UPS this year. They want to stick with the plan to use one or two pumps.

MCKAY RETURN FLOW CERTIFICATE: We have started work developing information to support the amount of water that we might expect from a call on the Mckay return flows. The 60-day time period for someone to request a review or reconsideration of the certificate will end on April 15. Whether there is a filing or not, we want to be ready to start the protocol discussion for regulation on that date.

NEW BUSINESS

WELL IRRIGATORS/WATER TRUST: Bev explained that the well users are working with JR Cook to purchase water from the Freshwater Water Trust that could be designated for use by WEID. The plan is for them to find 1500 acre-feet of water to replace what they are taking (amount of 900-1800 af was supplied by WRD). For 2013, 400 af has been identified. WEID would purchase it for approximately \$17/af this year with funds provided by the well users. So, they will provide \$24,000 to us in order for us to not make the call against them. We will use \$6800 of the funds to purchase the 400 af and have \$17,200 remaining to use for conjunctive water purchase from Phase I. There was discussion about this.

NW OREGON WATER ASSOCIATION: The Basin interests are close to forming the new entity that will replace both the Umatilla Water Commission and Coalition. WEID has already authorized \$5000 per year for five years to assist in this effort.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chairperson Philippi adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Beverly J. Bridgewater
Secretary to the Board of Directors