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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.

Chairman Philippi approved the agenda.

MONTHLY BUSINESS

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

BILLS PAYABLE: After review, Frederickson moved to approve the March accounts payable list for a total amount of $161,510.79. McNamee seconded.   Motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: The financial reports for the period ending March 2014 were reviewed. The Board would like account numbers on the sheet instead of line numbers so they are consistent from report to report and year to year. They discussed the use of District's attorneys, concerned about the budget. Bridgewater explained that the issue driving this is the development of a protocol for placing the call on the McKay water rights. We are currently preparing for a meeting with WRD. Discussion.

FY 2013:   The year-end financials for 2013 were reviewed.   Bridgewater recommended that three restricted accounts be funded: $8000 to equipment reserve, $5000 to conservation reserve and $5500 for the UPS screen engineering. Frederickson moved to make the transfers to restricted accounts, as recommended by the Manager. McNamee seconded the motion. Motion passed.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

OPERATIONS REPORT: Ray discussed the Irrigon system with the Board. The meter on the system at the river station is not reading properly and needs to be replaced. We recommend upgrading the meter to an ultra-sonic due to ease of repair. This will need a vault for proper installation and will connect to our telemetry system. McNamee moved to approve $10,000 for the purchase and installation of the new meter, taking the money from the conservation reserve account. Frederickson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

OFFICE REPORT: The Board reviewed a written update on the foreclosures.

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

CTUIR CORRESPONDENCE AND MODELING EFFORT: Written correspondence to CTUIR from the District was reviewed.

100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION THREE MILE DAM: The celebration will take place on the east bank of the Dam site. Planning for the celebration was reviewed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

UPS SCREEN: Discussion about the current plans. Elevation is a concern. Board agreed to set up an evening meeting with consultant Dave Nichols.

REVIEW OF CURRENT POLICIES REGARDING FENCING, EASEMENT ENCROACHMENT, DAMAGES: The Board had previously asked questions about District policies and procedures for errant landowners and encroachments. Bridgewater went over the policies affecting these issues and stated how the District deals with these issues. She appreciates that the Board wants everyone to be treated fairly as it is difficult at times to stay the course. The Board agreed that the policies and procedures in place are correct and want management to follow them.

NEW BUSINESS

SDAO CHANGES-TRUST AGREEMENT: The matter was postponed to the May meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into executive session at 11:30 a.m. to discuss Union and employee issues.   Executive session was closed at 12:05 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

Frederickson moved to petition to have the Office Manager excluded from the Union due to conflict of interest. McNamee seconded the motion. The board would like its consultant Mike Snyder to weigh in on this issue and its timing. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chairperson Philippi adjourned the meeting at 11:55 p.m.

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