

WEST EXTENSION IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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Monthly Board Meeting

Chairperson Philippi called the meeting to order on June 20, 2013 at 6:35 p.m. at the District office in Irrigon. Those in attendance were: Board members, Dalarie Philippi, Max Hellberg, Doug Strebin and Vern Frederickson; Manager/Secretary, Bev Bridgewater; Water User, Tim Hellberg.

AGENDA: Hellberg moved to approve the agenda. Frederickson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

MONTHLY BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the May 2013 Board meeting were reviewed and discussed. The attendance record was corrected. Chairman Philippi approved the minutes as corrected.

BILLS PAYABLE: After review and discussion, Frederickson moved to approve the accounts payable list for a total amount of \$134,525.66. Second by Hellberg. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: The financial statements for the month ending May 31, 2013 were included in the Board packet.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

OPERATIONS MANAGER: Ray was not at the meeting. Bev gave an update on the UPS Station (see Unfinished business below).

OFFICE MANAGER'S COLLECTION REPORT: Information about the Gary Moe properties (four) were distributed to the Board. He has been in front of the directors a few years ago asking for a stay of foreclosure proceedings. He promised to make monthly payments of \$300. Those payments have not been kept. Staff wrote a letter to him in 2012 and 2013 reminding him of the payment plan. The Board directed staff to proceed with lien filings and foreclosure, giving him five days to come in to pay the past due on his bill. Water delivery should be cut off immediately if it hasn't already been done. Hellberg suggested we see if Moe wants to transfer off any portion of his water rights to help with his bill.

PERS: We have received notice of the new rates for PERS. The list was distributed to the Board.

| | Current Rate | Proposed Rate July 1 2013 | Actual Rate July 1, 2013 |
|-------------|---------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| PERS Tier 2 | .0934 / \$100 | .1506 / \$100 | .1066 / \$100 |
| OPSRP | .0534 / \$100 | .1081 / \$100 | .0641 / \$100 |

The difference between the actual and projected is \$5590 for the last six months of the budget year.

HEALTH INSURANCE DISCUSSION: After the employees changed their deductible on the health insurance, they are paying about \$36.00 a month out-of-pocket. They had been paying about \$12 before this. The board discussed OBAMACARE and their concerns about the costs.

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.

McKAY WATER LIMITED LICENSE: The Limited License for the use of McKay water has been received. The cost of this private user water that is dedicated instream to a point just above Three Mile Dam will be paid by the well users that WEID has identified for shut-off in a 1909 call of one-mile of the river. However, since they have already paid us this year, we will pay the fees for the approximately 400 acre-feet that we will receive.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

UPS UPDATE: District crews are putting a new roof on the building. It will be approximately \$1000 and Bridgewater proposed taking this from the building fund. The motors have been returned and are being installed. H&N is having trouble with fitting the new drive clutch assembly over the existing pump shafts. Doug asked some questions and Bev will call him tomorrow with answers. The screen design work is moving along.

WID REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION: The 60-day period for the State to reconsider the issuance of Certificate 87872 for WEID’s McKay Permit No. 7400 has passed with no action by the WRD. Reclamation and WEID worked on an agreement that was presented to WID prior to the deadline. They have not responded to the letter of agreement, although they have indicated they will work on it.

BOUNDARY CHANGE: All wording for the letter authorizing the boundary change has been agreed upon. We anticipate having the letter for signature at the July Board meeting.

CTUIR SETTLEMENT: The Board asked how the settlement process is going. There have not been any large group settlement meetings since February. However the Tribes are working with HID and SID on their concerns. They are also meeting with the small ditch companies to see if an exchange can be made with them. There have been two technical meetings about the modeling. They plan to use Riverware modeling, but they still gathering information gathering and discussing the simple logistics of the project. Bridgewater stated that the Coalition (to be NOWA soon) plans on hiring GSI to represent the broad Basin interests in the modeling. Westland is paying them now, but they are in a potential conflict of interest with WEID when it goes much further. Bev and Douglas (attorney) have discussed this conflict with GSI. We believe we can support their representation of the larger Basin, however, and they are much suited to that.

HYRDROLOGIST: That leaves the need for WEID to hire its own hydrologist. It needs to be someone sharp and who has knowledge of Riverware. Strebin suggested John Koreny, who has worked for us before. There was discussion and the Board directed Bev to check his availability for such a project.

NEW BUSINESS

EMPLOYEE STANDARDS: The Board reviewed and discussed updates to the District Employment Standards. These will be incorporated into the District Employment policy once adopted by the Board. Frederickson moved to accept the Employment standards as presented. Strebin seconded. Bridgewater suggested that they be reviewed by Mike Snyder and the motion was amended to include that statement. Motion passed.

DIRECTOR RESIGNATION, DIVISION ONE: Bill Cline has verbally submitted his resignation as Director of Division One, effective immediately due to health reasons. The board accepted the resignation, commenting on Bill's four years of service to the board and their appreciation for his work.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chairperson Philippi adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

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