

WEST EXTENSION IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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July 18, 2013

Monthly Board Meeting

Chairperson Philippi called the meeting to order on July 18, 2013 at 4:25 p.m. at the District office in Irrigon. Those in attendance were: Board members, Dalarie Philippi, Doug Strebin and Vern Frederickson; Manager/Secretary, Bev Bridgewater; Director Hellberg was not able to attend.

AGENDA: Chairman Philippi approved the agenda as prepared.

MONTHLY BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the June 2013 Board meeting were reviewed and discussed. Frederickson moved to approve the minutes. Strebin seconded the motion. Discussion revealed that a date was incorrect, so Frederickson moved to amend the minutes to correct the date. Strebin seconded the amendment to the motion. Both the amendment and the main motion passed.

The December 2012 minutes were presented for review. One item of discussion, the 2012 Special Assessment, had been left out of the original minutes. Frederickson moved to approve the corrected minutes for December 2012. Strebin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: After review and discussion, Strebin moved to approve the accounts payable list for the month of June, total amount of \$162,086.80. Second by Frederickson. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: The financial statements for the month ending June 30, 2013 were reviewed.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

OFFICE MANAGER'S COLLECTION REPORT: A written report was provided to the Board, which they reviewed.

1. Moe Properties, RESOLUTION NO. 13-008 – Moe has defaulted on his payment arrangements and not responded to letters. Frederickson moved to adopt Resolution No, 13-008, which would send three properties owned by Gary Moe and/or Linda Long to foreclosure. Strebin seconded the motion. The properties are 5N2625C, tax lots 500, 903, 904. Motion passed.

2. Martinez Property – Discussion postponed.
3. Hartley property (5N2722 0804)– The Hartleys have paid \$500 down. They sent a letter outlining family medical issues they are facing. They would like payment arrangements of \$100 a month in lieu of foreclosure. They would also like to continue receiving water. Frederickson made a motion to accept payment arrangements for the Hartleys in lieu of foreclosure, due to their extreme medical circumstances. Strebin seconded. Discussion. The board would like \$162.50 per month, if possible so they can be paid off by the next irrigation season. Philippi amended the motion to waive interest charges for the account temporarily. Strebin seconded. Both the amendment and the motion passed.
4. Cunningham property (5N2713C 1200) – Their bank is foreclosing on the property and we are awaiting payment from the bank.
5. Vice property (5N2625A 1801) – Proceeding to foreclosure. Parties being served.

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-006, FEE SCHEDULE: Frederickson moved to adopt Resolution No. 13-006 which updated the District’s fee schedule. Strebin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

CTUIR WATER RIGHT SETTLEMENT MEETING REPORT: A large group meeting was held today in Pendleton. Bev provided her written notes from the meeting to the Board. Here are the main points from that meeting:

- CTUIR is working with four small ditch companies on an exchange as part of the settlement. They are Dillon, Allen, Pioneer and Courtney. This would provide 5000 – 7000 acre-feet of exchange water.
- CTUIR is working with private irrigators off the river and McKay.
- Cold Springs will not hold enough water for the expanded exchange.
- CTUIR is considering a new pumping station in the John Day pool.
- CTUIR has met with Water Resources Dept. regarding affected water rights.
- CTUIR wants to exchange Maxwell Diversion, which they believe will be 7200 acre-feet. They will meet with Hermiston Irrigation District for discussion.
- The project is now estimated to be \$200 million plus on-going O&M costs.

During the CTUIR meeting, Bev expressed WEID’s injury concerns about the extent of the impact this will have on the river and return flows. She also expressed that a groundwater model will be necessary to identify the impact. In a side conversation with Reclamation folks, they have the same concerns about the modeling and will likely need to do that part of it.

Bev reported that John Koreny is still with HDR, working out of Seattle, and is very interested in representing the District as the modeling effort moves forward.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 13-007, AUTHORIZING BOUNDARY CHANGE: Now that the Environmental Assessment is complete with a “Finding of No Significant Impact” or FONSI, Reclamation has sent a letter of agreement to accept the boundary change. Strebin moved to accept the letter authorizing the boundary change and authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign on behalf of the District. Frederickson seconded and the motion passed.

EMPLOYEE STANDARDS: Bridgewater stated that the recently adopted employee standards were reviewed by labor consultant Mike Snyder, who made some minor modifications and approved them.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chairperson Philippi adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

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