

# WEST EXTENSION IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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## **Monthly Board Meeting**

Chairperson Philippi called the meeting to order on July 21, 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, Abe McNamee and Warren Kemper; Board Secretary/Manager, Bev Bridgewater; Operations Manager, Ray Akers, Guest J.R. Cook from the Northeast Oregon Water Association (NOWA).

**AGENDA:** Chairman Philippi approved the agenda.

### MONTHLY BUSINESS

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** McNamee moved to approve the minutes of the June 2014 Board meeting. Kemper seconded. Motion passed.

**BILLS PAYABLE:** After review, McNamee moved to approve the June accounts payable list for a total amount of \$74,776.55. Kemper seconded. Motion passed.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** The financial reports were not available due to Lisa's foot injury and three weeks off work.

**NOWA REPORT:** J.R. Cook gave a report on the NOWA. The organizing Board was appointed by J.R. and has been meeting regularly. They are Craig Reeder, Gary Neal, Bob Levy, Luke Maynard, and Jake Madison. Their main focus has been trying to get 500 acre feet of water from the Columbia River. He reviewed the plans for this. As the NOWA membership is developed, there will likely be three regions – West, Central and East. He plans to have a membership meeting this fall where they will adopt the By-Laws and accept voting methods. J.R. answered questions.

**IPS SCREEN:** Herb Stahl reported on the progress of the new screens for the Columbia River Pump Station in Irrigon. The federal fisheries folks want an airblast system, thus raising the estimated cost to \$1.3 million. Approximately \$300,000 would be WEID's responsibility. He anticipated the permit to be issued around October 10. He will start fabricating in July. Stahls will plan for 30,000 gpm; WEID for 12,000. He is investigating the ownership of the station.

## REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

**OPERATIONS REPORT:** Ray discussed current operations.

**OFFICE MANAGER:** The Board reviewed the collections report.

**MANAGER'S' REPORT:** Bridgewater reported on her meeting with Hermiston ID relative to the Maxwell Canal. They are working on GPS software and mapping of their system. Once that is complete, we can run modeling scenarios to see how water can be delivered from Cold Springs to the Maxwell irrigators. The Hermiston Board is very clear that they will not invest any costs in this study but are open to assisting WEID if there is no harm to Hermiston ID.

## DISTRICT BUSINESS

**DEPARTMENT OF NAVY (Navy) REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY FIRE CONTROL WATER:** The Navy has requested permission to take water from the WEID Main Canal in Boardman for emergency firefighting on its property south of the canal. They have a 1000 gallon water truck and a 300 gallon water truck and would take water directly from the canal. This can be allowed under State law. McNamee moved to allow the Navy to take water on an emergency basis. Kemper seconded. Motion passed. Naval contact is Scott Steil – 360-969-9195.

**LAND SALE – 4N 25 Section 20** – The deed has been prepared for the sale of .30 acres lying north of and adjacent to the main canal in Boardman. This land has been left “untransferred” in land sales over the years as it was bisected by the main canal. The County determined it belonged to WEID last fall. Karl Smith has offered \$500 for the land and will pay legal and transfer fees. He owns the surrounding property and has been farming this land. McNamee moved to allow the sale to Karl Smith per the offer described. Kemper seconded. Motion passed. McNamee moved to authorize Chairman Philippi to sign the land sale contract on behalf of the District. Kemper seconded. Motion passed.

**UNION CONTRACT:** The Contract with AFSCME Union was presented and reviewed. McNamee moved to accept the contract. Kemper seconded the motion. Motion passed. McNamee moved to authorize Chairman Philippi to sign on behalf of the Board. Kemper seconded. Motion passed.

**AUGUST MEETING:** There will be no meeting in August unless an emergency arises.

Director Frederickson arrived at the meeting at 11:00 am.

**OPERATION MANAGER PAY INCREASE:** McNamee moved to authorize a 2% merit pay increase for Ray Akers. Kemper seconded. Increase will be effective January 1, 2014. Motion passed.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board went into Executive Session at 11:15 to discuss Union negotiations. Executive session was closed at 11:25 am.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

**MANAGER PAY INCREASE:** Frederickson moved to authorize a 2% merit pay increase for Bev Bridgewater for 2014. McNamee seconded. Motion passed.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Chairperson Philippi adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

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