

WEST EXTENSION IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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October 30, 2013

Monthly Board Meeting

Chairperson Philippi called the meeting to order on October 30, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at the District office in Irrigon. Those in attendance were: Board members, Dalarie Philippi, Max Hellberg and Vern Frederickson; Manager/Secretary, Bev Bridgewater; Operations Manager, Ray Akers; Water users, Tim Hellberg, Abe McNamee, Warren Prouty and Bob Mueller; Guest JR Cook. Director Doug Strebin was absent.

AGENDA: Chairman Philippi approved the agenda as prepared. Introductions were made.

DIVISION ONE DIRECTOR: Frederickson moved to appoint Bob Mueller as Division One Director. Hellberg seconded. Discussion – this will be until the January organizational meeting when he will take office due to the election. Motion passed.

OATH OF OFFICE: Director Bob Mueller took the Oath of Office as Director.

BANNER BANK SIGNATORS: Frederickson moved to authorize the Directors and Manager to sign on the accounts at Banner Bank with two signatures required. Office Manager, Lisa Baum, will be authorized to interact with Banner Bank to get information and make transfers to and from the accounts. Mueller seconded. Signers on the Banner Bank account will be Dalarie Philippi, Douglas W. Strebin, Max Hellberg, Vern V. Frederickson, Robert G. Mueller, and Beverly J. Bridgewater. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

INCLUSION HEARING: Chairperson Philippi opened the public hearing for Order Including Lands into the state boundaries of the West Extension Irrigation District at 6:35 pm. The following lands are contained in the order:

T4N, R25E, the N ½ of Section 13 lying east of the main canal and south of Highway 730.

T4N, R25E, the portion of Section 21 lying south of the main canal.

T5N, R26E, the portion of Section 34 lying south of Highway 730.

T5N, R26E, the NW ¼ portion of Section 35 lying south of Highway 730.

T5N, R26E, the NE ¼ of Section 35

T5N, R26E, the NW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 35.

T5N, R27E, Section 29

T5N, R27E, the 2 ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 21.

The Chair asked for testimony in support of the order of inclusion. Bridgewater stated that these inclusions bring the District's state boundaries in line with the federal boundaries, which were recently approved by Reclamation. There was no more testimony.

The Chair asked for testimony against the order of inclusion. There was none. Frederickson moved to approve the Order Including Lands in the District state boundaries. Motion passed. The public hearing was closed by Chairperson Philippi at 7:42 pm.

JR COOK – NORTHEAST OREGON WATER ASSOCIATION (NOWA): NOWA is a 501 (c) (6) organization recently formed in the Basin. It will combine the efforts of the Umatilla Water Coalition, the Oregon Water Coalition and the Eastern Irrigators Association. The group will have workgroups including legislative, technical, Columbia River, and communication. At this time, JR is asking for members. He expects the first membership meeting to be in January.

Frederickson moved to join the NOWA and pay \$2000 for the remainder of this year as a donation/membership fee. Hellberg seconded. The Board noted that there was \$5000 in the budget for the group, but since the calendar year is waning, the \$2000 seemed the right amount. They can revisit the issue during budget time for 2014. Motion passed.

MONTHLY BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the September 2013 Board meeting were reviewed and discussed. Bridgewater stated that she had omitted the motion about an OWEB and wanted to clarify discussion regarding shallow well pumping near the Relocation Canal as part of the well users' mitigation. Frederickson moved to approve the minutes with corrections as stated above. Hellberg seconded the motion. The motion passed.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: After review and discussion, Hellberg moved to approve the accounts payable list for the month of September, total amount of \$106,595.82. Second by Frederickson. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: The financial statements for the month ending September 30, 2013 were reviewed. The Board asked for a budget comparison to actual for the last five years, thus indicating which line items may be typically "over and under". This will be distributed for the next Board meeting.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

OPERATIONS MANAGER REPORT: Akers reported on water shutdown and fall canal cleaning and work.

LATERAL 78 PIPING REQUEST and FLOOD CONVERSION: Pat and Abe McNamee would like to convert from flood to sprinkler and would like Lateral 78 enclosed for water conservation purposes. Part of the conservation would be requiring the water users to go from flood to sprinkler. There are five water users on the lateral and 83.2 acres. Frederickson moved to continue with planning for enclosing Lateral 78 requiring irrigators to change to sprinkler irrigation and to authorize the project as long as McNamee's contribute 50% of the costs. Mueller seconded. Discussion, the District would replace the pipe from the main canal to the delivery box north of Depot Lane, about 1200 feet. The irrigators would need to take their delivery from that mainline. Motion passed.

CRAIG COLEMAN/STIFFLER LLC REQUEST TO CONVERT FROM FLOOD TO SPRINKLER AND CHANGE OF DELIVERY: Coleman has purchased 36 acres of land from Barclay (4N25150600) that currently receives water from Lateral 12. He would like to convert from flood to drip irrigation and would like to take the water from the pond to the Northwest of the property. That property is adjacent to the Barclay piece and receives water from Lateral 15. After preliminary review, Hellberg moved to approve the conversion from flood to sprinkler and to allow the change of diversion as long as there is no impact to other water users. Mueller seconded the motion. Motion passed.

BOB LEVY REQUEST TO REPLACE PIPELINE: Issue may be resolving itself and was tabled.

INSTREAM LEASE: Warren Prouty asked about instream leasing. The District does not have a policy for instream leasing. Prouty would like to discuss it further.

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

HENRY-SIMMONS REQUEST: The Simmons are behind in their irrigation bill and are facing foreclosure action. They have not responded to various notices this past year, although Bev and Lisa did contact them for options. Currently, they owe two years plus legal for \$2120. They are proposing to pay \$50 per month and \$500 in February 2014. They will allow their water rights to be leased by another party until the year their bill is current. Frederickson moved to approve the payment arrangements and to waive interest on the account for one year, as long as they stay current with their payment arrangements. If not, the interest will re-apply. Hellberg 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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DIRECTOR ELECTIONS: One candidate filed in each of the four Divisions by the closing date for petitions. They are:

- Division One – Robert Mueller – one year remaining on term
- Division Two – Abe McNamee – two years remaining on term
- Division Three – Warren Kemper – three-year term
- Division Five – Dalarie Philippi – three-year term

Frederickson moved to declare the candidates duly elected per ORS statutes. Hellberg seconded. Motion passed. Bridgewater stated that the certificates of election have been delivered and the terms will start at the organizational meeting, January 15, 2014.

AUDIT REPORT 2012: Hellberg moved to accept the 2012 audit report. Mueller seconded. Motion passed.

IPS SCREEN FUNDING INFORMATION: Bridgewater distributed a funding package from SDAO. It was reviewed with no action required at this time.

UPS SCREEN AND SITE REPORT: The Board reviewed and discussed the information presented on upgrading the UPS.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into executive session at 9:00 p.m. to discuss the legal issues. Executive session was closed at 9:20 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chairperson Philippi adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

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