

# WEST EXTENSION IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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November 16, 2015

## **Monthly Board Meeting**

Chairperson Philippi called the meeting to order on November 16, 2015 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, Bob Mueller Abe McNamee and Vern Frederickson; Board Secretary/Manager, Bev Bridgewater; Operations Manager, Ray Akers. Guests at the meeting were Ben Volk and Gary Weatherly with JUB Engineers. Director Warren Kemper was out of town and unable to attend.

**AGENDA:** Chairman Philippi noted that the agenda will be modified and include an executive session, following up from the Robbins lawsuit.

### **MONTHLY BUSINESS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Frederickson moved to approve the minutes of the October 2015 Board meeting. McNamee seconded. Motion passed.

**BILLS PAYABLE:** After review, Mueller moved to approve the October accounts payable list in the amount of \$122,551.03. McNamee seconded. Motion passed.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** The financial reports for the period ending October 31, 2015 have been received by the Board and available for their review. Management had no comments for the Board.

### **REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **OPERATIONS REPORT:**

**EMPLOYEE SITUATION:** In addition to Walt Steagall retiring at the end of December, new employee (and summer temporary employee), Neila Coffman, has taken another job. Cate Gomes will be working this winter, overseeing the lateral cleaning and the prison crew. Gary Kroske will work this winter on the excavator. We are looking for two more temps for winter work now and will start the process to hire two permanent employees.

**DUMP TRUCK:** We took the dump truck to Woodpecker Trucks for a DMV inspection. There was a little more work to do and it passed the inspection.

**IPS MANIFOLD & PENSTOCK:** Ray has dug up the penstock and discovered it is 26-inch steel pipe, not 30-inch as we had expected and modeled for the system. In order to allow some growth and flexibility on the system, the pipe needs to be 30-inch. Discussion with the Board and engineers. Agreement that we will upsize the pipe to 30-inch PVC.

**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.

### **DISTRICT BUSINESS**

**ROBBINS LAWSUIT:** The District lost the lawsuit brought against it by the Robbins in Boardman. WEID was found guilty of negligence (canal repair) and guilty of contributing to the flooding of the Robbins house, causing damage. Total award to Robbins was \$74,700. They had petitioned for \$150,000.

**WATER SMART GRANT:** Reclamation's Water Smart Grant program is accepting applications for the next grant cycle. It is much the same as last year. The Board discussed this program at length at the December 2014 meeting. They directed management to move ahead with the grant application.

**FEASIBILITY STUDY GRANT FOR STORAGE PROJECT:** Ben Volk is preparing the application for the feasibility study and reviewed the general concepts and ideas with the Board.

**BUDGET MEETING:** Budget meeting was postponed to the December meeting.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board went into executive session at 9:45 a.m. to discuss the Robbins lawsuit and its implications on the District. A field trip to Boardman was part of the executive session. Executive session was closed at 11:15 a.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Chairperson Philippi adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Signed:

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Bev Bridgewater, Secretary

Attest:

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Dalarie Philippi, Board Chairperson