

WEST EXTENSION IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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Organizational Meeting 2016

Monthly Board Meeting

Chairperson Philippi called meeting to order on January 26, 2016 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 Vern Frederickson Abe McNamee and Warren Kemper; Board Secretary/Manager, Bev Bridgewater.

ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

OATH OF OFFICE: The following newly elected director took his oath of office:

Division Two:	Abe McNamee	(three-year term)
Division Four:	Vern Frederickson	(three-year term)

OFFICER ELECTION: Philippi asked for nominations for officers of the Board. Frederickson nominated Dalarie Philippi to continue as Chairman and moved that a unanimous ballot be cast. Mueller seconded the nomination and the motion. A unanimous vote in favor of Philippi was cast and Dalarie Philippi was elected as Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Philippi asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Board. McNamee nominated Vern Frederickson and moved that a unanimous ballot be cast. Mueller seconded the nomination and the motion. A unanimous vote in favor of Frederickson was cast and Vern Frederickson was elected as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors.

As Manager, Bev Bridgewater continues as Secretary for the Board of Directors.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-001 - REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2016 and ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING FOR 2017: Mueller to adopt Resolution No. 16-001 which sets the monthly meetings for the District. Frederickson seconded the motion. The Board will meet on the third Mondays of each month at 9:00 am. Meetings will be held at the Irrigon Fire Hall. The Board will be flexible and may change dates and times from time to time if conflicts arise. The organization meeting for 2017 will be on Monday, January 23 at 9:00 am. Motion passed.

BANKING: Mueller moved to continue banking with Banner Bank of Oregon and Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP). McNamee seconded. Banking and authorizations will continue as they have the past 12 months. Motion passed.

BANKING SIGNATORS: There are no changes to the accounts, so no action was needed.

AGENDA: The agenda for the rest of the meeting was approved by Chair Philippi.

MONTHLY BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mueller moved to approve the minutes of the December 2015 Board meeting. Frederickson seconded. Motion passed.

BILLS PAYABLE: After review, Frederickson moved to approve the December accounts payable list in the amount of \$104,541.99. McNamee seconded. Motion passed.

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

RESERVE/RESTRICTED FUNDS: A motion was made by Frederickson and seconded by Mueller to approve the reserve and restricted funds from the 2015 operating year. This includes \$10,000 for legal reserve and \$80,000 for improvements to Lateral 7. Discussion. Motion passed.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

OPERATIONS REPORT:

COLEMAN PUMPING INTO CANAL: The Board had concerns and questions about Coleman's request for pumping drainage water off his property to the canal:

What is the project cost and benefit?

What is the annual operating cost and how much water is available?

Is the pump he had adequate to lift the water to the canal?

Who would pay the pumping?

Water testing?

Where would the water go when it isn't being pumped?

Matter was tabled for a future meeting.

SHOP: The Board discussed the District shop area, potential fencing, safety issues on the two shop sites, and building. They decided to have a focus on the shop issue, including field visit to the two sites, as part of the June or July Board meeting.

OPERATIONS MANAGER: Ray Akers, Operations Manager, is considering taking a new job with his Union. He is currently taking two-weeks PTO. Discussion.

CANAL & PROJECT WORK: There is a lot of work to do to be ready for water start-up. The excavator is still cleaning in Boardman. Pipe has been ordered for the two pipe projects – Irrigon pump station 30-inch mainline and the Rippee Road/Lateral 7 project. Discussion. The Board agreed to ask Steagall to help out, as long as we don't jeopardize his health. They directed Bridgewater to ask Wise Construction to start cleaning the canal at Three Mile Dam.

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.

YEAR-END WATER REPORTS: The year-end water reports were distributed to the Board and reviewed. Discussion.

DISTRICT BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 16-003 – Volunteer Coverage. Frederickson moved to accept Resolution No. 16-003, authorizing the District to provide volunteer coverage for those doing volunteer work for the District. Mueller seconded. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-004 – WaterSMART Grant. McNamee moved to accept Resolution No. 16-004, authorizing the District to apply to Oregon Water Resources Department for a storage feasibility study grant for up to \$40,000. Frederickson seconded. The District has funds in the 2016 budget and in reserve to match the grant. Discussion. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-002 – 2016 Budget. McNamee moved to accept Resolution No. 16-002 adopting the 2016 Budget. Frederickson seconded. Motion passed.

WESTLAND IRRIGATION DISTRICT REQUEST FOR CANAL CROSSING:

The WID has sent a letter of request to cross the WEID main canal upstream of Kurz Lane. This will be a 48-inch irrigation pipe crossing. Frederickson moved to approve the crossing and ask Reclamation to complete a crossing permit. McNamee seconded. Discussion. The Board would like to wait until the WID/BOR contract amendment for McKay mitigation water has been completed before signing the final permit. Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into executive session at 11:05 a.m. Attorney Bill Kuhn and engineer, Gary Weatherly joined the Board for executive session. Executive session was closed at 11:45 a.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

WINTER SOCIAL: The winter social for the local irrigation districts will be February 1. McNamee will call Bellinger to see about using their space. April Snell, Executive Director from Oregon Water Resources Congress, will be the guest.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chairperson Philippi adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Signed:

Bev Bridgewater, Secretary

Attest:

Dalarie Philippi, Board Chairperson