

WEST EXTENSION IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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February 18, 2016

Monthly Board Meeting

Chairperson Philippi called Board meeting to order on February 18, 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.

AGENDA: Chairman Philippi approved the agenda.

MONTHLY BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Frederickson moved to approve the minutes of the January 2016 Board meeting. McNamee seconded. Motion passed.

BILLS PAYABLE: After review, McNamee moved to approve the January accounts payable list in the amount of \$120,434.58 plus \$2323.95 from the project fund. Kemper seconded. Motion passed.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

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 with several directions given to the Manager.

DISTRICT BUSINESS

DISTRICT EMPLOYEES/CREW: Ray Aker's last day at the District was February 12. There are two field employees remaining. The District will start the search for a new position which will be a Field Superintendent. Bridgewater will write up a job description and distribute to the Board while she is advertising for the new position. Discussion. Direction was given to Bridgewater. This employee will receive health insurance benefits for the employee only. Superintendent pay will be salaried and range from \$52,000 to \$55,000 to start. This is a non-union position.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into executive session at 10:15 a.m. Gary Weatherly, engineer, and Bill Kuhn, Attorney, joined the executive session. Executive session was closed at 11:00 a.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

BRIDGEWATER PTO: Bridgewater is reaching the maximum hours allowed for Personal Leave Time (PTO) and has cancelled her plans for time off for the next few months in order to keep things moving. She requested permission to keep accruing PTO over the maximum and will take some time off during the summer. Frederickson moved to allow PTO to continue to accrue understanding that time will be taken off during the summer to get it under the maximum. Mueller seconded. Motion passed.

WRD LETTER: The Board reviewed a letter that would be sent to Water Resources Department asking them for response to previous letters and communications. Mueller made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the letter on behalf of the District. Frederickson seconded. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Signed:

Bev Bridgewater, Secretary

Attest:

Dalarie Philippi, Board Chairperson