

# WEST EXTENSION IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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## **Monthly Board Meeting**

Vice Chairperson Frederickson called the meeting to order on May 16, 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, Abe McNamee, Warren Kemper, Bob Mueller and Vern Frederickson; Board Secretary/Manager, Bev Bridgewater; visitor Judy Williams. Chairperson Dalarie Philippi was not able to attend.

**AGENDA:** Vice Chairman Frederickson approved the agenda as prepared.

**POMEROY REQUEST 5N2623C 100:** The Pomeroy property, located at 81550 SW 7<sup>th</sup> Street, has been turned over the attorney for collections and possible foreclosure. Judy Williams is representing the landowner in their request for payment arrangements in lieu of foreclosure. Discussion. Warren moved to accept the payment agreement in lieu of foreclosure. Abe seconded the motion. The landowner needs to understand that if a payment is missed, the foreclosure action will move forward. Motion passed. Discussion ensued regarding water delivery. The Board agreed that once 50% of the original outstanding amount is paid, they may begin taking water. If a payment is missed, the water will be shut off until the entire amount is paid with no recourse. Judy left at 9:15 am when the discussion was completed.

## **MONTHLY BUSINESS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** McNamee moved to approve the minutes of the April 2016 Board meeting. Kemper seconded. Motion passed.

**BILLS PAYABLE:** After review, Mueller moved to approve the April accounts payable list for the amounts of \$211,209.83 for the general account and \$16,963.15 for the capital account. Kemper seconded. Motion passed.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** The financial reports for the period ending April 30, 2016 were not ready. Bridgewater reported that she has received bills from Stahls for the Irrigon Pump Station project, but has not had a chance to review them. That project is likely going to be over-budget. She also reported that the Lateral 7 project has wound down. The board asked for financial reports of this project and the Lateral 7 project to be sent to them when they are ready.

## 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.

Richard French, new Field Superintendent arrived at the meeting. Discussion.

**SHUT-OFFS FOR NON-PAYMENT:** The Board reviewed the shut-off information for those who have payments left from 2015. A letter was sent, reminding folks of their past due and that they should pay or make payment arrangements by May 17. Discussion. The Board understood that, with a new crew, shutoffs will take some time. They directed that shut-offs be prioritized and issued over a few weeks until completed.

**WATER DELIVERY ISSUE:** Bridgewater reported a problem with the watermelon fields along the upper canal where they are taking up to 6 cfs of water daily for 3 – 8 hours. The landowner is pretty set on his start and stop time, which doesn't allow for the District to manage the water. In other words, to have it there by 7 am means turning the water in the night before. Shutting off in the evening can be managed, but if the water has to be there the next day, it will be left running. So 6 cfs would run 24 hours for it to be used 8 hours. Discussion. Direction was given to continue working on this problem with the landowner.

## DISTRICT BUSINESS

**EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS:** Bridgewater asked the Board to review the Health insurance standards, which allows for an employee to be paid an amount in lieu of taking the company provided health insurance, if they have other coverage. The current policy requires the employee to be with the District at least a year before this would take effect. The Board agreed that the one-year requirement should be removed from the policy. Kemper moved to eliminate the one-year period from the policy and to allow the reimbursement payment in an amount that does not exceed the cost of medical coverage to the District. McNamee seconded. In other words, there would be no cost to the District once all taxes and other benefits are paid. The Board agreed that some housekeeping on this section of the policy needs to be done for clarity. Motion passed.

## ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Vice Chairperson Frederickson adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Signed:

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Bev Bridgewater, Secretary

Attest:

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Vern Frederickson, Board Vice Chairperson