

# WEST EXTENSION IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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## **Monthly Board Meeting**

Chairperson Philippi called the meeting to order on June 20, 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, Abe McNamee, Warren Kemper, Bob Mueller and Vern Frederickson; Board Secretary/Manager, Bev Bridgewater.

**AGENDA:** Chairman Philippi approved the agenda as prepared.

### MONTHLY BUSINESS

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

**BILLS PAYABLE:** After review, Mueller moved to approve the May accounts payable list for the amounts of \$112,240.10. Frederickson seconded. Motion passed.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** The final 2015 financial reports were reviewed and discussed. The financial reports for the period ending April 30, 2016 were reviewed and discussed.

### 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.

Key points of discussion:

Bellinger Farms operations – they want to irrigate most fields between 7 am and 5 pm daily. With all fields ON, he uses 8.5 cfs. This is very difficult to manage in the canal without waste. Discussion – assure he is not taking too much water; talk to him again about moving his water around more so he can take it overnight. Abe offered to talk to Jack Bellinger, if necessary.

Easements and sprinklers on the canal road – work with the landowners to shut off their sprinklers. Let them know they will be billed for extra maintenance if they don't control their systems.

Flooding on Davenport/Gilbert/Krebs property in Boardman. Information was given to the Board about surface water run-off in County ditches, drainage and groundwater problems on the Davenport/Gilbert property in Boardman (68295 Kunze Lane). Bev has met with the landowners several times as well as County Commissioner Don Russell and Commissioner-elect Jim Doherty. Cameron Krebs, a farmer also affected has contacted two board members, Vern and Bob about tailwater coming onto his property. Discussion. Bev asserts this is a long-time drainage issue that has been affected by the County when they widened Kunze Lane and modified the drainage.

## **DISTRICT BUSINESS**

**LATERAL 7 POWER BILL:** The District received the first power bill for the Lateral 7 automated screen. It was \$540 for 57 days. Discussion. The Board agreed that our procedure does not allow for the District to pay power costs to provide clean water to the customers. The power bill will need to be billed back to the customers on the Lateral 7 system.

**LATERAL 7 PROJECT REPORT:** A preliminary project budget report was distributed to the Board and reviewed. Improvement funds from the 2015 and 2016 budgets will be used to pay the costs.

**IPS SCREEN & RETROFIT PROJECT:** A preliminary project budget report was distributed to the Board and reviewed. The District does not have enough funds from the bond proceeds to cover all the project costs. Bridgewater stated that she has questions on some of the invoices she received from Stahls. Once the numbers are solid, a payment plan will be decided. The Board discussed issues with the pumps (cavitation) and the meter. They asked about having IRZ strap a meter on the pipe to measure the water. Also, the final design specs should be verified.

**WESTLAND IRRIGATION CONTRACT REVIEW:** The amended contract between WID and the Bureau of Reclamation that would confirm 500 af of water from McKay Reservoir as mitigation for the WID boundary change was reviewed.

**CLASS A RECYCLED WATER:** There was no one from the public at the recent public comment meeting in Hermiston and no comments have been received by DEQ about the permit. The permit is on its way to being issued. Bev, working with Bill from the City of Hermiston, has prepared an informational document about the Class A recycled water. The board reviewed, made a few comments and approved the document.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into executive session at 11:25 a.m. to discuss correspondence from District's attorney regarding the District's NPDES permit and the Union employee contract. Executive session was closed at 11:35 a.m.

## OTHER BUSINESS

**UNION NEGOTIATIONS:** The Board directed Bev to contact Mike Snyder to represent the District in the upcoming Union contract negotiations.

## ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Vice Chairperson Frederickson adjourned the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

Signed:

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Bev Bridgewater, Secretary

Attest:

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Dalarie Philippi, Board Chairperson