

WEST EXTENSION IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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September 19, 2016

Monthly Board Meeting

Chairperson Philippi called the meeting to order on September 19, 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, Warren Kemper, Vern Frederickson, Abe McNamee and Bob Mueller; Board Secretary/Manager, Bev Bridgewater; Field Superintendent Richard French, and Guest Dave Payne.

AGENDA: The agenda was approved by Chairman Philippi.

MONTHLY BUSINESS

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

BILLS PAYABLE: After review, Frederickson moved to approve the July accounts payable list in the amount of \$133,230.26 and the August accounts payable list in the amount of \$103,081.93. Mueller seconded. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The financial reports for the period ending August 31, 2016 were reviewed and discussed. Legal costs were specifically discussed as they are higher than anticipated due to work on groundwater issues with Water Resources Department.

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.

CANAL CROSSINGS: Reclamation has completed draft crossing documents for the Port of Morrow (POM) and for Westland Irrigation District. Both entities plan to do their work in the off-season. The Board has already approved the crossings. So, once the documents are complete, they will be signed by the District.

SDAO BEST PRACTICES: The Board reviewed SDAO's requirements for Best Practices (insurance program). Focus this year is on Ethics. They received handouts about Ethics and the District will review and possible adopt an Ethics policy at the next Board meeting.

LATERAL 7 AND 11 PROJECT REVIEW: – The Board reviewed the final project expense report for Lateral 7 pipeline and the projected expense for the Lateral 11 project, both in Boardman.

DISTRICT BUSINESS

IPS SCREEN & RETROFIT PROJECT DISCUSSION: Dave Payne, consultant, was the meeting to discuss findings and observations about the Irrigon pumps. In a nutshell, the main problem seems to be that the pump shaft sits too low inside the pump can. The can length was changed onsite during construction by the contractor and our vendor was not notified. We plan to pull the pump after the season and have it shortened. Discussion.

The Board would like to formally notify IRZ (project engineers) of our problems and plans. We will work with Layne Pump on the repair. We will request funding support from IRZ to fix the problem.

DISTRICT SHOP: The issue of an updated shop area for the District was discussed. Bridgewater reported that she met with the City. City utilities (water and sewer) are at least five years away from the site we own east of 15th St (the five acre rock pit or “pit”). Richard would like to install one or two 40-foot containers at our current shop site in Irrigon. By cleaning up that site and using the containers, we can gain a lot of storage and work area - especially if he puts a roof between the containers. He can organize the pit area so we can better use it for storage of pipe and equipment. Discussion. The Board has previously approved funds to be used from the “SHOP RESERVE” for upgrade. They liked the plans and authorized Richard to move ahead.

TRUCK BED F350: The bed of the F350 has never been used and is at the shop site. The board agreed that it won't be needed and to sell it. We have several other items that we will put on Craigslist. Any money can be used to offset the cost of the shop renovation.

TOOL POLICY REVIEW: The Board received a copy of the District's tool policy. Bev would to take a closer look at this policy and perhaps at including a clothing allowance. Issue postponed until the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Signed:

Bev Bridgewater, Secretary

Attest:

Dalarie Philippi, Board Chairperson