

WEST EXTENSION IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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July 17, 2017

Monthly Board Meeting

Chairperson Philippi called Board meeting to order on July 17, 2017 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 and Bob Mueller; Board Secretary/Manager, Bev Bridgewater; Field Supervisor, Ben de los Santos; Bureau of Reclamation Acting Field Office Manager, Chet Sater. Directors Warren Kemper, Abe McNamee and Vern Frederickson were unable to attend.

AGENDA: Chairman Philippi approved the agenda, noting that business will not be conducted due to lack of quorum. Reports could be heard. Introductions were made.

MONTHLY BUSINESS

No business conducted due to lack of quorum.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

FIELD SUPERVISOR: Ben de los Santos has been promoted to Field Supervisor. This is a temporary appointment with review in early September.

LICENSING: Ben needs to get his pesticide license. Dalarie and Bob both felt that getting the license during the irrigation season is tough and thought it reasonable to have the license by December 1. He stated he would have his license by then and is working with employee Adam Tomkins who also needs a license. Ben Alan Svatonsky has his public applicators license with aquatic and right-of-way endorsement. Lisa Baum has the aquatic endorsement on her license. Frank Villegas just got his Class A CDL. Adam Tomkins and Ben Svatonsky both have their Class A CDL with Haz Mat endorsement (needed for transporting pesticides).

O&M REVIEW: Three project were reviewed:

- Outage on July 11 due to an emergency repair at HG 1. Outage started at 5 am and water was back on at 7 pm.
- Lateral 31 has some area where water is being lost. One is a delivery headgate that is deteriorated. Crew will replace the headgate and delivery pipe next week. Several parts of the dirt ditch are losing water., including weeds and areas where cattle are accessing the ditch. Discussion. Dalaire and Bob are both available to look at the ditch. (Follow-up that afternoon brought up plans to shore up one section of the ditch where it leaves the Poe

property, to spray the weeds in the ditch, and to work with Dohertys on the cattle issue.)

- Silt removal at the Three Mile Diversion Dam will be done within the next 30 days. Discussion.

CHET SATER REPORT: Sater reported on several issues of interest to the District:

- He is Acting Manager for now. A likely replacement for Boris (previous manager) from Denver will be “Acting” in August. Chet will fill in while the appointment is made. It is a lateral appointment in order for Reclamation to move quickly.
- City of Umatilla water permit is moving along.
- CTUIR water right settlement progressing. Expect a meeting in last August.

MANAGER’S’ REPORT: A written report was distributed to the directors and is attached to and a part of the minutes. Discussion.

IPS: No problems with pumps. IRZ costs for portable water meter is \$500 with crew to expose area where testing will occur. Bridgewater explained the problem. To get a good test would be to expose the pipe in two places.

DISTRICT BUSINESS

SEPTEMBER MEETING: The September meeting will be the 11th.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further reports, Chairperson Philippi adjourned the meeting at 10:00 am.

Signed:

Bev Bridgewater, Secretary

Attest:

Dalarie Philippi, Board Chairperson