

WEST EXTENSION IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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December 19, 2024

Monthly Board Meeting

Chairperson Philippi called the Board meeting to order on December 19, 2024, at 9:05 a.m. at the Columbia Improvement District meeting room located at 501 E. Columbia Ave. in Boardman. Those in attendance were: Board members, Dalarie Philippi, Vern Frederickson, Von Studer, Abe McNamee and Bob Mueller; Board Secretary/Manager, Bev Bridgewater; Guests, Jay Marlow (AWS), Abraham Wright (Tillamook), and Mike Sowa (Tillamook).

AGENDA: Chairperson Philippi asked for additions to the agenda. Mueller moved to accept the agenda as presented. McNamee seconded. Motion passed.

FLOOR BUSINESS

TILLAMOOK in Boardman discussed the possibility of using the WEID canal to lay a pipe that would carry processed water from their plant to a site off Tower Road. They are working to respond to DEQ concerns and new regulations. The use would be for the month of February 2025 only. Director Vern Frederickson declared a potential conflict of interest. Discussion. The board had no objection to a Tillamook proposal as long as its canal was protected and water able to start in early March. The Tillamook folks left after the discussion.

MONTHLY BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Frederickson moved to approve the minutes of the November Board meeting. Mueller seconded. The motion passed.

BILLS PAYABLE: The Board reviewed the bills payable report from November. Frederickson moved to approve the bills payable list. Mueller seconded. Discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: There were no financial reports as Lisa is off on medical leave.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

OPERATIONS REPORT: The Board reviewed the written portion of the Manger's report that discussed current operations.

EXCAVATOR PROPOSAL: The Board reviewed a proposal from PAPE for a new John Deere 165 excavator. The Board is still exploring options.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

GIS MAPPING & DATA MANAGEMENT: Stephen Wrecsics of Columbia Basin Analytics, LLC, arrived at the meeting at 10 AM. He discussed his GIS proposal with the Board. The discussion lasted 20 minutes and Stephen left when it was completed. The funds to start the project will be included in the 2025 budget.

MANAGER'S' REPORT

A written Manger's Report was provided to the Board and is part of the meeting minutes. The board reviewed and discussed the report.

LATERAL 17 PIPING PROJECT UPDATE: Estimated costs and time to complete the Lateral 17 project was distributed and discussed. The District will likely hire a supervisor and operator to complete the work. Additional labor may be needed. Discussion. Bridgewater stated we may need to apply for a grant through Water Resources Departement. Frederickson moved to authorize a grant application through Water Resources Department. Mueller seconded. Bridgewater stated she is not completely sure this is the right fit for us, but the authorization from the Board is needed for the application. She will also look for other funds. Motion passed. The District wants to start the jproject mid-October 2025.

SURPLUS PICKUPS: McNamee asked about the surplus pickups and equipment. The Board recommended we ask for sealed bids.

DISTRICT BUSINESS

2025 BUDGET: The 2025 budget was reviewed for the third time. Bridgewater recommended that, with not adding a 4th ditchrider due to costs, the District not purchase a new pickup in 2025. The board agreed and those funds were put into facility improvements for the storage building. Frederickson moved to accept the 2025 budget. Mueller seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The rates based on 2.5 % increase were reviewed. A resolution to set the rates will be at the January meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was called by Chairman Philippi in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (e) at 11:00 a.m. The executive session was concluded at 11:14 a.m.

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

Signed:

Bev Bridgewater, Secretary

Attest:

Dalarie Philippi, Chairperson