

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The monthly Board of Directors meeting was held Tuesday, May 10, 2016 in the District Office. Board members present were President Dean Edgar, Brent Bowen, Clifford Searle, Dan Darrington and Derek Larson. Also present were Manager John Lind, Attorney Paul Arrington, Secretary/Treasurer Lana Pincock. Guests attended for a portion of the meeting were Brian Higgs, Dean Stevenson, Mark Newcomb, Paul Duncan, and Arlo Maughn.

President Dean Edgar called the meeting to order and asked for a motion on the minutes, treasurer's reports and to pay invoices as presented. Dan Darrington made the motion to approve the minutes, treasurer's reports, and pay the invoices as presented. Derek Larson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday June 15, 2016 at 10:00 AM in the District Office.

Manager's Update:

- The system is 83% filled; up from 77% in April and 64% in March. Paper fill of the system is likely with equal odds of physical fill. 6,842 acre feet of natural flow was used in April. Above average temperature and moisture are expected.
- Maintenance and operations projects are on schedule.

Legal Update:

- The City of Blackfoot application will possibly be appealed to the Supreme Court. We should know by June.
- The Black Hawk and Iron Rim Subdivisions are arguing that they fall under the domestic exemption. The director suggested it may be time to reconsider subdivision requirements to include mitigation by subdivisions.
- The fourth Methodology Order hearing was stayed and rehearing requests made by A&B irrigation to understand how the Director calculated the 4,000 acre feet of injury to A&B.
- The Coalition of Cities are discussing long-term solutions.
- Rangen Call: Rangen lost its appeal to the Supreme Court regarding their mitigation plans.
- Committee of Nine updates and appointments.
- Transducers on all but 4 sentinel wells have been installed
- Willow Creek in the Ririe area has an application from Century Holdings LLC looking for 2,000 new acres to be irrigated. The protest period has passed. A comment period is in progress.

Old Business:

- Bronson Damage Claim: Scott Ganoe advised that the damage done to the trees is naturally taking care of itself. Damage claim tabled pending cost estimate from Scott Ganoe.
- Clegg Claim: Insurance adjusters report and information regarding level of insurance adjuster's investigation of the claim provided to the Board.
- Policy Updates: Brent Bowen made the motion to accept the Canal and Lateral Bridges and Crossing Policy draft with minor wording changes. The Inclusion/Exclusion Policy was tabled.

Applications:

- Vance Miller application to install a head gate and pump for his property at 850 East Hwy 77. Dan Darrington made the motion to approve the application with a structure agreement. Clifford Searle seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- Kevin Smyer and Lynn Taylor application to add 30' to an existing culvert to allow enough room for equipment to cross. Dan Darrington made the motion to approve the application with the provision that the pipe connect the two existing crossings.
- Jared Snarr application to install a pump at 320 south and a mainline to 20 West 300 South. Brent Bowen made the motion to approve the application. Derek Larson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Easement Encroachments:

- Melvin Jeppson moved his fence line at approximately 2538 Parke Ave. within BID's easement, inhibiting our maintenance operations. A letter and easement brochure will be sent informing him of easement statute and policies and requesting that he move the fence off of BID's easement.
- Livestock grazing/ canal bank damage: Livestock grazing near the canal banks has happened within the district for several years.
- SWC Canal Easement/Encroachment Public Outreach: Brent Bowen made the motion to approve expenditures from the trust fund held with Kent Fletcher's office to pay for public outreach activities including a patron letter template, an easement brochure, and a full page ad running twice in the Times News. Derek Larson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Magic Valley Ground Water District:

Brian Higgs and members of the Magic Valley Ground Water District (Dean Stevenson, Mark Newcomb, Paul Duncan, and Arlo Maughn) met with the Board to present 3 possible soft water conversion projects along the Gravity Canal. Dan Darrington made the motion to do a trial operation of soft conversion by MVGWD near the B&H location contingent upon the canal capacity and BID's ability to deliver and fill. Brent seconded the motion. Motion passed. John will research the gravity canal flow and capacity and inform Brian Higgs of the decision.

Methodist Church Pump:

Brent Bowen made the motion to send a letter the Methodist church regarding payment of the power bill for the use of their pump. Derek seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:40 pm

Respectfully Submitted by:
Lana Pincock
Secretary/Treasurer

President

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