

WESTLAND IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Monthly Board Meeting

December 18, 2018

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Westland Irrigation District Board of Directors was held Tuesday December 18, 2018 at the New Hope Community Church, 1350 S. Highway 395, Hermiston Oregon.

Board members present were Vice Chairman Jack Bellinger, Justin Terry, and Phil Sharkey. Westland staff present: General Manager Mike Wick; Office Manager Tami Sherer. Patrons in attendance were, David Prior, Maurice Ziemer, Art Prior, Dixie Echeverria, Vern Frederickson, Ray Vogt, Patricia Horn and Jim Kooch.

Vice Chairman Bellinger called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes for the November 20, 2018 regular meeting and December 12, 2018 Budget Meeting were presented for review with Director Sharkey making a motion to approve the minutes. Director Terry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIALS: On a motion by Director Terry and seconded by Director Sharkey, the November 2018 financial reports were approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Crew Activities: Meters being serviced; canal mowing; rip-rap being gathered for canal improvements; canal desilting continuing.
- Canal Operations & McKay Reservoir: McKay fish water releases ended in November. River Coordinator Paul Hendricks is training his replacement – Bobby Nuvolini – who was previously the assistant watermaster for the Milton-Freewater area; the ending McKay storage report may be delayed as a result.
- CTUIR Settlement: A meeting with representatives of the small ditch companies is being planned for January to discuss the tribal proposal and expected schedule of tribal meetings and work for the New Year.
- SDAO Grant: The grant application I submitted through the SDAO Safety & Security Grant program was approved. Westland will receive \$1,105.00 toward the purchase of a shop air exhaust/filter unit.
- Water Management & Conservation Plan (WMCP): The agreement between Westland and Black Rock Consulting for updating the WMCP has been executed.

- OWRC Annual Dues: The annual dues for Oregon Water Resources Congress have increased as indicated in the included letter from Executive Director April Snell.
- Christmas Break: The office will be closed during the last week of December and reopen on Wednesday, January 2. Jaime's Construction will be working on the office improvements during the time the office is closed.
- FPO Report: The Fish Passage Operations report for November is in the board packets.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Litigation: Nothing to report.
2. Farmers Conservation Alliance (FCA): Manager Wick met with the representatives from FCA and Energy Trust of Oregon during the Annual OWRC Conference. After giving them literature about the district and much discussion, Manager Wick told them the district is ready to execute an agreement. The FCA said they needed to have internal discussions and would be getting back to Manager Wick in the next 30 to 45 days.
3. Budget: The board passed the 2019 budget last meeting without passing the payroll portion. Director Bellinger asked if the board had any questions regarding the payroll portion. There being no questions, Director Sharkey made a motion to pass the 2019 budget with the payroll portion giving the employees a 3% raise. Director Terry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Pump Station Improvements: Manager Wick presented the board with quotes from Dexter Fortson Associates for adding telemetry to the F-1 and Cano pump stations. These are the only two stations that don't currently have telemetry. Director Terry asked if the telemetry will work with existing equipment the district uses. Manager Wick said it would be just like the telemetry the district is currently using from Dexter Fortson. Director Sharkey made a motion to make the needed improvements to the F-1 and Cano pump stations. Director Terry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
3. Organizational Meeting: The board discussed the Organizational Meeting and set the date for January 2, 2019 at 1:00 pm at the New Hope Community Church.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Director Bellinger opened the floor for public comment. - No comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:47 p.m.



Jack Bellinger, Vice Chairman

Tamara Sherer, Office Manager