WESTLAND IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Budget & Planning Meeting January 25, 2018

A Special Budget and Planning Meeting of the Westland Irrigation District Board of Directors was held Thursday, January 25, 2018 at the Stafford Hansell Government Center, Doherty Conference Room, 915 SE Columbia Drive in Hermiston, Oregon.

Board members present were Chairman Bob Levy, Vice-Chairman Jack Bellinger, Jordan Bennett. Staff present: Manager Mike Wick. Patrons in attendance were Dixie Echeverria, Morris Ziemer, Jim Kooch.

Chairman Levy called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2018 BUDGET: Manager Wick distributed a draft 2018 operating budget and discussed line items for income and expenses with the board. Litigation expenses and options for addressing those expenses were discussed.

REMAINING CENTRAL PROJECT FUNDS: There is \$136,000 remaining from the \$30 per acre incurred charge adopted in 2015 for the Central Project. The board discussed how those funds could be disbursed back to patrons. Legal counsel has advised those funds cannot be directly used to offset litigation expenses.

SHORT-TERM PROJECTS: Wick distributed a list of short-term projects for consideration including: updating District maps of water rights; A & B line gate automation; District conservation plan; repair pipe manifold on A-line.

APPOINTMENT OF DIVISION #3 DIRECTOR: The board discussed the appointment of a patron from division #3 to fill director position vacated when Cindy Parks resigned.

AGENDA AND OBJECTIVES FOR FEBRUARY 1 SDAO MEETING: The board discussed the upcoming February 1 meeting with George Dunkel of Special Districts Association of Oregon and areas of planning to prioritize for the meeting.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Robert Levy, Chairman

Mike Wick, Secretar