

WESTLAND IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Monthly Board Meeting

October 9, 2018

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Westland Irrigation District Board of Directors was held Tuesday October 9, 2018 at the Stafford Hansell Government Center, 915 SE Columbia Drive, Hermiston Oregon.

Board members present were Chairman Bob Levy, Jack Bellinger, Jordan Bennett and Phil Sharkey. Westland staff present: General Manager Mike Wick; Office Manager Tami Sherer, Mechanic Steven Cleveland. Patrons in attendance were, David Prior, Hoss Hodges, Maurice Ziemer, Art Prior, Dixie Echeverria, Mike Taylor, Gary Garrard, Leroy Smart, Lon Wadekamper, Ray Vogt, and Vern Frederickson. Guests were Rob Cox, Nate James NCRS, Julie O'Shea, Scott McCullough, and Jerry Brian with the Farmers Coalition Alliance.

Chairman Levy called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

MINUTES: The minutes for the September 18, 2018 regular meeting were presented for review with Director Sharkey making a motion to approve the minutes. Director Bennett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIALS: Director Bennett moved and it was seconded by Director Sharkey to approve the September 2018 financial reports as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Crew Activities: Continuing diversion of live flow into Westland canal; winterization of pumps and pipelines; canal mowing.
- Canal Operations & McKay Reservoir: McKay stored water releases ended Friday evening, September 21 and the Westland canal was cut on Saturday morning to what was available to divert as live flow. Current live flow is approximately 48 cfs, with 39 cfs being diverted into the Westland canal.
- McKay fish water releases are currently at 125 cfs as of October 1 and will stay at the rate until mid-November.
- CTUIR Settlement: Manager Wick met with tribal negotiation team members Joe Ely and Dan Hester the last week of September. They reported final water right trade agreement language has been reached with Hermiston Irrigation District and Stanfield Irrigation District; copies of the final language have been requested. Discussions are ongoing between the tribe and the Small Ditch Companies (SDC's). Issues being discussed involve authority for SDCs to bind their members plus other legal matters related to entering into an agreement; in addition, the total water quantity allocated to the SDCs per year has not been agreed upon. Another meeting is being scheduled for the month of November.
- Water Management & Conservation Plan: Manager Wick requested Black Rock Consulting in Bend, OR to put together a scope of work and budget proposal. He will have a recommendation to the board at the November regular meeting.

- NRCS/FCA Presentation: Information on the work being done in Central Oregon in connection to PL 566 can be found at the following websites.
<https://oregonwatershedplans.org/>
<http://irrigationmodernization.fcasolutions.org/>
- The Farmer's Coalition Alliance gave a presentation to the board and patrons. After the presentation Manager Wick made a recommendation to continue with the discussion phase. The board agreed. Nate James will give FCA the districts contact information and FCA will set up a meeting with Manager Wick. Mike Taylor reported that the small ditch companies have met with the FCA and would like to be part of the discussion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Litigation:
In the board packet is the "Order On Motions For Summary Judgment", a letter of response from Haglund Kelley, LLP attorney for the plaintiffs and then a letter from Stoel Rives replying to the plaintiffs response.
2. Elections: Manager Wick requested the board make a motion to approve Resolution #2018-G. A resolution declaring an election if need be, for the Board of Directors positions. Director Bellinger made a motion to approve with Director Bennett seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
3. Dillon Pipeline Ownership & Maintenance Agreement
Director Sharkey made a motion to approve the Dillon Pipeline Ownership & Maintenance Agreement. Director Bellinger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

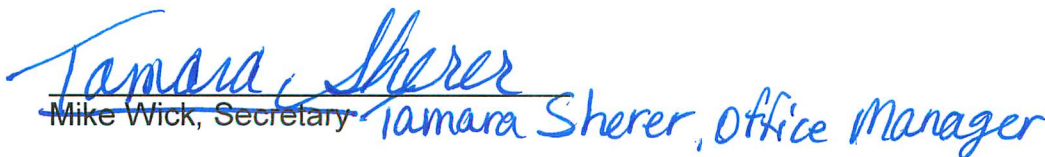
No new business.

Chairman Levy opened the floor for public comment.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.



Robert Levy, Chairman



~~Mike Wick, Secretary~~

Tamara Sherer, Office Manager