

WESTLAND IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Monthly Board Meeting

July 17, 2018

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Westland Irrigation District Board of Directors was held Tuesday July 17, 2018 at the New Hope Community Church, 1350 S. Highway 395, Hermiston Oregon.

Board members present were Chairman Bob Levy, Jordan Bennett, Jack Bellinger, Phil Sharkey and Justin Terry. Others present were General Manager Mike Wick, Mechanic Steven Cleveland and Office Manager Tami Sherer. Patrons in attendance were, David Prior, Hoss Hodges, Maurice Ziemer, Art Prior, Dixie Echeverria, and Bill Quick. Visitors Vern Frederickson, Rob Cox, and Sean Kimbrel, Manager, Bureau of Reclamation Umatilla Field Office.

Chairman Levy called the meeting to order at 7:02p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes for the June 19, 2018 regular meeting were presented for review with Director Bellinger making a motion to approve the minutes. Director Sharkey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Office Manager Wick introduced Sean Kimbrel, Manager, Bureau of Reclamation Umatilla Field Office. Mr. Kimbrel answered questions from the board.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Crew Activities: Manager Wick gave the field report.
- Canal Operations & McKay Reservoir: The Umatilla River Flows have steadily declined, which is typical for July. Stored water releases for fish began to be ramped down from McKay Reservoir on Monday, July 2 from approximately 150 cfs to 0 cfs on Friday, July 6. With fish water releases off, McKay water for Westland is being ordered through the Bureau of Reclamation rather than the Umatilla River Coordinator.

The hot weather has caused issues with rapid algae growth in the canals, causing pump station screens to plug-up and drop the stations off-line. Aquatic herbicide treatments are being made regularly to keep up with aquatic weed growth in the system.

If dealing with 100 degree temperatures and algae in the canal was not enough, a car drove into the B-line canal above the office on Friday the 13th and a tow truck was called to remove it.

Demand in the Westland system is approximately 170 cfs, with 55 cfs in the A-line and 34 cfs in the B-line.

- Alex Troppmann: Ditch rider Troppmann has given his two-week notice; his last day will be July 20. We wish him well and appreciate the work he has done for the district over the past four years.
- CTUIR Settlement: A meeting with the small ditch companies and the Tribal negotiation team is being planned for August; Director Bellinger and Manager Wick will attend.
- County Line Agreement: Manager Wick followed up with TJ Hansell of County Line Water Improvement District on the status of the draft updated recharge water delivery agreement. TJ suggested getting together after harvest ends in August to coordinate a meeting.
- Other: Office Manager Sherer will be attending the OWRC-SDAO Office Staff Workshop July 23 & 24. She also helped to welcome a new baby granddaughter into the world earlier this month; Stella Blair Short was born July 1. Congratulations Tami.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Policies & By Laws:
 - a. Priority Planning – After reviewing the updated document Directory Terry made a motion to approve the Priority Plan. Director Sharkey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
 - b. General Manager Job Description – After reviewing the updated document Directory Sharkey made a motion to approve the General Manager Job Description. Director Terry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
2. Continue Board discussion – Complaint Procedures & By-Law Amendments
 - a. Complaint Procedures – Chairman Levy wants to discuss this document with legal counsel so this document was tabled until next meeting.
 - b. By-Law Amendments – Office Manager Sherer was instructed to accept the changes in the document and add signature and date lines. Approval of this document will be discussed at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Infrastructure Funding
A pamphlet was included in the board packet explaining the PL566 program. Nate James from the NRCS was unable to attend this meeting. He'll try to make it to the August meeting to answer questions.
2. Elections
Elections will be held November 13, 2018. Divisions 1, 3 and 5 are up for election this year. The deadlines for this election will be reviewed at the

August meeting. Included in this board packet is the list of patrons for each division.

3. Grant resolution 2018-F

Manager Wick submitted a resolution allowing the district to apply for a Bureau of Reclamation Watersmart: Small-scale water efficiency projects grant. Director Bennett made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-F. Director Bellinger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Levy opened the floor for public comment.

Hoss Hodges asked if the gate to the canal road off of Powerline road will continue to be locked. Manager Wick explained that the ditch riders are finding a lot of unauthorized vehicles on the canal roads so the gates will be closed at night and on the weekends.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.



Robert Levy, Chairman



Tamara Sherer, Office Manager