

WESTLAND IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Monthly Board Meeting

November 20, 2018

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Westland Irrigation District Board of Directors was held Tuesday November 20, 2018 at the New Hope Community Church, 1350 S. Highway 395, Hermiston Oregon.

Board members present were Chairman Bob Levy, Jack Bellinger, Jordan Bennett, Justin Terry, and Phil Sharkey. Westland staff present: General Manager Mike Wick; Office Manager Tami Sherer. Patrons in attendance were, David Prior, Hoss Hodges, Maurice Ziemer, Art Prior, Dixie Echeverria, Skeeter Amstad, Todd Dimbat, and Dale Ternes.

Chairman Levy called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes for the October 9, 2018 regular 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: Director Bennett moved and it was seconded by Director Bellinger to approve the October 2018 financial reports as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Crew Activities: Meters being serviced; canal mowing; rip-rap being gathered for canal improvements; pump motor testing by NW Motor Service completed; canal desilting to begin.
- Canal Operations & McKay Reservoir: Live flow diversions into the Westland canal ended the afternoon of October 31. McKay fish water releases are continuing at 125 cfs and will stay at that rate until mid-November.
- CTUIR Settlement: The tribal negotiating team and the Small Ditch Companies (SDCs) met November 6 in Pendleton. Manager Wick will give a report at this board meeting.
- Magnacide Early Order: Manager Wick placed an order for two 2,450 lb. skids of Magnacide H aquatic herbicide for use in 2019 to take advantage of the price break offered for early orders. Even with the early order pricing, the cost for two skids has increased 8.6% above last year; EO for 2018: \$63,161 vs EO for 2019: \$68,600.
- McKay Dam O&M Cost: In the board packets is a sheet with pie charts showing the McKay O&M estimated cost allocation for calendar years 2018 and 2019. Estimated water user cost is projected to increase from \$113,955 to \$134,820. Westland's portion of the water cost is 51.5%

- WaterSMART & SDAO Grants: Notice was received from the Bureau of Reclamation that the WaterSMART grant application for the automated A-Line control gate was not selected for funding. Manager Wick submitted a grant application through the SDAO Safety & Security Grant program for a shop air exhaust/filter unit; Westland's share of the total cost will be \$1,105.00 if it is selected.
- OWRC Annual Conference: Manager Wick will be attending the Oregon Water Resources Congress Annual Conference in Hood River during the last week of November.
- FPO Report: The Fish Passage Operations report for October is in the board packets.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Litigation:
In the board packet is the signed "Order On Motions For Summary Judgment" by the Honorable Gregory L. Baxter. Manager Wick gave an overview of the summary judgement.
2. Elections: Manager Wick reported that the district has received 3 qualified petitions for the district elections. One from Division 1, from Patricia Horn. One from Division 3, from Andrew Johnston, and one from Division 5, from Hoss Hodges. Manager Wick requested the board make a motion to certify the election is over and the 3 above mentioned candidates have been elected. Director Terry made a motion to certify the election with Director Bennett seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
3. Farmers Conservation Alliance: After reviewing the presentation by the FCA, Manager Wick was authorized to sign up with the FCA at the upcoming OWRC Annual Conference as long as the cost doesn't go over \$20,000.
4. Water Management & Conservation Plan: Agreements from Black Rock Consulting and JUB Engineers are in the packet. After some discussion Director Sharkey made a motion for Manager Wick to enter into an agreement with Black Rock Consulting. Director Bellinger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
5. CTUIR Settlement: Manager Wick had a discussion with Joe Ely of the tribal negotiation team after they met with the small ditch companies. Four small ditch company chairs attended the meeting. During the meeting Acres, Rate, and Duty were discussed. Attorney Steven Shropshire is now investigating the structure of the small ditch companies for binding members. The BOR suggested that the pipeline be enclosed until the Furnish ditch and then spill out. This would save some money, but the small ditch companies and tribe prefer the water be completely enclosed in a pipeline.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Office Improvements: Office Manager Sherer had quotes from 3 different construction companies to paint the inside of the office and replace the flooring with carpet and or laminate. Director Bellinger made a motion for Manager Wick and Manager Sherer to pick the contractor they would like and have the work done. Director Terry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
2. Manager Wick suggested the board meet in December to discuss the 2019 budget. It was decided the budget meeting would be Wednesday, December 12 at 1:00pm.

Chairman Levy opened the floor for public comment. - No comments.

The board moved to Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2) (h) at 1:31 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m.



Jack Bellinger, Vice Chairman



Tamara Sherer, Secretary