

WESTLAND IRRIGATION DISTRICT
Monthly Board Meeting
March 20, 2018

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Westland Irrigation District Board of Directors was held Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at the Westland Road Fire Station, 78760 Westland Road, Hermiston Oregon.

Board members present were Chairman Bob Levy, Jordan Bennett, Justin Terry, Phil Sharkey and Jack Bellinger. Others present were General Manager Mike Wick, and Office Manager Tami Sherer, Maintenance Steven Cleveland. Patrons in attendance were, Art Prior, David Prior, Hoss Hodges, Bill Quick, Dixie Echeverria, Jim Kooch, Maurice Ziemer, Ray Vogt, Efrain Castro, Hugo Galvez, Brock Linnell, Dick White, Donna Brown, Dona Lewis, and Gary Garrard. Visitor Vern Frederickson.

Chairman Levy called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes for the February 20, 2018 regular meeting, February 6, 2018 special meeting, and March 9, 2018 special meeting were presented for review with Director Terry making a motion to approve the minutes. Director Bennett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

MANAGER'S REPORT: Manager Wick gave the crew report for Bobby Bailey. Alex Troppmann and Steven Cleveland have started ditch riding on the weekends. Work has been done to get the pump stations and pipeline ready for water. Repairs at the river and Prindle Loop have been completed. A-Line has been cleaned and weed burning continues. NW Motor Service did pump testing and the results were good.

River Operations & Water Outlook: The Umatilla River continues its usual spring pattern of cycling up and down, hitting a peak last week of 4,000 cfs before dropping back down. McKay Reservoir looks promising to reach full capacity. Snowpack has improved from last month but the water outlook for irrigation still looks to be below average to average for this summer.

In the board packets are the March Oregon Basin Outlook Report and a current snow water equivalent map of Oregon.

Hermiston Irrigation District hit the 50,000 acre-foot diversion entitlement on March 13 and is now diverting to work off canal seepage losses.

County Line Recharge: Water continues to be diverted for County Line recharge in between wind storms – with approximately 5,000 acre-feet delivered to date. Windy conditions filled the canal with tumbleweeds and caused deliveries to County Line to be temporarily stopped during the week of February 19.

Litigation: A report on the March 19 court hearing to discuss schedule and judge assignment will be presented at the board meeting. Judge didn't have time to prepare. He said he'll try to assign a county judge to hear the case.

Temp Worker: A temporary office person has been hired through Express Employment Professionals to help with work tasks and organization.

CTUIR Settlement: A meeting with the Tribal Negotiation Team is scheduled for the first week of April; time and location to be announced.

Temporary Transfer Pilot Project: Mike Wick participated in a training on the temporary transfer pilot project being promoted by the Water Resources Department for one-year temporary transfers. It is a streamlined process with no fees charged by Water Resources, with the transfer files being processed by the local watermaster.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Annual Meeting is scheduled for April 3, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Westland Road Fire Hall. Guests scheduled to attend are Nate James, Natural Resources Conservation Service; Joe Ely, Tribal Negotiations Team.
2. Priority planning will be reviewed at the April board meeting.
3. The County Line recharge sub-committee will have an agreement ready for review at the April board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tami explained the Past Due Account/Collection procedures that WID currently follows. She then explained her proposal to change the procedures to follow closely with the Incurred Charges. The board requested she put the proposal into a policy format and add to the policy that Manager Wick will have the authority to waive finance charges at his discretion.
2. SDAO is having a board training session May 1st, 2018 at the Pendleton Red Lion. Members discount applies making this training \$50 per member. Please let Mike know if you are interested. Reminders will be sent out.

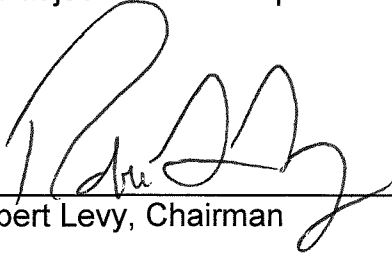
Chairman Levy opened the floor for public comment.

Maurice Ziemer asked if Cindy Parks was offered the chance for schooling when she was on the board. Mike Wick answered yes.

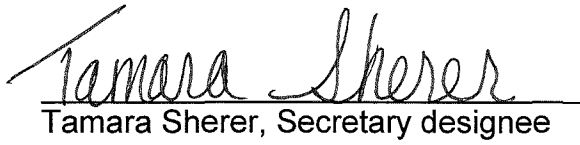
The board moved into Executive Session at 7:31 pm pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(i), which allows the Board to meet in executive session to review and evaluate the employment-related performance of the chief executive officer of any public body, a public officer, employee or staff member who does not request an open hearing.

At 8:19 pm the board returned from executive session.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

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Robert Levy, Chairman

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tamara Sherer", written over a horizontal line.

Tamara Sherer, Secretary designee