

WESTLAND IRRIGATION DISTRICT
Monthly Board Meeting
October 19, 2017

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Westland Irrigation District Board of Directors was held Wednesday, October 19, 2017 at the Westland Road Fire Station, 78760 Westland Road, Hermiston Oregon.

Board members present were Chairman Bob Levy, Jordan Bennett, Justin Terry, Jack Bellinger and Cindy Parks. Others present were General Manager Mike Wick, Office Manager Tami Sherer and Mechanic Steven Cleveland. Patrons in attendance were, Jim Kooch, Art Prior, David Prior, Maurice Ziemer, Lawrence Smart, Glen Saul, Dixie Echeverria, Hoss Hodges, Bill Quick, Patty Horn, Kevan Horn, Gary Garrard, Rob Cox, Joe Howard, Phil Sharkey and Dick White. Guest: Gibb Evans, IRZ.

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

MINUTES: The minutes for the September 21, 2017, regular monthly Board meeting, were presented for review with Director Bennett making a motion to approve and Director Parks seconding. The motion carried unanimously. The minutes for the Special Board meeting October 5, 2017 were presented for review with Director Bellinger making a motion to approve and Director Bennett seconding. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIALS: On a motion by Director Bennett and seconded by Director Parks, the September 2017 financial reports were approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Mike Wick read the report for Bobby Bailey. Crew activities are: Alex Troppman is ditch riding with Bobby Bailey and Steven Cleveland riding relief; A Teton application was made to the B-Line canal; Bobby Bailey is continuing to review the canal; Daily pump station inspections; Locates; Equipment service and winterization; Canal shut down was October 13, 2017 along with pump stations. Draining the A-Line and B Line canals and winterizing the pump stations; Read meters and mow canal.

Irrigation Season & Reservoir Storage: Stored water use from McKay Reservoir ended October 13; approximately 20 cfs of live flow is currently being diverted into the Westland canal. Fish water releases from McKay as of October 1 are 125 cfs. Mike handed out a table showing the McKay Irrigation Days from 1998 through 2017.

Fish Screen Rehab: One drum screen from the Westland diversion site is scheduled for rehab service this winter as part of the Bonneville Power funded O & M Project. Contracting is through the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife Screen Shop in Yakima.

ELH et al v Westland Litigation: Plaintiffs' depositions began being taken the week of October 9 and are continuing. Total legal expenses from defense of this complaint through August has exceeded \$400,000 with Westland's share more than \$200,000.

Fall Newsletter: A fall newsletter was mailed to all patrons and uploaded to the district website earlier this month.

Risk Management Training: Tami will not be able to attend a risk management training sponsored by SDAO on October 18, in Tigard. Future training opportunities will be looked into.

SDAO Priority Planning Process: George Dunkel and John Stein of SDAO lead a Priority Planning Process with the board and staff on October 5 in Hermiston. A draft of the priority plan is in the board packets. George and John recommended the board schedule additional special board meetings to focus on completing the plan document.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mike reported that Ray Vogt and Jack Bellinger turned in nominating petitions for the district 4 board position currently held by Jack Bellinger. There will be an election November 14, 2017. Director Bellinger made a motion that the board approve the Resolution Declaring an Election for the Election of Board Members. Director Terry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

SDAO Priority Planning Workshop: A draft of the plan designed at the last workshop is behind the Special Meeting Minutes October 5, 2017. Chairman Levy instructed Mike to see if George Dunkel and John Stein would be available to return for another workshop.

Mass Balance Cost Estimate: Gibb Evans from IRZ presented the board with an estimate of \$2,000 to create the Mass Balance. That's for the first draft. If the board want's more in depth information the cost will rise. Director Bellinger made a motion to have IRZ prepare a Mass Balance Report of 2017 water season. Director Terry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Tribal Meetings: Joe Ely called Mike Wick this week asking for WID support for the new proposal. Chairman Levy instructed Mike to see if WID could meet with the tribal negotiations team sometime in November of this year. Mike will check to see if public notification is necessary.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Levy discussed the dates of the last two regular board meetings this year. Tami was instructed to see if November 28, 2017 and December 19, 2017 are available for the fire hall. The fire hall is no longer available on Thursday nights.

Policy & Program Adoption:

Mike asked the board to adopt the Mobile Device Policy. Director Bennett made a motion to adopt the policy. Director Parks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mike asked the board to adopt the Loss Control Program. Director Bellinger made a motion to adopt the policy. Director Terry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.


Chairman Levy opened the floor for public comment. No comments from the patrons. There were questions and discussions.

No Executive Session held.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm.



Robert Levy, Chairman


Tamara Sherer, Secretary designee