

# WESTLAND IRRIGATION DISTRICT

## Monthly Board Meeting February 21, 2017

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Westland Irrigation District Board of Directors was held Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at the Westland Road Fire Station, 78760 Westland Road, Hermiston Oregon.

Board members present were Chairman Bob Levy, Jack Bellinger, Justin Terry, Jordan Bennett and Cynthia Parks. Others present were Manager Mike Wick, Christine Hewlett and Field Supervisor Robert Bailey. Patrons in attendance were Dixie & Patrick Echeverria, Hoss Hodges, Jim Kooch, Art Prior, Bill Quick, Patty Horn, Leroy Smart, Maurice & Lucy Ziemer, Dean Cherry, Gary Garrard, Glen Saul, Jay Nicodemus, Mike Turner, Jerry Friend, Mary Buckallew, Vince Vazza, Janice Lohman, Dick & Tammy White, and Earl Aylett.

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

**MINUTES:** The minutes for the January 31, 2017 Organizational Board Meeting were presented for review. Director Bellinger made a motion to approve and Director Bennett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The minutes for the January 31, 2017 regular monthly Board meeting were presented for review with Director Terry making a motion to approve and Director Bennett seconding. The motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCIALS:** On a motion by Director Bellinger and second by Director Terry, the January 2017 financial reports were approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:** Field Supervisor Bailey reported on crew activity. They have been doing maintenance on meters, pumps and motors getting ready for irrigation season. They have built some new walkways and been cleaning and mowing as weather allows. Preparations are under way to have the recharge to County Line start tomorrow.

Manager Wick reported that JZD Construction is finished with the work on the Dillon turnout and it is ready pending final inspection. The Water Delivery Agreement between Westland and Dillon has been signed by both parties.

Manager Wick stated that the new irrigation season will begin on March 1, 2017 and the projection is that McKay Reservoir will fill this year since snowpack and projected river flows continue to be favorable.

Manager Wick reported that the first-half incurred charges for 2017 will be mailed to patrons the week of February 20<sup>th</sup>. He also let the Board know that Office Manager Christine Hewlett has given notice but will stay on long enough to help train a replacement.

Manager Wick stated that two of the ten fish screens at the Westland diversion have been rehabbed this winter and that the work was funded by Bonneville Power. There is one screen remaining to be rehabbed and it is scheduled for next winter. The January Fish Passage Operations report is in the board packet.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Manager Wick reported that the water rights associated with the Central Project will be in final order status on March 24 pending any protests filed on or before that date. He also reported he is working on drafting a water use agreement to allow Jake Madison to use the 12.6 cfs water right for this year.

In other unfinished business Manager Wick requested the Board take action on the IRZ Consulting estimate for the A-Line Limited License No. 1447 Monitoring plan. As part of the State requirements for testing A-line aquifer recharge, the water levels in designated monitoring wells must be measured in addition to water quality testing being done. The IRZ estimate is \$15,500; however the State may do some of the well level measurements which could lower the cost. A motion was made by Director Terry to authorize the work to be done. Director Bellinger seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Manager Wick stated that the District policies & procedures are in the process of being updated and that once approved by the Board, they could be uploaded to the new website. He also noted that March is when the annual meeting is generally held and that a date and location will need to be determined.

**NO EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD:**

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



Robert Levy, Chairman



Christine Hewlett, Secretary designee