

WESTLAND IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Monthly Board Meeting

June 21, 2017

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

Board members present were Chairman Bob Levy, Cynthia Parks, and Jordan Bennett. Others present were Manager Mike Wick, Office Manager Tami Sherer, and Field Supervisor Robert Bailey. Patrons in attendance were Dixie Echeverria, Hoss Hodges, Jim Kooch, Art Prior, Bill Quick, David Prior, Maurice Ziemer, Glen Saul, Brock Linnell, Gary Garrard, Patty Horn, Greg Harris, Harry Bither, Dona Lewis, Mike Taylor, and Dick White. Guests in attendance were JR. Cook, Northeast Oregon Water Association Executive Director; Vern Frederickson; Chris Griffith.

Chairman Levy called the meeting to order at 7:07p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes for the May 17, regular monthly Board meeting, May 22, Special Meeting, were presented for review with Director Bennett making a motion to approve and Director Parks seconding. The motion carried unanimously.

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

MANAGER'S REPORT: Field Supervisor Bailey reported on crew activity. Alex is ditch riding with Bobby and Steven working on meters. Demossing has started with Bobby hoping to get three applications this season.

Irrigation Season & Reservoir Storage: Flow meters were read June 12 to mark the start of McKay allocation use by patrons; the allocations this year is 2.3 acre-feet per acre for non-limited and 0.7 acre-feet per acre for limited water acres. Umatilla River live flow has continued to decline, with the Umatilla River Coordinator targeting 150 cfs to be maintained at the UMDO gage for fishery flows. Demand at the Westland main canal gage on June 16 was 185 cfs in the Allen canal, 50 cfs in the A-line and 30 in the B-line.

County Line Recharge: Recharge to County Line for this water year has concluded with approximately 5,800 acre-feet delivered.

Umatilla County Planning: Wick attended the May 25 evening meeting of the Umatilla County Planning Commission in Pendleton and gave testimony regarding the proposed sewer line extension from the Umatilla Army Depot to the City of Hermiston. The Commission agreed to coordinate closely with Westland if the extension line is constructed.

Litigation: Depositions are expected to be scheduled later this month in Portland.

Data Center: No updates to report regarding taking data center reuse water for irrigation purposes into the Westland System.

Customer Web Portal: A representative from WaterMaster did a demonstration of their product at the Westland office. It does not have the capability for customers to access their individual account information or water use but may add those features at a later time.

Reclamation Field Office: Boris Belchoff, Manager of the Bureau of Reclamation Umatilla Field Office, has accepted a job at the Reclamation office in Yakima effective June 26.

Tribal Settlements: In the board packets is information on Tribal water rights settlements progress and status in various western states.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Dillon turnout expenses were discussed; manager Wick explained the District's position that the contractor and design engineer should be responsible. Further discussions will take place to settle this issue.

Central Project was discussed. In the board packets is an email from JR. Cook, Northeast Oregon Water Association Executive Director outlining the remaining issues with the Central Project. Director Cook answered questions regarding the permits and what can be done with them.

Manager Wick reported he is working on a newsletter to patrons.

A report on an analysis for canal lining was discussed. The cost associated with concrete lining would be very expensive per acre-foot of water potentially saved.

Patron Hoss Hodges asked questions regarding the current litigation but, because litigation is still ongoing, specific answers could not be given.

Patron Jim Kooch asked for more explanation on the proposed sewer line from the Army Depot to the City of Hermiston. Manager Wick explained that the County Commissioners have agreed to work closely with WID but they haven't given the go ahead to start the project.

JR. Cook, NOWA Executive Director explained that NOWA is working with VA Data (Amazon) on their waste water issue. Director Cook explained that the chemistry of the water doesn't change going through the cooling process once. More discussion will be held next week with VA Data.

NEW BUSINESS:

Manager Wick discussed District Resolution H that was drafted by the district's legal counsel concerning David Duquette's delinquent account and action to foreclose on Mr. Duquette's property. Following discussion, Chairman Levy made a motion to pass the resolution, Director Bennett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Manager Wick discussed the NOWA additional McKay Reservoir stored water packet that was mailed to patrons on June 20. In the packet are Participant Bid Form and Auction Agreements. Manager Wick pointed out the bids need to be received by 4:00 pm on June 28, 2017. If anyone has any questions, they need to contact JR. Cook.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23p.m.



Robert Levy, Chairman



Tamara Sherer, Secretary designee