

WESTLAND IRRIGATION DISTRICT
Monthly Board Meeting
July 19, 2017

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Westland Irrigation District Board of Directors was held Wednesday, July 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. Others present were Manager Mike Wick, Office Manager Tami Sherer, and Field Supervisor Robert Bailey. Patrons in attendance were Hoss Hodges, Jim Kooch, Art Prior, Bill Quick, David Prior, Maurice Ziemer, Lawrence Smart, Roy Vogt, Lon Wadekamper, Lane Wadekamper, Dan McCarty, Ramon Smith, Glen Saul, Gary Garrard, Patty Horn, Dona Lewis, and Dick White.

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

MINUTES: The minutes for the June 21, 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 seconded by Director Bennett, the June 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 mowing and spraying weeds on the canal roads. Bobby continues to review the canal and apply Magnicide. Hoss Hodges thanked Bobby and his crew for the good job they did in repairing the leak in his corn field.

Irrigation Season & Reservoir Storage: Umatilla River live flow has declined to 65 cfs. Demand at the Westland main canal gauge on July 14 was 204 cfs, 180 as of today, with 55 cfs in the A-line and 36 cfs in the B-line. Fish water releases from McKay Reservoir have been ramped down to zero as of July 7, with stored water releases for irrigation after that date being coordinated directly with Bureau of Reclamation personnel.

NOWA McKay Water: Of the 476 acre-feet of private McKay stored water made available through the Northeast Oregon Water Association (NOWA), bids for 311 acre-feet were received.

Litigation: On July 11th in Portland my deposition was taken in the ELH et al v Westland complaint. Other depositions are being scheduled over the next several weeks by attorneys representing both parties.

Data Center: A draft bridge canal crossing design for access to the proposed data center near Westland Road and Cottonwood Bend Road is being reviewed by IRZ.

Patron Lien Foreclosure: Patron Dave Duquette made a payment against his delinquent account and a payment plan has been provided to him. The lien will remain in place until his account becomes current.

Reclamation Grant: The WaterSMART grant the District was awarded for cost-share of the canal level sensor project is ready for disbursement and project work is being coordinated with Dexter Forston.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The NOWA McKay stored water remaining 165 acre-feet was discussed. The board asked Mike to contact Jr. Cook to see if a second bid could take place later in the water season since this year's season may last longer than usual.

Mike reported that invoices from Stoel Rives had been received and litigation so far has cost the district just under \$260,000.

NEW BUSINESS:

B-line patron Ramon Smith addressed the board and patrons regarding a parcel of land next to his property that Westland Irrigation District owns. He's interested in purchasing the parcel of .76 acres and would be willing to pay assessed value and any costs associated with the purchase. The tract of land does not have any water rights. He's spoken with his neighbors to make sure there are no objections. Mr. Smith explained that he wants to make improvement to his property and purchasing this land would allow him to make the desired improvements. After discussion from the board they directed Mike Wick to move forward with the sale.

Chairman Levy asked Mike Wick to prepare a report for the next board meeting on the relationship with the BPA.

Chairman Levy opened the floor to patron comment.

Lon Wadekamper brought to the board's attention that James LaFollett's new house has blocked the easement to the ditch. Bobby explained that he asked Mr. LaFollett's neighbor for access and they granted it, but it was only one time. Mr. Wadekamper is concerned about the district losing easement rights. Mr. Wick will look into this issue and report back.

Dan McCarty asked about McKay stored water and if the board will use all the water available or conserve some. After much discussion the board feels the water should be available through the end of September and possibly running a week in October for patrons that have allocated water. Westland will send out postcards at the end of September explaining the schedule. *Did I not understand the answer or did the question not get answered?*

No Executive Session held.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Board, the meeting

was adjourned at 7:52p.m.

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Robert Levy, Chairman

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

Tamara Sherer, Secretary designee