

WESTLAND IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Monthly Board Meeting

September 21, 2017

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Westland Irrigation District Board of Directors was held Wednesday, September 21, 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 by phone from Fort Lauderdale. Others present were General Manager Mike Wick, Office Manager Tami Sherer, Field Supervisor Robert Bailey, Ditch Rider Alex Troppmann, and Mechanic Steven Cleveland. Patrons in attendance were, Jim Kooch, Art Prior, David Prior, Maurice Ziemer, Lawrence Smart, Lon Wadekamper, Glen Saul, Dona Lewis, Patsy Taylor, Mike Taylor, Dixie Echeverria Teres Fair, Hoss Hodges, Bill Quick, Brock Linnell, Jake Madison, Patty Horn, Ramon Smith, Greg Harris, Jari Boettcher, Efrain Castro and Dick White. Visitor Anne Kirkpatrick from Hermiston Irrigation District, JR. Cook, Northeast Oregon Water Association Executive Director; Vern Frederickson

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

MINUTES: The minutes for the August 17, 2017, regular monthly Board meeting, were presented for review with Director Bellinger making a motion to approve and Director Parks seconding. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIALS: On a motion by Director Bennett and seconded by Director Bellinger, the August 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. Repairs to flow meters and upkeep to the equipment continues.

Irrigation Season & Reservoir Storage: Demand at the Westland diversion has dropped to between 120 & 125 cfs, with 31 cfs in the A-line and 9 cfs in the B-line. Fish water releases from McKay Reservoir began August 21 with releases currently at 100 cfs; they will be increased to 125 cfs October 1. Manager Wick presented a slide show on water use. McKay remaining storage is penciling out to last until approximately October 7.

NOWA McKay Water: The second auction of NOWA McKay water concluded August 31 with the following results: Duane Johnson – 1 acre-foot, Stephanie Delorme – 1 acre-foot, Castle Rock Farming – 60 acre-feet, Double M Ranch – 97 acre-feet.

Data Center: The bridge canal crossing agreement has been executed with Vadata for the crossing near Westland Road. Vadata is reimbursing Westland for engineering and legal review, plus staff time.

Reclamation Grant: The equipment installation and electrical work for the canal level sensor project is completed; a technician from Dexter Fortson will program the communication data with our existing telemetry equipment to complete the project.

Risk Management Training: Tami will attend a risk management training sponsored by SDAO on October 18, in Tigard.

SDAO Priority Planning Process: George Dunkel of SDAO will lead a Priority Planning Process with the board and staff on October 5 in Hermiston. A reminder email will be sent to all board members.

New Reclamation Field Office Manager: Sean Kimbrel from the Bureau of Reclamation's Denver, CO office has accepted the manager's position for the Reclamation Field Office on Diagonal Road.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Litigation: Wednesday September 20, 2017 the Umatilla County Circuit Court Judge dismissed the case against the Oregon Water Resources Department that was filed by the same litigants who filed suit against Westland.

Purchase Interest in Canal Parcel: Ramon Smith would like to purchase .76 acres of canal property owned by the district. He's supplied the district with a Umatilla County Assessor's Summary Report showing the property is assessed at \$530. He's willing to pay that price plus legal and recording fees. Director Terry made a motion to approve the "Surplus Real Property Disposal Policy" drafted by the district's attorney, Dave Filippi; Director Bellinger 2nd the motion & motion passed. A motion to approve the sale of the property for the assessed value plus legal & recording fees was made by Chairman Levy and seconded by Director Parks. Motion passed unanimously pending easement approval.

Tribal Meetings: There have been two meetings in our area recently with several state and federal agencies participating. Hermiston, Stanfield and the small ditch companies will benefit, but Westland Irrigation District may be harmed by the proposed tribal settlement. Westland representatives will continue to meet with tribal, state, and federal officials on the matter.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election: Division 4, Jack Bellinger's position as director is coming up for election this November. Tami has petitions with names and addresses of Division 4 patrons if anyone is interested in running. Petitions have to be turned in by October 10, 2017.

JR. Cook, Northeast Oregon Water Association Executive Director, asked the Westland board if they would like to sell the permits S-88161 & S-88162 to NOWA. NOWA is willing to pay the district \$19,900 for them. After much discussion the decision was tabled until the next regular meeting.

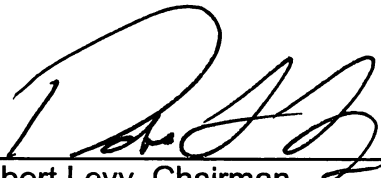
Chairman Levy asked Manager Wick if he could get a Mass Balance brought to the next board meeting. Mike said he would get a quote from IRZ to present at the next board meeting.

Chairman Levy opened the floor for public comment. Annette Kirkpatrick suggested to the board that they really look at their options for where they can get water. Their options are very limited.

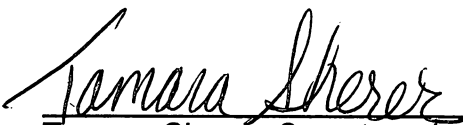
Lon Wadekamper asked if the Hansell (County Line) Recharge Program is still an active project. Manager Wick answered that it is.

No Executive Session held.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14p.m.



Robert Levy, Chairman



Tamara Sherer, Secretary designee