



SWALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

April 2018

The Board of Directors of the Swalley Irrigation District met on April 18, 2018 at the District office for the purpose of conducting its monthly business.

Call to Order

President McCarrel called the meeting to order at 9:05am. Those in attendance were directors Steve McCarrel, Kelly Patrick, Dennis Gant and manager Jer Camarata. Patron Ed Galazzo was also in attendance.

Prior Minutes

Minutes from the March 21, 2018 board meeting were reviewed and on motion made and seconded, unanimously approved.

Business from the Floor

None. Mr. Galazzo stated that he simply wished to observe a board meeting and hear more about the District's business operations.

Financial Report

The Board reviewed the accounts payable list, financial reports, and hydro report as prepared. 2018 Annual Assessments continue to trickle in, but collections to date are below average. Approximately \$48k is currently outstanding. Brief discussion ensued. On motion made and seconded, the accounts payable list was unanimously approved. Camarata estimates that hydro production for the month of April will likely be below projections due to low irrigation demand, a function of the cold, wet spring we are experiencing.

New Business

None.

Old Business

None.

Correspondence to the Board

The Board received a request from patron Holly Horstman to waive a late assessment fee. The Board respectfully denied the request.

Manager's Report

1) The District has migrated from facsimile to email technology for utility locates.

2) The Ellesson property lien has been satisfied and \$8,056 in back fees have been recovered.

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3) The District continues to work with Tumalo Irrigation District (TID) on a draft Intergovernmental Agreement to potentially accommodate future inter-district water transfers. Camarata anticipates being able to provide a draft agreement to the Board for review in either May or June of this year.

4) The District's Easement Survey Project continues to make very good progress. Three canals and one pipeline have yet to be complete. Camarata estimates that the entire project should be complete by the end of 2019, pending funding and budget availability.

5) The District is seeking grant funding for the Elder Lateral Piping Project to potentially occur in 2019-2020.

6) The District continues to work with the Bend-LaPine School District (BLSD) to accommodate development of a new elementary school on Cooley Road. An ~1,400 foot stretch of the Riley Sub-Lateral has been engineered to be converted to a pressurized pipeline (in accordance with the District System Improvement Plan) to accommodate proposed utility crossings and easement encroachments that will occur in the area. BLSD currently has the project out to bid. Construction of District improvements is anticipated for Winter, 2018.

7) The Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) remains on track. The involved Districts have hired a contractor to complete the necessary HCP document chapters in coordination with the US Fish & Wildlife Service. The estimated HCP completion date is currently set for July, 2019.

8) The District applied for and has been awarded a Department of Energy Section 242 Hydroelectric Incentive Award. The amount awarded was \$33,306. The District will use a portion of the unbudgeted revenue to replace an older service vehicle. The old service vehicle will be sold as surplus material.

9) The District completed an amendment to an Easement Encroachment Agreement with Bend Research.

10) General discussion ensued between Camarata and the Board regarding ongoing funding and permitting of the Rogers Lateral Piping Project. The District's Watershed Plan-Environmental Assessment, a requirement for both funding and environmental permitting, is expected to be ready for public scoping by May or June of this year. By this April or early May, the District also expects to hear back from the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) regarding a grant application that the District submitted for the project. If all grant funding and permitting falls into place, the project could potentially go to construction this winter.

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Legal Report

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Adjournment

There being no further business, President McCarrel adjourned the meeting at 11:00am.

Attest: _____ President McCarrel

Attest: _____ Secretary Camarata

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