



SWALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

April 2017

The Board of Directors of the Swalley Irrigation District met on April 19, 2017 at the District office for the purpose of conducting its monthly business.

Call to Order

President McCarrel called the meeting to order at 9:00am. Those in attendance were directors Steve McCarrel, Kelly Patrick, and manager Jer Camarata.

Minutes of the March 15, 2017 board meeting were reviewed and on motion made and seconded, unanimously approved.

Business from the Floor/Public Comment

None

Financial

The board reviewed the accounts payable list and financial reports as prepared. On motion made and seconded, the accounts payable list was unanimously approved.

Old Business

Regarding the Eagle Crest stacked water right issue, Camarata reported that staff have observed unexpected construction activity on the land in question. Camarata is working with the landowner's Certified Water Right Examiner to learn more about the unexpected activity. The discussion was tabled and Camarata is to report back to the Board in May.

Correspondence to the Board

A letter from Klaas Kleine was presented to the Board.

New Business

Camarata reported that Micah Smith has indicated an interest in permanently giving his water rights up and not putting them to beneficial use starting this irrigation season. Mr. Smith has asked for his 2017 assessment to be waived on the position that he verbally expressed an interest in releasing his water rights in 2016 to the office manager. Per District policy that water must be formally transferred off the land prior to November 1st of the prior year in order to avoid assessments, the Board denied the request. Water right transactions require formal notice and active participation from landowners, typically including signed affidavits that allow the District to transfer water rights from the land. The District will not initiate the water transaction process without receiving requests in writing. However, due to the circumstances, the Board agreed to waive the late fee for Mr. Smith's failure to pay the assessment on time.

Manager's Report

- 1) Staff has begun the process of evaluating private delivery infrastructure.
- 2) The new Riley Lateral pipeline along Hardy Road is complete and appears to be under budget. However, final invoices and therefore final cost may not be known for at least another month. The pipeline is flowing water at the 30% capacity level and will be tested at the 100% level sometime near the middle of May. If

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performance is satisfactory at that time, the District will release the contractor's performance bond.

3) Implementation of the District's new Water Accounting System is complete.

4) The District is on track to "go live" with a new pay by credit card option by the end of this week.

5) Discussions with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) have progressed and Camarata expects to receive a formal interpretation letter concerning the District's current Memorandum of Agreement sometime this spring.

6) The District's application to the Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) loan program for \$16,000,000 has been scored and ranked. The District ranked well and scored third highest out of all applications received in the state. The results will be formally published in the next update to the 2017 DEQ Intended Use Plan (IUP). The IUP will be reviewed for errors before publication and published on DEQ's website for a 30 day public comment period at the end of April. The plan will become official after public comments are incorporated and the final plan is posted to DEQ's website.

Legal Report

None

Other Business

None

Adjournment

There being no further business, President McCarrel adjourned the meeting at 10:30am.

Attest: _____ President McCarrel

Attest: _____ Secretary Camarata

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