



## **SWALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES**

### **July 15, 2020**

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The Board of Directors of the Swalley Irrigation District met on July 15, 2020 for the purpose of conducting its monthly business.

#### **Call to Order**

President McCarrel called the meeting to order at 9:02 am. Those in attendance were directors Steve McCarrel, Dennis Gant, Kelly Patrick, and general manager Jer Camarata.

#### **Prior Minutes**

Minutes from the June 17, 2020 Board Meeting were reviewed and on motion made and seconded, unanimously approved.

#### **Financial/Hydro Report**

The Board reviewed the accounts payable list, financial reports, and hydro report as prepared. Hydro production has finally picked up with irrigation demand, however, staff did need to shut the plant down this Monday for 5 hours to swap out a worn-out Chesterton Seal. Brief discussion ensued. On motion made and seconded, the accounts payable list was unanimously approved.

#### **Business from the Floor**

None

#### **Old Business**

TABLED -- The Main Canal Piping Project – Phase #7 (MC-7) Design Engineering Estimate & Agreement decision remains tabled until an Agreement is signed with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) allocating PL566 funds to the MC-7 under the District's Watershed Plan. The agreement (referred to internally as the PL566 FY20 Agreement) details and estimated project budgets have been submitted to NRCS and the District hopes to receive more news back near the end of this summer. Camarata also reported that Contract Engineer David Prull has estimated that it will cost approximately \$5,000 to conduct a flow assessment on the MC-7. Timing-wise, Camarata advised that it may be best to handle these two potential MC-7 related expenses within the scope of the District's 2021 Annual Budget.

#### **New Business**

None

#### **Manager's Report**

1) The District's 2019 Annual Audit is near completion.

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2) Transient/homeless trespassing and easement damage has occurred along the Deschutes Lateral Pipeline. The District has engaged the Deschutes County Sherriff's Department, posted No Trespassing signs, and has attempted to create blockades to the illegal crossing areas.

3) The Butte Lateral Piping Project (BLPP) Loss Assessment is complete and has been signed by contract engineer David Prull. State-based match grant funding for the BLPP project has been lost/de-awarded due to the State pulling back lottery revenues, a function of budget deficits from the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic.

4) Emergency repairs were made late last week to a sink-hole that was discovered along the Elder Lateral.

5) A recent algae bloom has been creating some headaches for field staff. Chronic algae clogged pipeline inlet screens have led to necessary increased screen cleaning internals for staff during evening and weekend shifts. Camarata is assisting field staff with some of these evening duties and will be searching for some additional field staff support.

**Legal**

1) Mr. Dan Kiesow has submitted newly revised development plans to the City of Bend that appear to not impact the District's 50-ft easement along the Riley Lateral Canal that runs through his property.

2) The Final Trent Stacked Water Rights Agreement remains on the Trent's attorney's desk for signature.

3) The District continues to work with the City of Bend on its North Sewer Interceptor Project and crossing of the Main Canal Pipeline and Right-of-Way Easement near Highway 97. After a meeting and some discussion with City Management, Camarata has agreed that District Counsel will work with the City Attorney to draft revision/hybrid language to the District's standard Crossing Agreement that attempts to take both the Board and the City Management concerns into consideration regarding long-term liability and crossing fees. The revised draft agreement will be brought before the Board for review when it has been prepared by Counsel Shropshire.

**Adjournment**

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Director McCarrel

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary Camarata

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