



SWALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

January 22, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Swalley Irrigation District met on January 22, 2020 at the District office for the purpose of conducting its monthly business.

Call to Order

President McCarrel called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Those in attendance were directors Steve McCarrel, Dennis Gant, Kelly Patrick, and general manager Jer Camarata. Members of the public present are listed on the attached sign-in sheet.

Prior Minutes

Minutes from the December 18, 2019 Board Meeting were reviewed and on motion made and seconded, unanimously approved.

Business from the Floor

Stephanie Ruse, NRCS provided the Board with an overview of several irrigation modernization incentive programs that NRCS is making available to water users. Ruse also advised of a Deschutes County Local Work Group Meeting to discuss such programs on February 11, 2020 at the Redmond City Hall.

Financial/Hydro Report

The Board reviewed the accounts payable list, financial reports, and hydro report as prepared. No hydro report spreadsheet was provided as there was no stock run and therefore no hydro production in December due to maintenance. Discussion ensued. On motion made and seconded, the accounts payable list was unanimously approved.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- None

Manager's Report

1) A status update of the Rogers Lateral Pipeline Project (RLPP) was provided. Camarata informed the Board that the District has been awarded a \$32,000 sub-grant from the Oregon Environmental Council (OEC) that will be put towards purchase and installation of thirty 14-foot access gates along the RLPP easement corridor. The funding was generously provided to the OEC and Swalley from the Alice C. Tyler Charitable Trust. Discussion ensued. Weekly project status reports are being provided to the Board via email. The project is going well and on schedule.

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2) The District has received a \$30,462 incentive grant award from the Department of Energy for hydroelectric energy produced in 2018.

3) The City of Bend and Swalley are currently engaged in designing an acceptable Proposed North Sewer Interceptor Pipeline Crossing over the District's Main Canal Pipeline. The City has agreed to the District's design specifications and is currently drafting up engineering plans for use in an eventual Crossing Agreement. Discussion ensued.

4) 2020 District Assessments were mailed out this week.

5) The January stock run was completed as planned. Discussion ensued. As a reminder, stock runs are not guaranteed events and patrons are not assessed charges for stock water. Every year, the District has a few patrons that ask for refunds when a stock run does not occur. Since the District does not charge for stock runs, nor can it guarantee them, it is standard procedure for reimbursement requests to be denied (there is nothing to reimburse). Further, formal District policy is that ALL assessments are non-reimbursable due to budgetary restraints. Associated information is posted on the District's website.

6) An Easement Encroachment Agreement (EEA) has been issued to the Calvary Church for a new fence and access gate due to public safety concerns that the Church has over the District's Riley-Sub Lateral Pipeline easement that runs through the Church playground, and in proximity to the new North Star Elementary School's access road.

Legal Report

- A draft Water Rights Agreement with Gary and Deborah Trent has been drafted by counsel and was circulated for Board consideration. The Agreement is regarding a stacked water rights matter. On motion made and seconded, the draft Water Rights Agreement between Swalley and the Trent's was unanimously approved for presentation to the Trent's attorney, and Camarata is authorized to counter-execute said agreement if-and-when the Trent's have signed the agreement as-presented.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Director McCarrel adjourned the meeting at 10:45 am.

Attest: _____ Director McCarrel

Attest: _____ Secretary Camarata