



SWALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

September 16, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Swalley Irrigation District met on September 16, 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 from Swalley were Steve McCarrel, Dennis Gant, Kelly Patrick, and Jer Camarata. In attendance from the public was Phil Chang.

Prior Minutes

Minutes from the August 19, 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 been going well and is on track with projections. There are a couple of important maintenance items that need to be addressed in September or early October, including installation of a replacement Hydraulic Pressure Unit (HPU) stop switch and a replacement HPU actuator bladder. A short shut-down will be necessary to conduct the maintenance needed to safely get through the rest of the irrigation season. Brief discussion ensued. On motion made and seconded, the accounts payable list was unanimously approved.

Business from the Floor

Phil Chang introduced himself to the Board as a candidate running for a Deschutes County Commissioner Position. Discussion ensued regarding Chang's platform and topics important to the District such as water conservation, zoning, and land use. Chang thanked the Board for the opportunity to introduce himself and left the meeting.

Old Business

TABLED -- The Main Canal Piping Project – Phase #7 (MC-7) Design Engineering Estimate & Agreement and the MC-7 Loss Analysis Agreement decisions remain tabled until a FY17 PL566 Agreement is signed with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) allocating PL566 funds to the MC-7 Project. Camarata reported that the FY17 Agreement has reportedly been finalized by NRCS officials and delivered to the Deschutes Basin Board of Control (DBBC) President's desk for review and final signature.

New Business

- Resolution 20-2 authorizing a Vote by Mail Election was presented. Brief discussion ensued. Legal notices for the upcoming election have been

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posted per regulatory guidelines. On motion made and seconded, Resolution 20-2 was unanimously approved as presented.

Manager's Report

1) The recently approved 2019 Annual Audit has been submitted to the state.

2) Administrative and permitting progress on a new safety fence project around the Rogers and Riley split near Poe Sholes Road continues. The District is working with the County on the project and a request to build the fence outside of the District's easement on County owned land has recently been approved. Construction will commence prior to the end of the year.

3) The District has submitted (via the Oregon Environmental Council) an electric vehicle charging station and electric vehicle procurement grant application.

4) A final draft of the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) has been submitted to The Services (USFWS, NOAA, USBR) for approval. The milestone represents a culmination of twelve years' worth of effort with the DBBC.

5) The City is seeking an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the District for design of the Purcell Road Expansion Project as it relates to the crossing of the District's Kotzman Lateral Pipeline. The City has yet to propose a first draft IGA.

6) One of the District's trucks has logged over 100,000 miles and needs replacement. Discussion ensued. On motion made and seconded, it was unanimously approved to authorize up to \$35,000 in unbudgeted 2020 expenses for a new truck. Upon purchase of a new truck, the truck being replaced will be declared surplus material.

7) Discussion ensued regarding a potential native seeding effort over the Rogers Lateral Pipeline easement. The backfill material used for the pipeline is primarily highly compacted crush and pumice rock. After five months of operating over and inspecting the new easement surface, staff are reporting that the easement and service road is an extremely hard surface not favorable to vegetative growth. Efforts to test-seed the easement in a few locations have either failed or provided very poor yield. As a result, staff recommend not seeding the easement as originally envisioned. A few benefits of the resulting hard surface is that the new pipeline is well protected, dust is minimal, and even noxious weeds find it difficult to grow and propagate in the easement. The Board agreed that any large-scale effort to reseed the easement with a limited budget could be considered a waste of public resources and therefore should not be pursued at this time. The District has however agreed to work with one landowner along the pipeline who was promised a reseeding effort through

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his land while the pipeline was under construction this last winter. Such seeding work is to be considered a special circumstance and will commence before the end of the year, with advice and support from the Deschutes County Weed Department.

Legal

1) A revised Crossing Agreement between the City of Bend and the District regarding the City's North Sewer Interceptor Project was re-submitted to the City in August and remains on the City Attorney's desk for comment and approval. Any non-standard agreement terms will be presented to the Board prior to signature.

2) A revision of the Kiesow View Development Plan along the Riley Lateral Canal has been scaled back and approved by the City. The final plan does not include any proposed improvements or encroachment of any kind over District infrastructure and within the District's easement.

Adjournment

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

Attest: _____ Director McCarrel

Attest: _____ Secretary Camarata