



## **SWALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES**

### **August 19, 2020**

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The Board of Directors of the Swalley Irrigation District met on August 19, 2020 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 from Swalley were directors Steve McCarrel, Dennis Gant, Kelly Patrick, general manager Jer Camarata, and field technician Breck Caldwell. In attendance from the public were Todd Peplin and Erin Kilcullen from the Deschutes Soil and Water Conservation District (DSWCD).

#### **Prior Minutes**

Minutes from the July 15, 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. However, the plant needed to be shut down for ~6 hours on August 15<sup>th</sup> when a nearby wildfire broke out and power distribution in the area was cut off. Fire crews were able to use Swalley's pressurized fire hydrant from its Main Canal Pipeline near the plant to fill tanker trucks. The fire was successfully stamped out overnight and staff were able to bring the plant back online late that same night. No evident damage appears to have been caused to the plant or the pipeline during the incident. Brief discussion ensued. On motion made and seconded, the accounts payable list was unanimously approved.

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

Todd Peplin and Erin Kilcullen, DSWCD provided the Board with an overview and status update of DSWCD activities and efforts. Peplin provided an update on the Private Tower Ditch Feasibility Study he has been working on with Swalley Patrons. Discussion ensued.

#### **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 an Agreement is signed with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) allocating PL566 funds to the MC-7 Project.

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### **New Business**

-A final draft of the 2019 Annual Audit was presented and reviewed. Brief discussion ensued. On motion made and seconded, the 2019 Annual Audit was unanimously accepted as presented.

-Camarata informed the Board that necessary spray and excavation activities need to occur along the Butte Lateral early this fall. The spray maintenance will be most successful if done in October prior to the end of Swalley's irrigation season. Caldwell reported that he has touched base with patrons served off of the Butte Lateral regarding their sentiments towards an early shutdown and that he has heard no objections. Brief discussion ensued. On motion made and seconded, it was unanimously approved that the Butte Lateral would be shut down on October 15<sup>th</sup> for the remainder of the irrigation season to conduct necessary maintenance.

### **Manager's Report**

1) Crossing agreements for two new overhead powerline crossings are pending. One with Sterling West, and the other with Gary Knight via PacifiCorp.

2) Progress on a new safety fence project around the Rogers and Riley split near Poe Sholes Road is being made. Caldwell provided a brief status update. The District is working with the County on the project and requesting to build the fence outside of the District's easement on County owned land.

3) The District is working with the Oregon Environmental Council (OEC) and PacifiCorp on an electric vehicle charging station and electric vehicle procurement grant opportunity.

4) Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) expenses continue to build and are now anticipated to spill over into the 2021 budget despite the expectation that the HCP will be complete and Incidental Take Permits will be issued by the end of 2020. The District has been advised by the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the Deschutes Basin Board of Control to expect a final round of HCP expenses in the \$595k range in early 2021. Swalley's portion of the final estimated expenses is in the \$20k range. Camarata will budget accordingly.

### **Legal**

1) Counsel Shropshire has completed drafting of a revised Crossing Agreement between the City of Bend and the District regarding the City's North Sewer Interceptor Project. Revised draft language to the District's Standard Crossing Agreement primarily just enhanced strong

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indemnification in perpetuity-type clauses in favor of the District and in exchange for lowered crossing fees to be charged to the City. These revisions were implemented as discussed at the July Board Meeting. Due to the simple nature of the changes, Camarata and Shropshire decided to submit the draft to the City this week for review. Any non-standard final agreement terms will be presented to the Board prior to signature.

**Adjournment**

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:22 am.

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

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

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