



SWALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

March 2017

The Board of Directors of the Swalley Irrigation District met on March 15, 2017 at the District office for the purpose of conducting its monthly business.

Call to Order

President McCarrel called the meeting to order at 9:02am. Those in attendance were directors Steve McCarrel, Kelly Patrick, and manager Jer Camarata. From the public, Bobbie Jo Blood of Bend Quality Landscape was in attendance.

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

Business from the Floor/Public Comment

Bobbie Jo Blood reported that she served a number of Swalley patrons off of the Riley Lateral and gave the board an overview of issues that she and her clients were having with private irrigation conveyances. Ms. Blood asked about the district's modernization plans and what that might mean to her clients' efforts towards making improvements to private irrigation infrastructure. Much discussion ensued. Camarata agreed to follow up with Ms. Blood at a later date to better understand the issues and opportunities and also take a field tour. Ms. Blood thanked the board and left the meeting at 9:40am.

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.

Manager's Report

1) Camarata gave an overview of a stacked primary water right issue on a newly acquired property within Eagle Crest Resort. The District has met with the appropriate authorities, owners, and Eagle Crest representatives several times on the matter. Discussion ensued. The Board was given a rough draft agreement prepared by staff as a possible solution to address party concerns. The Board agreed to review the draft agreement and table the discussion to a future meeting.

2) The new Riley Lateral pipeline project that runs through the North Fire Station property and paralleling Hardy Road is 80% complete, on track, and on budget. District staff and equipment have been heavily involved in the project in an effort to keep project costs down and to also learn some of the new welding techniques involved with High Density Polyethylene pipe.

3) Implementation of the District's new Water Accounting System is expected to be 100% complete by April 10th.

4) Owners of the Tower Box Private Lateral have been contacted by the Deschutes Soil & Water Conservation District (DSWCD) to arrange a meeting with Swalley to present the engineering solution and implementation costs for the experimental on-farm improvement project. DSWCD and Swalley staff continues to investigate grant funding options in the hopes of financing the implementation portion of the project.

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5) Urbanization and development projects and issues within the District were discussed at length. The City of Bend Sawyer Park Force Sewer Main Project will be commencing this spring and involves crossing the Main Canal Pipeline underneath Butler Market Road.

6) The Fish Ladder Project is 99% complete and wet-commissioning will occur this week. Fish and Wildlife authority inspections will occur on March 22nd, and a formal ribbon cutting ceremony will be announced at a later date.

7) Discussion ensued regarding the modernization planning project at-large, where topics such as outreach, development of an implementation strategy, funding strategy, project phasing and timing, and associated opportunities and liabilities were covered. District staff continues to work towards piping project compliance checklist items with cultural and environmental authorities.

Legal Report

None

Other Business

None

Adjournment

There being no further business, President McCarrel adjourned the meeting at 10:13pm.

Attest: _____ President McCarrel

Attest: _____ Secretary Camarata

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