



## **SWALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES**

### **March 2019**

The Board of Directors of the Swalley Irrigation District met on March 21, 2019 at the District office for the purpose of conducting its monthly business.

#### **Call to Order**

President McCarrel called the meeting to order at 9:04 am. Those in attendance were directors Steve McCarrel, Kelly Patrick, Dennis Gant, and general manager Jer Camarata.

#### **Prior Minutes**

Minutes from the February 27, 2019 board meeting were reviewed and on motion made and seconded, unanimously approved.

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

None

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

The Board reviewed the accounts payable list, financial reports, and hydro report as prepared. On motion made and seconded, the accounts payable list was unanimously approved. Brief discussion ensued regarding assessment collection status and certain preventative electrical maintenance that is occurring.

#### **Old Business**

None

#### **New Business**

Camarata presented to the Board for consideration two DBBC Data & Research Sharing Agreements to explore a potential pipe manufacturing project. After much discussion, the Board agreed that it is not in the best interest of the District to engage in a pipe manufacturing business. The Board asked Camarata to communicate to the other members of DBBC the Board's recommendation that if any other members wish to pursue examination of engaging in such a project, they should do so through an entity completely separate from the DBBC. On motion made and seconded the Board unanimously voted to not enter into the DBBC Data & Research Sharing Agreements.

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

1) Camarata reports that a March stock run will be a challenge due to snow in the canals, snow and mud on the ditch roads, and general lack of stock water demand. Snow is melting off quickly and staff will be attempting to run the Main Canal on March 21<sup>st</sup>, but Camarata advises that that date may need to be moved back several days depending on the weather. Several patrons have called in to express concerns that they have not been able to

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conduct ditch and pond cleaning maintenance due to the weather and snow accumulation. Camarata expects that the Rogers and Riley Lateral demand may not pick up until the second or third week of April, and that staff will evaluate the weather and irrigation demand on all laterals closely and do what they can to safely ramp the system up on a weather-dependent and lateral by lateral basis. Camarata notes that the above efforts may affect hydro-power production.

2) The District's Watershed Plan/Environmental Assessment (WP/EA) has been federally approved. Now that all project permits, findings of no significant impact, and funds have been secured for the Rogers Lateral Piping Project (RLPP), Engineer of Record, Kevin Crew will plan on taking the RLPP out to Request for Proposal (RFP) bid this mid-July to early-August. Pending contractor award, anticipated construction dates for the RLPP are set for November 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020.

3) Camarata continues to work on a Capital Improvement Plan for future piping project phasing approaches, scalable cost estimates, and contractor proposal strategies that dovetail in with the District's System Improvement Plan (SIP) guidelines, Modernization Strategy (MS), and Watershed Plan/Environmental Assessment (WP/EA) approach.

4) The District has been awarded a grant from the Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) to conduct a feasibility study to investigate the possibility of sleeve-lining a portion of the private Tower Ditch Lateral with HDPE pipe. The Tower Ditch lateral is partially piped with old wood-stave technology and in poor shape. Todd Peplin, Deschutes Soil and Water Conservation District (DSWCD) will address The Board on the topic in April.

5) The District's security system upgrade project for the office and shop is complete. Expenses for the project were about \$400 higher than expected because it was discovered that all office and shop smoke, heat, and CO2 detectors needed to be replaced due to age.

**Legal Report**

None.

**Adjournment**

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

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ President McCarrel

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