



SWALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

April 15, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Swalley Irrigation District met remotely on April 15, 2020 via conference call 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 were directors Steve McCarrel, Dennis Gant, Kelly Patrick, general manager Jer Camarata, and office manager Kathy Ferguson. Also in attendance for a portion of the meeting was Eric Huffman, representing his client, Dan Kiesow.

Prior Minutes

Minutes from the February 19, 2020 and March 18, 2020 Board Meetings were reviewed and on motion made and seconded, unanimously approved.

Business from the Floor

Eric Huffman introduced himself as surveyor, engineer, and representative to Swalley Patron Dan Kiesow. Mr. Huffman addressed several requests that his client is making to the Board, and as outlined in a recent letter concerning Mr. Kiesow's desire to develop his property and gain canal crossing and easement encroachment rights from the District. Camarata advised that a Responsible Party Agreement (RPA) had not been signed by Mr. Kiesow per standard Development Handbook Policy and that substantial time and survey resources have been spent reviewing the potential development request to date. Discussion between Mr. Huffman and the Board ensued. The Board decided that because of certain potential legal and real property negotiation issues that needed to be fully addressed and carefully considered within Mr. Kiesow's letter and request, it would table the discussion for an Executive Session Workshop closed to the public. The Board instructed staff to not spend further time and District resources on the matter until the Board has had a chance to meet under Executive Session, review the details of the request, and provide further direction. The Board asked Camarata to work towards identifying and setting up an Executive Session Workshop date and time to discuss the matter further. The Board also expressed interest in setting up a time after the Executive Session Workshop to visit the Kiesow property, which it said Camarata could work with Mr. Huffman on to organize. Mr. Huffman thanked the Board for their time and consideration and left the meeting.

Financial/Hydro Report

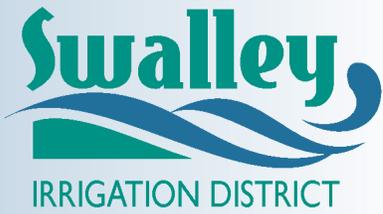
The Board reviewed the accounts payable list, financial reports, and hydro report as prepared. Discussion ensued. On motion made and seconded, the accounts payable list was unanimously approved.

Old Business

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- None

New Business

- Resolution #20-1 – COVID-19 Pandemic was reviewed and discussed. On motion made and seconded, Resolution #20-1 was unanimously approved.

Manager’s Report

1) A status update of the Rogers Lateral Pipeline Project (RLPP) was provided. The project is substantially complete and field staff are actively operating the new pipeline. The project is expected to come in under budget. The possibility of using unbudgeted grant dollars to enhance project site restoration efforts was discussed. The District plans to hire the County to conduct native seed drilling over the easement area in the Fall when environmental conditions have improved and a seeding effort has the best chance for non-irrigated germination success.

2) The Elder Lateral Piping Project (ELPP) design engineering status is 90% complete. Camarata plans to bid the project out this June.

3) Staff continue to work on grant funding for the Butte Lateral Piping Project (BLPP) and the Main Canal Pipeline Project Phase #7 (MCPP7).

4) Pressure testing of the Kotzman Pipeline will commence this month in response to concerns that the pipeline was damaged due to adjacent blasting activities this last winter.

5) Roofers started work on the new office roof project this week.

6) Discussion ensued regarding several ongoing major development reviews that the District is involved with concerning the Powell Development on the Gumpert property, the new Winco facility at the existing Shopko property, Hunnell Rd and Tumalo Rd improvements with Deschutes County, several potential ODOT road improvement conflicts, and the North Sewer Interceptor Project with the City of Bend.

Legal Report

- The Stacked Water Rights Agreement with Gary and Deborah Trent remains unsigned due to legal staffing and scheduling conflicts outside of District control. Counsel Shropshire has advised that the agreement is now on the Trent attorney’s desk for review and signature.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Director McCarrel adjourned the meeting at 10:32 am.

Attest: _____ Director McCarrel

Attest: _____ Secretary Camarata

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