



SWALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES July 2017

The Board of Directors of the Swalley Irrigation District met on July 19, 2017 at the District office for the purpose of conducting its monthly business.

Call to Order

President McCarrel called the meeting to order at 9:00am. Those in attendance were directors Steve McCarrel, Kelly Patrick, and manager Jer Camarata. Patrons, Skip Frank and Dan Kieso were also in attendance.

Minutes of the June 21 and July 10, 2017 board meetings were presented. With minor edits and clarifications made to the special board meeting minutes of July 10, 2017, both sets of minutes were unanimously approved.

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. Brief discussion ensued regarding the hydroelectric facility's production.

Old Business

The revised, final 2016 Audit was presented. Errors identified on page 15 have been corrected and the final audit has since been turned into the State.

An agreement between the District and Black Rock Consulting (BRC) was presented. The agreement authorizes the District to move forward with BRC for surveying and engineering design activities involving the Rogers Lateral Piping Project. On motion made and seconded, the agreement was unanimously approved and executed.

New Business

The 2017 Foreclosure and Lien Lists were presented. In accordance with existing District policy, on motion made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved to refer the accounts listed to the District's legal counsel for collection under foreclosure law.

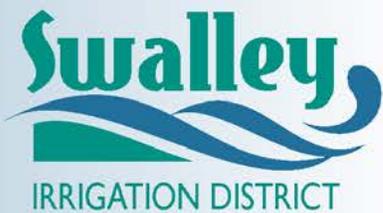
Correspondence to the Board

None. However, Camarata reported that the District had received over one hundred public comments directed at the ongoing watershed planning effort. The public comments will be released and available for review in the Draft Watershed Plan Environmental Assessment that will be released in August or early September. Farmers Conservation Alliance (FCA) is handling the watershed planning public comments process and recording.

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Business from the Floor/Public Comment

Dan Kieso expressed concerns about using herbicides to combat invasive weeds within the District. Mr. Kieso also addressed his concerns with water rates, and asked for assurance from the Board that they were looking at multiple issues and “the bigger picture” when considering modernization projects.

Skip Frank expressed strong support for modernization projects and encouraged the Board to consider more robust outreach efforts to its patrons.

Discussion ensued with both gentlemen, and the board thanked each for their comments and attendance.

Manager’s Report

1) The District has been awarded a \$9,994 grant by Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) to help combat invasive weeds.

2) The District held a Watershed Plan Public Scoping Meeting on July 6th to inform the local community of proposed modernization plans to pipe canals, conserve water, improve fish habitat, and enable irrigation pump energy efficiencies. The meeting was well attended. The primary goal of the meeting was to gather community comments on the proposed Watershed Plan, which FCA is actively working to complete. A draft Watershed Plan is expected to be released for public comment sometime in August or early September.

Legal Report

The Eagle Crest stacked water right issue remains on Legal Counsel’s desk for initial review and comments.

Other Business

None.

Adjournment

There being no further business, President McCarrel adjourned the meeting at 10:15am.

Attest: _____ President McCarrel

Attest: _____ Secretary Camarata

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