



## **SWALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES**

### **May 2018**

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The Board of Directors of the Swalley Irrigation District met on May 16, 2018 at the District office 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 were directors Steve McCarrel, Kelly Patrick, Dennis Gant and general manager Jer Camarata.

#### **Prior Minutes**

Minutes from the April 18, 2018 board meeting were reviewed and on motion made and seconded, unanimously approved.

#### **Financial 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.

#### **Old Business**

The District has been offered a grant award from the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) of \$645,957 in support of the Rogers Lateral Piping Project. Discussion ensued. On motion made and seconded, it was unanimously approved to accept the OWEB grant award for the Rogers Lateral Piping Project and authorize the general manager to execute all necessary documents related thereto.

#### **New Business**

Director Gant was added as a signer on the District's primary checking account. Directors Patrick and McCarrel, and general manager Camarata concurrently reauthorized their signatures on the primary checking account.

Due to a scheduling conflict the August board meeting has been moved to August 28<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

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

1) The District's draft Watershed Plan/Environmental Assessment is under review by OR-NRCS. Pending comments and edits, the Watershed Plan is scheduled to be submitted to Fed-NRCS by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Camarata will begin construction and permitting planning for the Rogers Lateral Piping Project this spring and summer in anticipation of the Watershed Plan resulting in successful issuance of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) decision/permit from NRCS this October.

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2) The District has filed a Regional Infrastructure Funding (RIF) grant application for the Elder Lateral Piping Project to potentially be constructed in 2019-2020. The District has asked for \$236,900 in match funding, which is ~25% of the estimated total project cost.

3) Brief discussion ensued regarding the City of Bend's Sewer Interceptor Projects and the possible crossings of District infrastructure. Camarata shared an email that he sent to the City of Bend on the matter.

4) The District continues to work with the Bend-LaPine School District (BLSD) to accommodate development of a new elementary school on Cooley Road. A draft Piping, Crossing, and Easement Encroachment Agreement has been submitted to BLSD for review. Engineering designs for the ~1,400' of new District pipeline have been completed. Construction is anticipated this winter.

5) The Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) remains on track for completion in 2019. District canals will be excluded from the HCP, but covered by the District's NRCS-based Watershed Plan/Environmental Assessment.

6) The District's 2017 audit is nearing completion.

7) Discussion ensued regarding unauthorized excavation within a District easement along the Main Canal. Repairs have been made along the canal at the Owners expense. The repair will be monitored closely by District staff over the next couple of weeks.

#### **Legal Report**

None

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, President McCarrel adjourned the meeting at 11:35am.

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

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

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