



SWALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES
October 16, 2019

The Board of Directors of the Swalley Irrigation District met on October 16, 2019 at the District office for the purpose of conducting its monthly business.

Call to Order

President McCarrel called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Those in attendance were directors Steve McCarrel, Dennis Gant, Kelly Patrick, and general manager Jer Camarata.

Prior Minutes

Minutes from the September 18, 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. The District has received one estimate for new flooring and Camarata will try and address the potential expense within the scope of the 2020 Annual Budget. Discussion ensued regarding annual power production and estimated 2019 irrigation turn-off dates. The Rogers and Riley Laterals have been turned down to nearly no flow as of October 15th and Camarata anticipates running the Main Canal and all other laterals until October 31st, weather and demand permitting. All updates will be provided real-time on the District's website.

Old Business

1) Discussion ensued regarding another round of draft edits and comments received on a draft Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) request from the City of Bend in consideration of its North Interceptor Sewer Crossing Project. District staff and Board proposed several rejoinder edits to the draft IGA and generally came to consensus on final recommended edits for presentation to the City. On motion made and seconded, it was unanimously approved to draft and send the discussed edits to the City, and upon full acceptance of the edits from the City, to authorize Camarata to counter-execute the IGA. Approved redline-edits of the IGA are to be appended to these minutes.

2) Camarata announced that as of the October 8, 2019 deadline for filing election petitions, Dennis Gant has been duly re-elected to Position #1 for Director at Large, a function of Gant being the sole candidate for a three-year term to be served from January 2020 through December 2022. A Certificate of Election has been executed.

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New Business

None.

Manager's Report

1) Camarata provided a status update on the Deschutes Basin Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and Incidental Take Permit (ITP) applications that have been applied for. Discussion ensued regarding potential HCP expenses that may pour over into the 2020 Annual Budget.

2) A status update of the Rogers Lateral Pipeline Project (RLPP) was provided. Discussion ensued regarding current materials orders and project payment requests with grant funders per the RLPP project accounting sheet provided in the Board Packet. The District is experiencing some difficulty with obtaining expedient processing and communication of its advance requests to the NRCS from the current Deschutes Basin Board of Control (DBBC) consultant responsible for processing the requests with NRCS. The matter is on the agenda of an upcoming DBBC Board Meeting. Discussion ensued regarding utility locates and utility conflicts that are being uncovered. All pipe materials for the RLPP have been delivered to the various project staging areas and turnout materials are expected to arrive next week. For all practical purposes, the project may be considered on or ahead of schedule. Weekly project status reports are anticipated to be provided to the Board soon now that construction is commencing.

3) Camarata expects to present a Draft 2020 Annual Budget to the Board in November. Staff have been extremely busy with development reviews and RLPP project planning, so the annual budget planning process is lagging by a couple of weeks.

4) Deschutes County is considering a Pipeline Crossing Agreement with the District for a new water line crossing at its Safety Complex property near Poe Sholes Road. A Responsible Party Agreement (RPA) has been executed.

5) The District has been awarded another round of hydropower incentive funding from the Department of Energy (DOE) for power produced during 2018. The precise amount of funding awarded to the District should be provided by DOE before the end of the year.

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Legal Report

-The Board is still waiting on: 1) a legal memorandum from counsel regarding stock water delivery responsibilities, and 2) review of a stacked water right issue and legal request for waiver of assessment from a patron located in the Eagle Crest area. Camarata will follow up with counsel to try and move the legal reviews along to at least obtain status updates for Board consideration at the regular November Board Meeting.

Adjournment

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

Attest: _____ Director McCarrel

Attest: _____ Secretary Camarata