

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 5th, 2016 10:00 a.m.
TUMALO IRRIGATION DISTRICT OFFICE
64697 Cook Avenue
Bend, Oregon 97703

BOARD: Ron Cochran, Shirley DeMaris, Wally Zimmerman, Steve Putnam, Martin Warbington
STAFF: April Harris, Bob Varco
ATTORNEY: Mark Reinecke

Chairman Cochran called the special board meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and appointed April Harris scribe.

OREGON SPOTTED FROG LITIGATION

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) listed the Oregon spotted frog as a threatened species in 2014. Once a species is listed as threatened or endangered under the ESA, federal law requires protection of the animal and its habitat. In late 2015 and early 2016, two environmental groups brought lawsuits claiming the Districts and the Bureau of Reclamation were not taking the necessary steps to protect Oregon spotted frogs and the wetlands where they live.

Attorney Reinecke summarized the lawsuit and the HCP. A settlement agreement was presented to the District and reviewed. The board discussed the District's options and potential impacts to the District based on whether they decide to accept or deny the settlement agreement.

Director Zimmerman made a motion to approve the resolution regarding settlement of litigation. Vice Chair DeMaris seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

Director Putnam made a motion to adjourn the special board meeting at 4:35 p.m. Director Warbington seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.