

ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 14, 2017 10:00 a.m.
TUMALO IRRIGATION DISTRICT OFFICE
64697 Cook Avenue
Bend, Oregon 97703

BOARD: Ron Cochran, Shirley DeMaris, Steve Putnam, Wally Zimmerman, Martin Warbington
STAFF: Kenneth Rieck, April Harris, Bob Varco
ATTORNEY: Mark Reinecke
GUESTS: Brianna Cadwell, Craig Morton, Tom Bishop, Dorbina Bishop, Jack Farley, Patrick Griffiths

Chairman Cochran called the regular board meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and appointed April Harris scribe.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairman Cochran announced that the board would be entering executive session under ORS 192.660 (2)(f)&(h) at 10:01 a.m.

RECONVENE

Chairman Cochran reconvened the regular board meeting at 11:30 a.m. and appointed April Harris scribe.

APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 2017 BOARD MEETING

Director Putnam made a motion to approve the January 10, 2017 regular and executive board meeting minutes as corrected. Vice Chair DeMaris seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

WATER SUPPLY REPORT

Manager Rieck reviewed the current water supply report and the attached graphs. Rieck stated that the winter had been decent in relation to precipitation levels and with the accumulation of snow we may be able to pull water from Tumalo Creek for a longer period of time than usual this year, which will mean that less water will be taken out of Crescent Lake this summer.

STOCK RUN SCHEDULE

The District is still on hold regarding rescheduling the second stock run that was postponed due to the heavy snow conditions. The field crew is monitoring the canals daily and will begin a stock run as soon as enough snow has melted and it is safe to run water.

PHASE V PIPING PROJECT

The District held a meeting on Saturday, January 7, 2017 with all but one of the property owners involved with the upcoming proposed piping project. Manager Rieck stated that the meeting was successful and that he would be meeting with the last property owner tomorrow. With the cooperation of all property owners, the District would be able to save several hundred feet of piping with a more direct path through the properties.

OWEB GRANT APPLICATION

Manager Rieck stated that although our previous application to OWEB for a million dollars was initially denied, the District can reapply in April of this year. The District could reapply for \$750,000 with the option for a lesser grant if the full amount is too much to gain approval. Director Putnam made a motion authorizing the District to apply for the grant. Director Zimmerman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

WATER TRANSFER

Director Putnam made a motion accepting the transfer of a total of 4 acres of industrial water rights to Eric Coats of ERMK, LLC. Two acres of these rights are from Tumalo Irrigation District and the other two acres are from CLR, Inc. Vice Chair DeMaris seconded the motion. Chairman Cochran abstained from voting and the motion passed with four votes to zero.

2017 TID-DRC INSTREAM LEASE MOA

Special Districts Association of Oregon (SDAO) has advised all special districts to adopt a resolution recommending the restoration of recreational immunity rights. SDAO developed a sample resolution which was submitted to the Board for review. Director Putnam made a motion accepting the resolution as provided by SDAO. Vice Chair DeMaris seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2016 AUDIT

The District received Barnett & Company CPAs' engagement letter for our annual audit. Director Warbington made a motion authorizing Manager Rieck to sign the engagement letter. Director Putnam seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

FLEET REVIEW

Manager Rieck presented a brief review of all the vehicles and equipment that the District currently owns. A summary was provided which included the total mileage or hours that are currently on each vehicle or piece of equipment.

MITIGATION CREDITS

Manager Rieck stated that the District is currently in the process of attempting to obtain mitigation credits from the State for the water that is being released from Crescent Lake for the Oregon spotted frog during the winter months. Adam Sussman with GSI Water Solutions has been hired to assist the District with the application process and a meeting with the State has been scheduled for March 3rd. The pros and cons of applying for permanent vs. temporary credits were discussed.

PHASE V FUNDING

A sub-committee has been created to research feasible ways of obtaining funds and/or grants to cover the cost of piping the whole District. Volunteers for this sub-committee consist of Manager Rieck, Chairman Cochran, and Director Zimmerman. Manager Rieck hopes to have a progress report ready to present at the next board meeting.

BILL MARTIN ROAD

The ground surrounding Bill Martin Road was frozen solid before a large amount of snow accumulated. Once the snow began to melt, sinkholes began to form and rapidly increased over the next 24-hour period, causing concern to both the District and Deschutes County. The County closed the road and

worked with the District on creating an alternate route through the District's property for Bill Martin Road residents. As a result the County installed 3 culverts to relieve the problem area.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Patrick Griffith, the Water Resource Manager for the City of Bend, was introduced. The City of Bend partners with the District in receiving water from Tumalo Creek. Griffith stated that the City has new council members and their focus in regards to the District is to explore the possibility of working with us on a government to government agreement. The City is also currently a patron of the District. On behalf of the City, Griffith expressed their support for the District and commended Manager Rieck, stating he has always been amazing to work with.

Patron Jack Farley inquired on the status of hiring a new Watermaster. Manager Rieck stated that at this time we are still accepting resumes.

SDAO TRAINING

Director Warbington stated that he attended the class put on my SDAO last month, along with Director Zimmerman and Vice Chair DeMaris.

MOTION TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 2017 VOUCHER LIST

Director Putnam made a motion to approve the February 2017 voucher list. Vice Chair DeMaris seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

The next board meeting date was set for March 14, 2017. Director Putnam made a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:31 p.m. Vice Chair DeMaris seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.