

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 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: Jim Holt, Brianna Cadwell, Tom Bishop, Dorbina Bishop, Jack Farley

Chairman Cochran called the regular board meeting to order at 10:02 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)(e)&(f)&(h) at 10:02 a.m.

RECONVENE

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

APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2017 BOARD MEETING

Director Zimmerman made a motion to approve the February 14, 2017 regular and executive board meeting minutes. Director Putnam seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

WATER SUPPLY REPORT

Manager Rieck reviewed the current water supply report and the attached graphs, which indicated Crescent Lake was 67% full. Rieck stated that a ditch rider was currently on his way to Crescent Lake to make the adjustment in the amount of water being released from 20cfs to 30cfs in preparation for the beginning of the Oregon spotted frog's breeding season.

NEWSLETTER

Manager Rieck stated that the winter newsletter has been sent out and water patrons should have received their copies in the mail.

STOCK RUN SCHEDULE

The District ran the second stock run of the season during the week of February 20-24th. Since there are only seven weeks between the end of this stock run and the beginning of the water season, the District has decided not to have a third stock run in order to allow our field crew to complete maintenance on our ditches and canals. The start of the 2017 irrigation season has been scheduled for Monday, April 17th. In preparation for the beginning of the season, the District will start filling Tumalo Reservoir on April 10th.

PHASE V PIPING PROJECT

Manager Rieck presented a map reflecting the District's intentions for re-routing the Tumalo Feel Canal in an effort to reduce costs on the fifth phase of piping the canal. Cooperation from two of the property owners involved with the upcoming proposed project has been confirmed and the District is now waiting on an agreement from one remaining property owner.

MITIGATION CREDITS

Manager Rieck attended a meeting in Salem with the Oregon Water Resource Department on March 3, 2017. Options were discussed in regards to the District applying for mitigation credits from the State for the water that is being released from Crescent Lake for the Oregon spotted frog during the winter months. It was determined that there are three different paths that the District can take. Once a decision has been made on the best path, the District will submit an application.

540 ACRES SINKHOLES

The District has sent out a media release stating that the former Cascade Mining Pit on Tumalo Reservoir Road is currently being posted "no trespassing" in certain areas due to sinkholes which developed after the heavy snow melt and the recent rain. The District has asked that people trespassing on the other portions of district property to please respect the signs and stay well away from any potential sinkhole activity. The District also requested that people please report any new sinkholes that may develop outside the newly posted areas. Manager Rieck briefly described what the District had done to resolve the issue and repair the damage.

SDAO INSURANCE CLAIM

During the last week of the 2016 irrigation season, unexplained circumstances resulted in an excessive amount of water flow into the drain ponds located on Deschutes River Ranch's property. That caused damage to one of their pumps. The District has submitted an insurance claim to SDAO on their behalf.

WATERMASTER POSITON

The District is still accepting resumes for the open position of watermaster. Manager Rieck stated that he had recently met with an Express Personnel representative in Bend and the District will be contracting with them to recruit qualified applicants.

WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP

Manager Rieck is preparing for his next trip to Washington D.C. at the end of April. Chairman Cochran plans to accompany Rieck on the trip, where they will meet with the full Oregon Delegation.

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE/ASSET MANAGEMENT

A short meeting was held prior to the beginning of the regular board meeting with the three volunteers that make up the sub-committee created last month to discuss ways of obtaining funds to cover the cost of piping. One opportunity that has been discussed is the possibility of developing the 540 acres, previously known as the old Cascade Pumice Mine. The District is open to consider all options and possibilities.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Manager Rieck opened the meeting up to public comment. No comments were made.

MOTION TO APPROVE MARCH 2017 VOUCHER LIST

Director Putnam made a motion to approve the March 2017 voucher list. Director Warbington seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

The next board meeting date was set for April 11, 2017. Director Putnam made a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:18 p.m. Vice Chair DeMaris seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.