

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 8, 2018 10:00 a.m.
TUMALO IRRIGATION DISTRICT OFFICE
64697 Cook Avenue
Bend, Oregon 97703

BOARD: Ron Cochran, Wally Zimmerman, Steve Putnam, Martin Warbington, Jack Farley
STAFF: Kenneth Rieck, April Spath, Bob Varco, Chris Schull
ATTORNEY: Mark Reinecke
GUESTS: Greg Mohnen, Brianna Cadwell, Rob Mills, Tom Bishop

Chairman Cochran called the regular board meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and appointed April Spath scribe.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

At 10:03 a.m. the Board recessed the Regular Session and entered into Executive Session per:

- ORS 192.660(2)(f) to consider information or records that are exempt from disclosure by law, including written advice from your attorney.
- ORS 192.660(2)(h) to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regards to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

RECONVENE

Following Executive Session, the Regular Session was reconvened at 11:30 a.m.

APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 2018 BOARD MEETING

Director Farley made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 2018 board meeting. Director Putnam seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

WATER SUPPLY REPORT

Manager Rieck reviewed the current water supply report and the attached graphs, stating that Crescent Lake was 92% full, which was 2% higher than the previous month. Rieck expects the water that we take from Tumalo Creek will run out around the middle of June this year.

HCP

Manager Rieck updated the Board on the status of the HCP. The negotiations are progressing through the “alternative actions” clauses. This will add flexibility to the document and give the District certainty in the future. We are expecting completion in July 2019.

WATERSHED PLAN – PL 566

The final draft of the Watershed Plan was released to the public and the meeting to discuss the draft was scheduled for the evening of May 8, 2018, with public comments being accepted through May 22, 2018. The draft, along with public comments, will then be addressed and sent to the NRCS for final review.

RESOLUTION #2018-01

The Board was provided with a copy of the attached resolution, supporting the District's Watershed Plan and the District's intended goal of piping the entire District. The resolution was reviewed by Attorney Mark Reinecke and he advised the Board to be sure that future board members are made aware of the existence of the resolution. Manager Rieck stated that if the resolution was passed, it would be included in the final Watershed Plan. After much discussion Director Putnam made a motion to approve the resolution. Vice Chair Zimmerman seconded the motion. Director Warbington voted no, resulting in a final vote of 4 to 1. Following the final vote, all five board members signed the resolution.

WSP PUBLIC RELATIONS OUTREACH

Manager Rieck asked the Board for their thoughts on appropriating funds for a public relations effort for the Watershed Plan. Rieck provided examples from Central Oregon Irrigation District to demonstrate what they have done to educate the public.

WATER TRANSFERS

Director Warbington made a motion approving three self-to-self water transfers. The first was a transfer of 0.25 acres for John Maddigan & Sheri G. Morris. The second was a transfer of 1.0 acre for David C. & Pamela A. Hauge. And the third was a transfer of 1.4 acres for R S & Carin Wallace. Director Putnam seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

WATER SHORTAGES

The week prior to the regular board meeting there was a decrease in water flows across the District, causing frustration for many patrons. Manager Rieck explained that the shortage was due to weather conditions that resulted in decreased flows from Tumalo Creek, which is the District's main source of water at the beginning of the irrigation season. Rieck stated there has since been a bump in the system and patrons should notice an increase in their water flows. Director Putnam recommended that the District's ditch riders reach out to patrons with a courtesy call to inform them when there is an issue that will result in a continued decrease in flows. TID staff is currently in the process of working on a cost-effective way of notifying patrons when unexpected problems arise, as the District currently has close to 700 patrons and does not have the resources to make such a large quantity of phone calls on short notice. TID staff encourages all patrons to provide us with current email addresses for this purpose so that emergency notices can be easily sent out when there is an issue that will affect the entire District, as well as checking the District's website regularly for important updates.

SEWER SYSTEM FOR TUMALO

Chairman Cochran made a motion authorizing Manager Rieck to research the possibility of obtaining grant funds for the purpose of putting in a sewer system for the community of Tumalo. Director Putnam seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

MOTION TO APPROVE MAY 2018 VOUCHER LIST

Director Putnam made a motion to approve the May 2018 voucher list. Vice Chair Zimmerman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

The date of the next board meeting was set for Tuesday, June 12, 2018. Vice Chair Zimmerman made a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:35 p.m. Director Putnam seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Approved