

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 16, 2024**  
**64697 Cook Avenue**  
**Bend, Oregon 97703**

BOARD: Ron Cochran, Martin Warbington, Steve Putnam, Carol Shull, Ed Galazzo  
STAFF: Chris Schull, April Harris Spath  
ATTORNEY: (not in attendance)  
GUESTS: Greg Mohnen, Dave Arnold, Patrice Spyrka, David Hampton, Greg Osborne, Jan Harper, Brina Lokting, Ester Smith, Joe Cannon, Bob Buddenbohn, Scott Maricle, Susie Hart, Susanne Harrison, Jeff Urbach

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

At 10:02 a.m. the Board recessed the regular session and entered executive session per:

- ORS 192.660(2)(e): To conduct deliberations with persons you have designated to negotiate real property transactions.
- ORS 192.660(2)(f): To consider information or records that are exempt from disclosure by law, including written advice from your attorney. – NO DISCUSSION
- ORS 192.660(2)(h): To consult with your attorney regarding your legal rights and duties in regard to current litigation or litigation that is more likely than not to be filed.

**RECONVENE**

Following the executive session, the regular session was reconvened at 11:09 a.m.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 2024 BOARD MEETING**

Director Putnam made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 2024 board meeting. Director Shull seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**WATER SUPPLY REPORT**

Manager Schull reviewed the current water supply report and attached graph, which indicated that Crescent Lake was 16% full at ~14,300 AF. Schull stated that the rainfall we had last weekend really helped us out. Water started yesterday and the field crew has been busy working on getting all of valves and gates opened for those who requested water.

**ANNUAL MEETING**

There will be a District meeting in May to discuss our water outlook for the 2024 season. Once a date and location have been determined, TID will notify patrons by text, email, and postcard. Manager Schull stated that Energy Trust of Oregon and Todd from the Deschutes Soil & Conservation District will be in attendance. Regional Watermaster Jeremy Giffin may also attend.

**GROUP 4 UPDATE**

Manager Schull stated that K&E Excavating is still working on clean-up, which will take some time, but water is running through the new pipe. He said that overall, the project went well.

### **D.C. TRIP**

Manager Schull went to Washington D.C. for 10 days. He met with various representatives, including the Bureau of Reclamation, to discuss grant funds to pipe the Couch lateral. Schull also visited the Archives there and was able to request historical photos of the District.

### **ELECTION POLICY UPDATE**

The Board reviewed the updated Election Policy with the final revisions. Vice Chair Warbington made a motion to approve the policy. Director Shull seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **VERIZON CELL TOWER LEASE**

The lease administrator for the Verizon cell tower has submitted another proposal for a lease extension for an additional 40 years. The proposal included a one-time signing bonus of \$2,000 and a \$200 monthly increase. The Board discussed the proposal and determined that the offer was very low considering the amount of inflation that could occur over 40 years. The Board directed Manager Schull to counteroffer with \$2,500 a month with a 4% annual increase; plus, a review every 5 years.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

A meeting guest asked how much longer they will have to deal with the trucks that have been running by their house, stating it has been continuous and disruptive to them and their neighbors. Manager Schull stated that he does not know exactly when, but that the contractor has 30 days to finish their clean up.

Susan Hart commented that the diversion at Twin Bridges was cleaned out, but that the debris was left piled up on the side and asked if it was the District's responsibility to clean that up. Schull stated that the field crew will go back out to take care of it after the first couple weeks of water starting.

Scott Maricle asked about meeting minutes. "Are they available to the public and are public comments included". It was confirmed, that yes, the minutes are uploaded to TID's website the day that they are approved by the Board. For example, minutes for the March meeting will be uploaded after being approved today. And yes, most public comments are included in the minutes.

Schull answered various questions about the timeline of future piping projects and funding opportunities.

### **MOTION TO APPROVE APRIL 2024 VOUCHER LIST**

Director Putnam made a motion to approve the April 2024 voucher list. Director Shull seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The date of the next board meeting was set for May 14, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. (Executive session at 10:00 and returning to Regular session at 11:00.)

### **ADJOURN**

Director Shull made a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:50 a.m. Vice Chair Warbington seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.