

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 10, 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: Mark Reinecke
GUESTS: Greg Mohnen, Robert Fish, Stephen Newell, Jennifer Newell, David Hampton, Mary Wallis

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

At 10:00 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 11:05 a.m.

APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 2024 BOARD MEETING

Director Putnam made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 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 12% full at ~10,500 AF. Schull stated that we will end the season with slightly more water in Crescent than the past 3 years due to improved natural flow in the Deschutes River and Tumalo Creek. We will begin ramping down the outflow from Crescent at a rate that will not harm the frog.

PIPING UPDATES

Although we have secured funding from the state for Group 6B, the federal grant funds have not been finalized. Therefore, we will not be piping during the 2024/2025 maintenance season.

TUMALO BASIN SEWER DISTRICT

A petition was filed with Deschutes County to form the Tumalo Basin Sewer District. Chief Petitioner Rob Fish explained why they formed the District and asked the Board to consider joining. The Board reviewed their Economic Feasibility Statement and discussed their thoughts and concerns. They felt there are still a lot of holes in their plan that should be addressed. Fish stated that he is open to input and suggestions, and that they would be holding an election in November for board members.

VOTE BY MAIL RESOLUTION

Board of Directors' position for Division 4 is up for election on November 12, 2024. Resolution 2024-01 was presented to the Board, which stated that the 2024 election for the Board of Directors shall be conducted by mail. All board members signed the resolution, and it was approved unanimously.

EASEMENT MAINTENANCE

As discussed at last month's board meeting, Manager Schull was researching equipment that could be used to keep the vegetation mowed down on our easements. He is looking at either a Kubota Skid Steer w/ mower attachment, or a Grand Tractor with Mowing Deck. He received quotes for both pieces of equipment with either a 36-month lease program, or a 60-month lease program.

- 36 month (Skid Steer) \$33,236.65 Annual Payment
- 60 month (Skid Steer) \$21,020.17 Annual Payment
- 36 month (Grand L6060) \$22,526.24 Annual Payment
- 60 month (Grand L6060) \$14,246.49 Annual Payment

SDAO WORKSHOP

Chairman Cochran, Vice Chair Warbington, and Director Shull signed up to attend SDAO's 2024 Board Member Relations, Expectations, and Ethics Workshop on September 24, 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Stephen Newell asked Manager Schull if there were any updates on which patrons were blocking up the ditches last month. Schull stated that we have resolved the issue and have not seen any new problems.

Director Putnam requested an update on the fish screen vandalism. Manager Schull stated that insurance would not be covering the damage. It was determined in 2015 that the premium to add that type of infrastructure was too high, so it was not covered in our policy. He met with our insurance agent to discuss options for coverage in the future. The cost for repairs so far totals approximately \$10k.

MOTION TO APPROVE SEPTEMBER 2024 VOUCHER LIST

Director Putnam made a motion to approve the September 2024 voucher list. Vice Chair Warbington seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The date of the next board meeting was set for Thursday, October 10, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. Manager Schull will be attending a Congressional Field Hearing on October 8th, the regularly scheduled 2nd Tuesday of the month. (Executive session at 10:00 and returning to Regular session at 11:00.)

ADJOURN

Vice Chair Warbington made a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:05 p.m. Director Putnam seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.