

July 1, 2020
Arnold Irrigation District
Special Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Bren Hirschberg at 3:00 pm. Board members present were Bren Hirschberg, Walt Warchol, Rob Rastovich and Bob Schuur. Office staff members present were Colin Wills and Matt Maurer. Also present was the District's attorney Mark Reinecke. Bren suggested that Matt Maurer record minutes in Juanita Harvey's absence.

This meeting was called to order to discuss the District's lack of water for the 2020 irrigation season and what options the District had for the delivery of water to the patrons that would be most beneficial.

Colin suggested decreasing the District's flow rate down to 4.5 gpm per acre and proposed a 4-day rotation to begin July 7th or 11th.

Colin discussed the water report and confirmed the storage used as of today's date to be 713 AF. Bend Golf & Country Club requested a lower rate of delivery 24/7 instead of going on rotation. Colin suggested and held firm that should be part of the rotation since they have wells to supplement their irrigation with.

The board discussed whether to allow Roats to operate at 4.5 gpm per acre 24/7 per Bill Roats request. The board discussed the best solution and called Bill Roats via conference phone. Bill's concern was that the main canal delivery may suffer loss of pressurization if the flow rate was too low, but he agreed to run 2.5 gpm per acre 24/7 as opposed to running 4.5 gpm on the Main Canal delivery. The Tillicum delivery would be on the 4-day rotation.

Rob Rastovich inquired about water volunteers and how long they would be willing to relinquish their water. Rob said he would follow up with Lane Knolls to see if they had the ability to volunteer water.

Bren inquired how long the District could run after the rotation starts. Colin predicts the District would have 30 days from the start of rotation.

Bren inquired about the District's ability to purchase storage water from other Districts. Colin replied that COID would be leery of selling their storage for fear of retaliation from their patrons. Mark explained the legal liability for other districts who may sell their storage rights.

Bren asked how historically water transactions occurred. Was it through written agreements or gentlemen's agreements?

Bren encouraged Colin to have discussions with other District managers to buy or borrow water. Colin would call COID and asked for AID to be placed on the COID agenda for their next board meeting.

A discussion started regarding emails and other correspondence which demonstrates transparency to our patrons with regards to the water reduction. AID board and staff are doing their due diligence in listening and communicating to our patrons.

Colin suggested the rotation begin on July 11th.

Bren asked if the board needed a formal motion to accept the 4-day rotation. Mark replied that the board did need to make a motion to accept both the 4-day rotation and 4.5 gpm flow rate reduction as well as Roats being customized at 2.5 gpm and after reviewing responses from patrons, the board agrees to accept their suggestion for a 4-day rotation.

Bob motioned to accept the 4.5 gpm flow rate reduction to begin on July 6 and for both the 4-day rotation and the Roats customized flow rate of 2.5 gpm begin July 11th. Walt seconded his motion. The motion was unanimous in favor.

Rob suggested a public marketing campaign to create public awareness for water needs. Mark replied that in 1994, AID shut down and received no incentive or help. Mark suggested getting marketing ideas from the DBBC.

Rob clarified that the public marketing would be aimed at both patrons and the public by sending letters out to patrons and sending marketing to the public at large. Rob suggested contacting ShanRae Hawkins of StingRay Communications to handle the public marketing aspect. She would also be our spokesperson with matters regarding the public. Colin would be the spokesperson if the media were to contact the District.

Rob offered to set up a mass texting service for the District. Colin asked about phone contact disclosure. Mark replied that it is ok to disclose patron phone numbers for the sake of District business.

The meeting adjourned at 4:18 pm.

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