

May 11, 2021  
Arnold Irrigation District  
Monthly Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Bren Hirschberg at 3:05 pm. Board members present were Bren Hirschberg, Rob Rastovich, Bob Schuur, and Walt Warchol. Office staff members present were Colin Wills and Juanita Harvey. Also present were Mark Reinecke, the District's attorney, and patron Jonathan Smith.

1. APPOINTMENT OF ZONE 3 BOARD MEMBER: Bob motioned, and Rob seconded his motion to appoint Jonathan Smith as board member of Zone 3. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Juanita had paperwork ready and swore Jon into his position as board member for Zone 3.

2. APPROVAL OF APRIL BOARD MEETING MINUTES: Bob motioned, and Rob seconded his motion to approve the minutes with changes as noted from Mark.
3. APPROVAL OF MARCH ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: The March accounts payable was not approved by the board at the April meeting so they are being approved at this meeting. Walt motioned and Bob seconded his motion to approve the March accounts payable. The vote was unanimous in favor.
4. APPROVAL OF APRIL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Bob noted that the Pape check was incorrect based on the invoices. Bob voided the Pape check and Colin will have Local Ledgers prepare another check. Bob motioned and Walt seconded his motion to approve the April accounts payable. The vote was unanimous in favor.

5. REPORTS:

- a. MANAGER'S REPORT:

- i. WATER REPORT: Colin reported that this has been the driest April in our basin in 129 years. Stream flows are below average. The tea-cup chart shows that Wickiup is 46% full. Snow is in the mountains, but the run-off is not being seen in the flows. There are 3 possibilities as to why the run-off is not showing in the flows. 1. The snow is melting into the ground, 2. The snow has not melted yet because it is cooler or 3. It may be a combination of both scenarios.

There is 6300 AF of storage in Crane Prairie allocated to AID at the end of April's storage report.

If we were to reduce the rate of delivery to 4.5 gpm/acre and go on rotation when there is no more natural flow available to AID, we would require 67 cfs out of the river to make this work. It would amount to 134 AF/day and that would give us approximately 40 days of irrigation water before we would be forced to turn off.

The rotations and reduction would be done simultaneously, and our patrons would be notified by text alert and by email.

The board thought it may be a good idea to invite Kyle Gorman, OWRD Regional Manager to the June board meeting.

The District is pulling much less water than in 2020 due to the shot-crete in various areas of the canal.

- ii. FINANCIALS: The LGIP account balances today are as follows: Operations with \$501,109, Reserves with \$273,252 and Piping Fund with \$410,809. The total amount budgeted on assessments was transferred to the Piping Fund account. The checking account balance is \$59,214.
- b. FIELD SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: The water start up was successful and the main canal check walls that were constructed were a success and worked well. A huge thanks was given to Chris Webb who worked without question every day this past month because we have not been able to hire another ditch rider.
- c. OFFICE REPORT: We are working on getting all the audit materials together for the auditors.

Juanita is getting the temporary transfers ready for Matt to inspect for use and non-use.

Patrons who have not paid their assessments will be shut off for non-payment on Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Currently, there are 22 patrons owing a total of \$24,324.26 in assessments. The 1<sup>st</sup> month's interest accrued has been added to their balances. At the beginning of June, all patrons with balances will receive a notice that if they are not paid up by the end of June, a \$150.00 late/administrative fee will be added their account.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. PUBLIC MEETING – WATERSHED PLAN: A public meeting will be held June 23, 2021 from 6:00 – 7:00 pm via Zoom to discuss the Draft Watershed Plan Environmental Assessment and to answer questions about the District's

Infrastructure Modernization Project. The FCA (Farmer's Conservation Alliance) will be putting together a Q&A list for the staff and the board.

Bren commented that he still would like talking points from Colin for the board members so they can give correct responses to patrons when they are asked.

- b. EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 4.42 pm, Bren asked the regular meeting session to be suspended and called an executive session to order pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h) to consult with our attorney regarding our legal rights and duties regarding current litigation or litigation that is more likely than not to be filed.

At 4.49 pm the regular session was called back to order.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. FLUME INSURANCE: Flume insurance was discussed further. Board asked if mechanical would be included under the flume insurance. Bren asked for a motion based on yearly pricing and the deductibles. Bob and Bren voted in favor of insuring the flume for the \$21,566 yearly premium and a \$50,000 deductible. Walt and Rob voted not to insure and Jon abstained. The vote did not carry.

- 8. OPEN FORUM: Colin noted that once we go on 100% storage we will need to call a special meeting of the board.

- 9. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

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