

June 8, 2021  
Arnold Irrigation District  
Monthly Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Bren Hirschberg at 3:08 pm. Board members present were Bren Hirschberg, Walt Warchol, Jon Smith, Bob Schuur, and Rob Rastovich. Office staff members present were Colin Wills, Matt Maurer, and Juanita Harvey. Also, present were Mark Reinecke, the District's attorney, and patron Gary Bishop via conference phone.

1. APPROVAL OF MAY BOARD MEETING MINUTES: Bob motioned, and Rob seconded his motion to approve the minutes as written with changes noted by Bob in 7. a. Flume Insurance. The vote was unanimous in favor.
2. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: All board members did not yet have an opportunity to review the accounts payable. This vote was tabled until later in the meeting at which time Walt motioned, and Jon seconded his motion to approve the accounts payable. The vote was unanimous in favor, except for Bren who had to leave early.
3. REPORTS:

a. MANAGER'S REPORT:

- i. WATER REPORT: Wickiup went from 90,565 AF on May 10<sup>th</sup> down to 59,117 AF on June 6<sup>th</sup>. It is currently 29% full.

Colin briefly went over the sink hole repair project which occurred in May. The project costs are estimated to be \$70,200 to \$70,500. It took one week to repair.

16 counties in OR have applied for a drought declaration and to date 8 counties have been approved. Emergency drought declaration would not help our district. It only helps those who have supplemental wells.

During the month of May, AID did not use any storage out of Crane Prairie.

At the beginning of June, after COID took their allotment of water, we were immediately drawing storage out of Crane Prairie. We are now using 100% storage.

There are only 2 options on how to utilize the remaining storage water available to the district until the water has depleted are to 1). Send the water to all our patrons until it is gone or 2). Go on a rotation until it is gone.

The various options were discussed at length. Gary Bishop stated his opinion that he felt running at full until the water is gone would be most beneficial so that farmers could at least get one good crop and cutting.

At this time Walt motioned to continue delivering 5.5 gpm to everyone until we had to shut off. Bob seconded his motion. There was further discussion at this point and Walt and Bob both withdrew their motions.

Rob then motioned and Jon seconded his motion to send out a survey to all our patrons tomorrow with the following choices: 1). Run at full until water supply is depleted with an estimated shut off date OR 2). Go on rotation until water is depleted also with an estimated shut off date. The vote was unanimous in favor. Juanita and Colin will work on the verbiage that will be posted on the webpage along with the text that will be sent out. We will enlist the services of Stingray Communications to help prepare the survey and get it posted so that all our patrons can access it to reply.

We will ask for patrons to have their survey responses back early enough so that the board can meet in a Special Meeting on Friday, June 11, 2021.

A Special Meeting notice will be posted for Friday, June 11, 2021, at 3:00 pm to evaluate the survey results. Any patrons who would like to attend will be asked to conference in and will be asked to call the office for the conference phone number and access code.

- ii. FINANCIALS: Colin went over the financials. As of today, the LGIP account balances are as follows: Piping Fund - \$411,000, Operations - \$381,345, Reserves - \$273,391 and FIB Checking - \$72,747.

A note on the profit and loss statement (from April), General Construction was at 128% and that was because of all the shot crete projects that were completed before irrigation season started. The costs of the large sink hole in May will not show in the Profit and Loss until the June financials.

- b. FIELD SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Matt reported that the May DRW sink hole repair and bank reinforcement went well as was reported by Colin. During the time that the water was off for that repair, 3 smaller sink holes were located and those were repaired during that same week that the water was off.

We have a new ditch rider through Mid-Oregon Personnel. He is doing well. Matt is working to prepare the ditch riders for a possible rotation since they are both new employees.

The check walls which were built for a low water level and rotation situation last year are ready for the same scenario this year.

Matt will be working on beneficial use inspections which he can still do before the water is shut off.

This month's safety meeting was on 3 subjects because they have been so busy they have not been able to have one until this month. The subject matter was fire & explosion, fire extinguishers and power tool safety.

- c. OFFICE REPORT: There are 9 customers who are delinquent on their 2021 assessment payments. At the end of June if they have not brought their account current, a \$150.00 late/administrative fee will be added to their account.

Postcards went out for the June 23<sup>rd</sup> Watershed Plan Environmental Assessment meeting. These postcards went out to all our patrons and anyone who owned property along the main canal. This information was also posted on our webpage.

Juanita will be working closely with Matt to get the beneficial use inspections complete.

Based on the decision made at today's meeting, we will be working on getting the survey and information out to all our patrons.

- 4. NEW BUSINESS: There were no new items of business.
- 5. OLD BUSINESS: There were no old business items brought up for discussion. Gary Bishop asked if the Zone 3 board member position had been filled. Bob confirmed that Jon Smith was appointed to that position until the end of 2021.
- 6. OPEN FORUM: Mark briefly discussed the status of the Tumalo pipeline court case.

Gary asked about FCA (Farmer's Conservation Alliance) and their background.

- 7. ADJOURNMENT: At 5:41 pm, Bob asked for a motion to adjourn. Walt motioned and Rob seconded his motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

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