

Arnold Irrigation District

Monthly Board Meeting

July 11, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Bob Schuur at 3:09 pm. Board members present were Bob Schuur, Walt Warchol, Roger Fadness, and Jon Smith. Staff members present were Steve Johnson, Chris Webb, and Juanita Harvey. Also present were the District's attorney Mark Reinecke, patrons Steve Keffer, Deb Rudloff and another party via Zoom.

1. APPROVAL OF JUNE BOARD MEETING MINUTES: Roger motioned and Jon seconded his motion to approve the June board meeting minutes with noted change to 3.b.i. The vote was unanimous in favor.
2. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Walt Warchol motioned and Jon seconded to approve the accounts payable. The vote was unanimous in favor.
3. MANAGER'S REPORT:
  - a. WATER REPORT:
    - i. DROUGHT & WATER SUPPLY: The DRIFT model showed we were on storage but actual data from OWRD after a full month showed different data that we did not use storage until the end of June. The data was all averaged out by the OWRD. We can take additional water if needed (approximately 8 AF a day. This will allow us to stay on until the 28<sup>th</sup> dependent on the weather). The water will also be variable because of changes made by COID, and NUID causing changes to our deliveries.
    - ii. IRRIGATION SEASON SHUT DOWN: An email will go out to the patrons on 7/12/2023 that we will be OFF on July 28<sup>th</sup> and do not know if we will be able to turn back on in the fall.
    - iii. MAIN CANAL PROJECT START DATE: In 2021, we were able to turn on again on October 1<sup>st</sup>, and in 2022, we were able to turn back on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Best possibility is 50/50 that we can turn on after September 15<sup>th</sup> but since we do not know for certain we could get more pipe in the ground instead. The contractors would need at least 1 full month to complete the extra section into Phase 2. Walt motioned and Jon seconded his motion to shut off for the remainder of the season. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Walt motioned to approve Steve to go out for bid to add for the extension with bids to be approved by the Contract Review Board. Jon seconded his motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

In the next email that goes out to the patrons, Steve will reiterate the importance of not turning the water back on in September.

The 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the project is fully funded and some of the funds will be used for the extension. We are waiting for approval for full match funding for the remainder of the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase.

Requests have gone to NRCS for TA funding for design of combined Phases 3 & 4.

b. FINANCIAL REPORT:

- i. MONTHLY FINANCIALS: Steve presented the monthly financials.

c. MODERNIZATION PROJECTS:

- i. MAIN CANAL PROJECT: We are awaiting design approval from NRCS for the Phase 2 extension before we can go out for bid.
- ii. DIVERSION GATE AUTOMATION & WATER MEASUREMENT: The Notice to Proceed was received from the Bureau for the radial gate automation. We will start the work we can do immediately and get the electrical engineering work scheduled for this summer.
- iii. FLUME LINING: We will proceed with the first 1,300 feet with the Geo Form product. We have received one invoice for the cart which Geo Form will build for this project. Modernization funds will be used for this project.
- d. ROATS WATER COMPANY: The application for Roats is almost ready. It should be about 8 months before we get approval and then once approved, the District will not have to deliver water for Roats next year.

4. FIELD SUPERVISOR REPORT:

We received an emergency call for a breach in the main canal from one of our patrons. The crew slowed it down as quickly as possible by dropping the water in the canal. 40 – 80-pound bags of concrete were poured in the hole. ¼ mile of a private driveway was breached. Taylor Northwest brought in 3 – 10-yard dump trucks of material.

5. OFFICE REPORT:

- a. ASSESSMENTS: There are 6 patrons remaining who have balances due for the 2023 assessments totaling \$4,563.61.

- b. TRANSFERS: Juanita continues the work to complete the transfers.
- c. REMNANT PARCELS: 1 more remnant parcel paperwork was completed and recorded.
- d. EASEMENT RELEASES & ENCROACHMENTS: Two more easement encroachments were processed and recorded.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. REMNANT PARCEL – STEIDL ROAD: We have sent the patron a letter addressing the fact that their parcel is outside of the District boundaries, the crew does not have access to read their meter on a monthly basis, and that the amount of their water right is far above what is actually being irrigated on their property. Since sending the letter, we have received a letter from their attorney. We will continue to work through this issue.

7. NEW BUSINESS: Bob will not be here for the August board meeting. Walt, Roger, and Jon will be here but it was decided that we reschedule the Strategic Planning Session meeting until the September meeting with the Strategic Planning Session at 2:00 pm and the Board Meeting at 3:00 pm.

Steve will be traveling to Washington, DC on the regularly scheduled September board meeting date. The Board approved to schedule the board meeting for Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> with the Strategic Planning Session and Board meeting at the normal times. Juanita will change this on the website.

8. OPEN FORUM: Steve Keffer commented that he appreciates the effort to pipe the Estes ditch. He then left the meeting.
9. EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 4:42 pm, Bob called to suspend the regular board meeting and called an executive session to order pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h) To consult with your attorney regarding your legal rights and duties in regard to current litigation that is more likely than not to be filed.
10. ADJOURNMENT: At 5:57 pm, the executive session was adjourned and the regular session was called back to order. The meeting adjourned at 5:57 pm.