

December 8, 2020

Arnold Irrigation District
Monthly Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Bren Hirschberg at 3:04 pm. Everyone present was in attendance via Zoom due to COVID gathering restrictions. Board members present were Bren Hirschberg, Walt Warchol, Rob Rastovich, and Bob Schuur. Office staff members present were Colin Wills, Matt Maurer, and Juanita Harvey. Also present were the District's attorney Mark Reinecke and patron Pete Baer.

1. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES: Walt motioned, and Bob seconded his motion to approve the minutes. The vote was unanimously in favor.
2. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Last week Colin delivered the A/P to each of the board members to review pre-amatively. Bob motioned and Walt seconded his motion to approve the A/P. The vote was unanimous in favor. It was noted that the largest expenditure in the A/P was the shot-crete for the 4 canal areas which needed repair.
3. REPORTS:
 - A. MANAGER'S REPORT: Colin stated that per Governor Brown's Executive Order 20-65, the office will be closed to the public until further notice.
 - i. WATER REPORT: Crescent Lake is at 22, 312 AF, Wickiup is at 45,306 AF which is 24% full, Crane Prairie is a 45,320 AF which is 75% full.
 - ii. SNOW PACK: Considering the warm weather, snow levels are good. If than snow pack levels can be maintained at 30" and above, it will be a good water year. Currently, the snow depth is at 26". On the 3rd of December, the snow pack was 85% of average. Cascade Summit was at 24", and Irish Taylor was at 29".
 - At this time, Peter Baer was admitted to the meeting and introductions were made.
 - iii. FINANCIALS: Colin stated that the account numbers on the Cash Flow Statement which were incorrect at the October meeting have since been corrected. The Profit and Loss looks good and hopefully at the January meeting we will have year to date number available to review.
 - iv. OTHER: Colin informed the board that the septic at both the house and the office were pumped.
- B. FIELD SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Matt noted that the maintenance season is going well. Sink holes which were located were addressed and repaired with shot crete. In total there were 5 total shot crete projects.

They are still in the process of cleaning the main canal and testing the 2nd excavator (for purchase) on other projects.

They are currently working on major infrastructure and repair. Next month they will begin working on the check walls in preparation for next season.

Also in progress are 40 minor maintenance projects.

The stock run is going well. The water will be shut off on Friday, the 10th at 10:00 am.

Rob inquired about the check walls and how they were constructed. Matt stated that during the 2020 irrigation season the check walls were temporary but permanent ones will be built for future needs. The check walls have boards which can be added or removed based on the flows in the canal. They will be constructing 3 main canal check walls.

Bren inquired how long it takes to construct a check wall and what is the cost. Matt stated that it takes anywhere from 1 week to 1 ½ weeks based on the weather and the biggest one will cost about \$7,000 and the smallest \$5,000.

Bren also inquired if Matt had done any drone work. Matt stated that they do not usually do any work in the winter months.

Matt informed the board that the safety meeting this month was regarding COVID compliance. This has been the 4th or 5th COVID related safety meeting.

- C. OFFICE REPORT: Juanita reported that assessments went out in the mail at the end of November and we are already receiving payments. Juanita comes into the office once a week to enter the payments and make the bank deposit.

Juanita is working on the certificate audit. It is very time consuming because we need to include as a new starting point, owner names, tax lot numbers. Our tax lot numbers need to match the county numbers. The county completed a re-mapping over the last 2 years which caused a change in many of the tax lot numbers. Juanita must change all the data base and patron files to match the tax lots numbers first.

4. NEW BUSINESS: Mark informed the board that Wally Zimmerman, board member at Tumalo Irrigation District passed away unexpectedly 3 weeks ago.

- a. DISCUSSION WITH PATRON PETER BAER: Before going into executive session, the Board asked Peter Baer if he had anything he would like to speak to the board about.

Peter stated that he receives his water directly out of the river. His assessment includes line items he receives no benefit from. For example, canal piping or capital improvements. Mark explained that since he is a patron of the District, he must pay equally as other patrons. All patrons must be treated equally. Mark gave the example of living in a neighborhood where you pay the neighborhood fees for the neighborhood park, but you never use the park or its facilities.

Peter asked if he could get copies of the meter readings for his direct river pump. He would like the readings to help him make an informed decision about keeping his water right or returning it to the District or selling it and using domestic water for his irrigation needs.

Rob thanked Peter for joining the meeting and welcomed him to participate in future meetings.

At 3:58 pm, Peter exited the meeting.

- b. EXECUTIVE SESSION: At this time, Bren called to suspend the regular meeting session and called an executive session to order pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(e) to conduct deliberations with persons we have designated to negotiate real property transactions, (f) to consider information or records that are exempt from disclosure by law, including written advice from our attorney and (h) to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body regarding litigation likely to be filed.

At 4:32 pm, Bren call the regular session back to order.

Bob motioned to authorize Colin Wills as District Manager to execute the “Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Coordination of Stock Water Diversions” and the Board Secretary and Board President execute the “Inter-District Agreement to Amend the 1938 Agreement for Purposes of Implementing The DBHCP”. Walt seconded Bob’s motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

- 5. OLD BUSINESS: There were no old items of business to discuss.
- 6. OPEN FORUM: There were no items of business brought up for discussion.
- 7. ADJOURNMENT: Bren thanked everyone for their 2020 service. We are all looking forward to a better year in 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 4:34 pm.

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