

Arnold Irrigation District
Monthly Board Meeting

June 11, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Bob Schuur. Board members present were Bob Schuur, Rob Rastovich, Walt Warchol, and Jon Smith. Staff members present were Colin Wills, Steve Johnson via Zoom, and Juanita Harvey. Also present was Barb McKenna, the District's tenant, and Mark Reinecke and Sierra Cullen, the District's attorneys.

Bob asked for the meeting to address anyone who was in attendance for the Open Forum portion of the meeting. Barb McKenna, the District's tenant spoke to the board about her situation. The Board said they would discuss and get back with her on their decision. When Barb left the meeting, and Bob called to suspend the regular session 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 in regard to current litigation or litigation that is more likely than not to be filed.

At 4:00 pm, the Executive Session was adjourned, and the regular session was called back to order.

1. APPROVAL OF THE MAY BOARD MEETING MINUTES: Bob motioned, and Jon seconded his motion to approve the May board meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous in favor.
2. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Walt motioned, and Bob seconded his motion to approve the accounts payable. The vote was unanimous in favor.
3. MANAGER REPORT:
 - a. WATER REPORT: The daily water readings are normal. We are running the canal at 76 cfs. Last year at this time, the canal was running at 88 cfs.

Colin discussed the teacup and storage reports. The District has not begun to take storage water out of Crane Praire. This has been a difficult irrigation season.
 - b. FINANCIAL REPORT: Colin discussed the budget which we have from January to May. There are a few things that may stand out and have to be corrected on the budget. In May, there is \$225.99 shown in Grant Revenue. In April there is \$1,295 which needs to be corrected. In May we collected \$29,222 in fees. What is worrisome is that in May the budgeted payroll was \$21,000 but the actual was \$39,000. This was due to all the overtime the staff put in for all the of the problems which were occurring with the Phase 1 screen, deliveries and three shut offs and four turn-ons.

- c. MODERNIZATION PROJECT UPDATE: This has been a difficult irrigation season. Out of approximately fifty points of delivery on the Phase 1 pipe, there are 10 to 15 deliveries that plug up and have to be flushed every day.

Two casting nets will be installed upstream of the moving screen to catch debris before the moving screen. Colin and the engineers are discussing the various options for a new screen.

During the discussions with the engineers for Phase 2, they are saying that September 15th through April 1st is the timeframe needed to complete. That will be part of the request for bids.

Bob suggested that the board and staff hold “lessons learned sessions” to discuss problems we have had, and solutions in order to alleviate same type problems in the next phase.

d. WATER MARKETING REPORT:

- i. ROATS WATER COMPANY: A Draft Preliminary Determination has been made. The final order should be signed close to the end of the irrigation season. There have been no negative comments to date. There are 348 acres of water rights that are part of this transfer. 922 mitigation credits will be granted for these water rights. Roats has an existing obligation to use 740 of the 922 mitigation credits. Any excess credits will be shared by both parties, Roats and Arnold Irrigation District 50/50. Arnold will receive any extra mitigation credits from the Roats transfer after January 1st.
 - ii. AVION WATER LLC – SOMERSET & ARROWHEAD +6: There are a few more signatures needed from patrons and some clarifications to the agreement which need to be resolved.
 - iii. GW MITIGATION PROPOSAL CITY OF BEND: The City of Bend was sent the agreement which was red lined by Garrett who sent it back last month. It will be scheduled for the City council calendar on July 17th. The application will go to OWRD. The water rights will be sold for \$850/acre and we will receive \$2,400/credit.
4. OFFICE REPORT: To date there is \$29,395.27 owing to assessments. Juanita has spent most of her hours since the beginning of irrigation season answering patron calls for help with their deliveries. These calls go into the weekends and evenings. It has been very time-consuming, leaving no time for much else.

5. OLD BUSINESS: The topic of flume insurance was brought up once again. Brown and Brown or SDAO cannot provide a risk assessment. More research will have to be done to get more information on who can help and what that would like.
6. NEW BUSINESS: There were no new items of business brought up for discussion.
7. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 5:46 pm.