

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 8, 2022
64697 Cook Avenue
Bend, Oregon 97703

BOARD: Ron Cochran, Steve Putnam, Carol Shull, Martin Warbington
STAFF: Chris Schull, April Harris Spath
GUESTS: Greg Mohnen, Todd Peplin, Bendt Broderson, John Kailey

Chairman Cochran called the regular board meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and appointed April Harris Spath scribe.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

At 10:02 a.m. the Board recessed the regular session and entered executive session per:

- ORS 192.660(2)(f): To consider information or records that are exempt from disclosure by law, including written advice from your attorney.
- ORS 192.660(2)(h): To consult with your attorney regarding your legal rights and duties in regard to current litigation or litigation that is more likely than not to be filed.

RECONVENE

Following the executive session, the regular session was reconvened at 11:35 a.m.

APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 2022 BOARD MEETING

Director Warbington made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 2022 board meeting. Director Shull seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

WATER SUPPLY REPORT

Manager Schull reviewed the current water supply report and attached graphs, which indicated that Crescent Lake was down to 8,177-acre feet and 9% full.

WATER START DATE

Manager Schull proposed April 18, 2022 as a start date for the 2022 irrigation season. He explained that starting later would not extend the season, as the water that we use in the beginning of the season is live flow from Tumalo Creek. There is a strong possibility that we are not going to gain enough in Crescent Lake this year to be able to do a week on, week off rotation like last year. If the storage levels in Crescent Lake allow it, he is thinking about the possibility of a one week on, two weeks off rotation once the available water in Tumalo Creek runs out. That usually occurs at the end of June. Schull also proposed sending a survey out to all patrons to get their input on what type of rotation they would prefer. The Board agreed that April 18th would be the start date.

STEIDL DAM UPDATE

The process of installing the three new slide gates on Steidl Dam is going well and will be completed by April 1, 2022.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Todd Peplin, Programs Lead with the Deschutes Soil and Water Conservation District, stated that the program that assists with the cost for water users to upgrade their irrigation systems from flood irrigation to sprinklers will be ending on February 11, 2022. He discussed other programs that are available to water users that help with on-farm efficiency water conservation improvements.

MOTION TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 2022 VOUCHER LIST

Director Putnam made a motion to approve the February 2022 voucher list. Director Warbington seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The date of the next board meeting was set for March 8, 2022.

ADJOURN

Director Putnam made a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:30 p.m. Director Warbington seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.