

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 10, 2021
64697 Cook Avenue
Bend, Oregon 97703

BOARD: Ron Cochran, Jack Farley, Steve Putnam, Martin Warbington, Carol Shull
STAFF: Chris Schull, April Harris Spath, Bob Varco
ATTORNEY: Mark Reinecke
GUESTS: Greg Mohnen, Bendt Broderson, Marianne Walker, Joseph Cannon, Todd Peplin, Gail Gregson

Chairman Cochran called the regular board meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and appointed April Harris Spath scribe.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

At 10:01 a.m. the Board recessed the regular session and entered executive session per:

- ORS 192.660(2)(a) To consider the employment of an officer, employee, staff member or agent.
- 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 11:36 a.m.

APPROVE MINUTES OF JULY 2021 BOARD MEETING

Director Putnam made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 2021 board meeting. Director Warbington 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 18% full. Manager Schull stated that with the current rate of release from the lake, he thought that we will be able to run until the first week in October. He suggested setting the shut off date for Monday, October 4th. The Board agreed with that decision.

STEIDL DAM UPDATE

Manager Schull stated that the project of replacing the three slide gates on Steidl Dam is on track and they have ordered the gates from Golden Harvest.

2021 ELECTION

An election will be held this year for Divisions 3 and 4. Petitions will be available at the District office after Thursday, August 26, 2021. Completed petitions must be received in the District office by 5:00 P.M., Tuesday, October 5, 2021.

WATER THEFT POLICY

Manager Schull suggested we update our current Water Theft Policy as there has been an increase in violations this season since the rotation started, including patrons stealing water from their neighbors, running their pumps in off weeks, and cutting TID locks. The Board agreed that we need to add more clarity to the policy. Schull will work with Attorney Reinecke on the revisions and bring it back to the Board next month for review.

CRESCENT LAKE BOAT RAMP

The US Forest Service has plans to extend the boat ramp at Crescent Lake along TID's irrigation channel so that boaters can better access the lake when the water levels are low. Manager Schull worked with the district's engineer Kevin Crew who reviewed USDA's boat ramp drawings and the Bureau of Reclamation's drawings for TID's irrigation channel. Both TID and Bureau of Reclamation recommended that they work on improving the ramp that is southwest of the dam instead.

MANAGER POSITION

After reviewing the District Manager candidate applications, The Board offered the position of District Manager to Chris Schull, at an annual salary of \$110,000. Schull accepted the position.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Bishop expressed his concerns about KCDG building a fence along TID's easement. Manager Schull stated that TID does have an easement encroachment policy which allows patrons to build fences on our easement if they get prior approval and pay the easement encroachment fee. Schull also stated that KCDG is working with the District on the placement of the fencing to ensure there will be no issues.

Joe Cannon, who is at the tail end of a ditch, discussed his concerns about the chronic problem of water running down Dayton Road as well as flooding his property when his neighbor doesn't irrigate. Manager Schull told him to be sure to call the office when he is getting too much, or not enough water so that we can dispatch a ditch rider to make an adjustment. Field Supervisor Bob Varco explained that this is a common problem with an open ditch and stated that they are always working on better solutions and piping will solve this problem.

MOTION TO APPROVE AUGUST 2021 VOUCHER LIST

Director Putnam made a motion to approve the August 2021 voucher list. Vice Chair Farley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The date of the next regular board meeting was set for September 14, 2021.

ADJOURN

Director Putnam made a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:21 p.m. Director Schull seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.