

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 13, 2024
64697 Cook Avenue
Bend, Oregon 97703

BOARD: Ron Cochran, Martin Warbington, Steve Putnam, Carol Shull, Ed Galazzo
STAFF: Chris Schull, April Harris Spath
ATTORNEY: Attorney Reinecke
GUESTS: Greg Mohnen, Valerie Eves, David Regnier, David Hampton, Robert Meade, Patrice
Spyrka, Susie Hart, Todd Peplin, Scott Maricle, Jack Farley, Craig Morton

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

OATHS OF OFFICE

Vice Chair Warbington read his oath of office and signed it in front of a notary.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

At 10:05 a.m. the Board recessed the regular session and entered executive session per:

- ORS 192.660(2)(e): To conduct deliberations with persons you have designated to negotiate real property transactions. – NO DISCUSSION
- 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 11:00 a.m.

APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 2024 BOARD MEETING

Director Shull made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 2024 board meeting. Director Putnam seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

WATER SUPPLY REPORT

Manager Schull reviewed the current water supply report and attached graph, which indicated that Crescent Lake was 15% full at ~12,700 AF.

The water start date was tentatively set for April 15th. This will depend on the weather and Tumalo Creek flow levels and patrons should expect low flows prior to May 1st. Prior to deciding on the 15th, the Board listened to input from those present. Scott Maricle suggested starting the season with a rotation so that the start date could be set for earlier in the month. Manager Schull explained why that would not work, mainly because of the cold temperatures in the spring. Director Galazzo recommended sending out a text the week prior to water starting to remind patrons to clean out their ditches.

GROUP 4 UPDATE

Manager Schull stated that they have had some challenges to overcome with the current project. Most of these challenges are related to the fact that this is a very large project, enclosing 12.5 miles and there

are five different crews working in different areas. Overall, K&E Excavating is progressing on schedule. Once the project is complete, we will see significant improvements in how our system operates because starting this year over half of our patrons will have pressurized water.

ELECTION POLICY UPDATE

To be aligned with the current ORS outline for irrigation district elections and to address potential recalls, the District's Election Policy needed to be revised. Legal counsel revised the policy, and a draft was presented to the Board to review before the next meeting.

EASEMENT ENCROACHMENT

David Regnier approached the District about encroaching on our easement to build a garage. Manager Schull reviewed his plans, did not see any issue with the proposal, and recommended the Board approve the encroachment. Per District policy, Regnier paid the Easement Encroachment Fee, and a signed agreement will be recorded with the County. Vice Chair Warbington made a motion approving the encroachment. Director Putnam seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

TUMALO SANITARY DISTRICT

Tumalo property owner Robert Fish is proposing the formation of a sanitary district within the boundaries of downtown Tumalo. An open house will be held in the Tumalo Elementary School cafeteria on February 27, 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Todd Peplin, Programs Lead with the Deschutes Soil and Water Conservation District, commented that he also sits on the Board for the Deschutes County Weed Control District. They are working on increasing their outreach and thought TID, either as a board or individually, may be interested in attending their monthly board meetings which are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 3 p.m. at the Deschutes County Road Department.

Manager Schull stated that the revised draft of "Oregon's Mule Deer Management Plan" is now available for review and comment at the ORFW web site.

MOTION TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 2024 VOUCHER LIST

Director Putnam made a motion to approve the February 2024 voucher list. Director Shull seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The date of the next regular board meeting was set for March 12, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURN

Director Shull made a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:06 p.m. Director Putnam seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.