

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 9, 2022**  
**64697 Cook Avenue**  
**Bend, Oregon 97703**

BOARD: Ron Cochran, Jack Farley, Steve Putnam, Carol Shull, Martin Warbington  
STAFF: Chris Schull, April Harris Spath  
ATTORNEY: Mark Reinecke  
GUESTS: Greg Mohnen, Ari Georgakopoulos, Scott Maricle, Kim Lane, Stephen Newell, Marianne Walker

Chairman Cochran called the regular board meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. and appointed April Harris Spath scribe.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

At 10:45 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 11:34 a.m.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF JULY 2022 BOARD MEETING**

Director Putnam made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 2022 board meeting. Vice Chair Farley 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 16% full. Based on current data and flows, Manager Schull believes we will be able finish the season with the 7-day on, 7-day off rotation.

**GROUP 6A & GROUP 4**

Manager Schull is working with Kevin Crew on completing the design and specs for Group 6A and plans to go out to bid towards the end of August or beginning of September. Group 6A will consist of piping 3½ miles of the Columbia Southern canal with 48" pipe. TID has secured funding from NRCS for Group 4 but the applications that were submitted to OWRD and OWEB for state grant funds are still being reviewed.

**CW-116 PROTEST**

Manager Schull worked with the Oregon Water Resources Department on changes to the conserved water application that has been protested by Central Oregon LandWatch. The department approved of the changes and LandWatch stated that they would withdraw their protest if the changes were made, but they requested a settlement agreement be included. Director Warbington made a motion to sign the agreement subject to review by Manager Schull, TID's legal counsel, and GSI Water Solutions. Director Putnam seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

## **BOARD PRACTICES ASSESSMENT**

Last month a consultant with Special Districts Association of Oregon conducted a Board Practices Assessment for the District. Following the assessment, the consultant submitted her impressions and recommendations. Each board member was provided with a copy of the results, which are attached to the minutes.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Scott Maricle discussed how he cannot grow a variety of crops due to the lack of an adequate water supply early and late in the season. He suggested a rotation of some type in the early spring and questioned why we cannot start delivering water as early as April 1<sup>st</sup>. Manager Schull explained that even though our certificates allow us to deliver water that early, we do not have the water to do that. We depend on Tumalo Creek for the beginning of the water season and although there is some spring flow coming from springs, most of the water comes from freshly melting snow which doesn't happen until May when the temperatures get warmer.

Stephen Newell asked questions about the rotation. He has concerns about the fact that he doesn't get water until Tuesday on his rotation week. Manager Schull explained the challenges with getting the system balanced and getting water to everyone on Mondays when they do the switch over. Other people ask why we can't just deliver 50% to everyone instead of 100% every other week. It was explained that we need enough "carry water" in the system to get the water down to the end of the ditches and laterals. But with over half of the district still being open ditches, the water won't flow at less than 70% capacity. Schull answered Newell's other question about why we don't start piping from the ends of ditches first. Because TID does not have the manpower to close and then re-open each patron's valve as the ditch fills, but assured him that once Group 6 is completed, there should be a vast improvement in how quickly water gets to the north side of the district.

Kim Lane stated that she appreciates our new texting program but suggested the district also send out a weekly email to update water users. Manager Schull stated that we are currently in the process of collecting email addresses from patrons and hopes we will be able to do that in the future.

There have been a lot of questions about wells and if piping could affect them. It was suggested that we put some information in our next newsletter about that issue. Director Putnam also suggested people refer to the Deschutes Basin Groundwater study that was completed by USGS.

Marianne Walker stated that she was still very concerned about the proposed Mule Deer Overlay issue that Deschutes County wants to expand and wanted TID to keep patrons informed about that issue and what TID was doing to prevent its passage since it could have a significant impact on the large hay growing operations in the district as well as TID's 540 project.

## **TID STAFF**

Office Assistant Deborah Simenson and Field Supervisor Bob Varco both retired on July 31st. Brent Christensen has taken over Bob's duties and we have hired Margaret Towfiq as our new Office Assistant/Bookkeeper. We have hired Bob as a consultant to help us with training and assisting the new crew when needed. This includes assisting with the Monday rotation switchovers for the month of August, and he assisted the crew with an emergency pipe break that occurred the previous night. To thank Bob, TID will be planning an event at the end of the season for him that other TID employees who have retired over the past few years will be invited. In addition, the Board recognized Deborah's service these past six years, stating that they really appreciated the work that she did for TID while she was with the district. This August marks one year since Chris was officially appointed the District Manager and the Board stated they had been pleased with the job he is doing and how he managed the various problems

that have come up over the past year. In recognition of his work the Board presented him with a bonus in the amount of \$5,000.

**MOTION TO APPROVE AUGUST 2022 VOUCHER LIST**

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

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

The date of the next board meeting was set for September 13, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

**ADJOURN**

Director Steve Putnam made a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:33 p.m. Director Martin Warbington seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.