

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 11, 2022
64697 Cook Avenue
Bend, Oregon 97703

BOARD: Ron Cochran, Jack Farley, Steve Putnam, Carol Shull
STAFF: Chris Schull, April Harris Spath
GUESTS: Greg Mohnen, Todd Peplin, Bendt Broderson

Chairman Cochran called the regular board meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and appointed April Harris Spath scribe.

OATHS OF OFFICE

Directors Ron Cochran and Carol Shull read their oaths of office and signed them in front of a notary.

NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRPERSON FOR THE BOARD

Director Putnam nominated Ron Cochran for the position of Chairman of the Board for 2022. Director Farley seconded the nomination, and the appointment was approved by the other three directors while Cochran abstained from the vote.

NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR FOR THE BOARD

Director Putnam nominated Jack Farley for the position of Vice Chair of the board for 2022. Director Shull seconded the nomination, and the appointment was approved unanimously.

APPOINT MANAGER/SECRETARY TO THE BOARD

Chairman Cochran made a motion to appoint Chris Schull to the position of Manager/Secretary to the Board for 2022. Director Putnam seconded the motion, and the appointment was approved unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

At 10:10 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.
- 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 11:30 a.m.

APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2021 BOARD MEETING

Vice Chair Farley made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 2021 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 10% full. Tumalo Creek flows were average for this time of year and a stock run is planned for the week of January 17, 2022. Current snowpack levels for Summit Lake were below average at 84%.

STEIDL DAM UPDATE

JAL Construction is still in the process of removing the old river gates so that they can begin installing the three new slide gates.

GROUP 6A

Black Rock Consulting is still moving forward on the design process for piping the South Columbia Southern canal and are monitoring material costs.

PROPOSED LAND USE

The Tumalo Property Owners Association has applied for a Land Use Compatibility Review for an extension of community sewer services. There is a petition circulating in support of the project. The Board authorized Manager Schull to sign the petition if TID is approached, but Chairman Cochran suggested getting cost projections first.

SET REGULAR BOARD MEETING PLACE, DATE AND TIME

The District will continue to hold the regular board meetings at the district office on the second Tuesday of each month, with the Board entering into executive session at 10 a.m. and returning to regular session at approximately 11:30 a.m.

2022 BOARD MEMBER MEETING FEES

Director Putnam made a motion to leave the board member meeting fees at \$50.00 per meeting for those members who choose to take the fee. Vice Chair Farley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2022 ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS

Chairman Cochran made a motion approving the new rates for the 2022 annual assessments. Director Putnam seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2022 DISTRICT FEES

Chairman Cochran made a motion to approve the fee schedule for 2022, which remain the same as the prior year, except for the addition of a \$250 fee for the new SB 267 Pilot Project which covers temporary water transfers. Director Putnam seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

CRESCENT LAKE BOAT RAMP

Manager Schull submitted public comments on behalf of TID in opposition of the proposed Crescent Boat Launch and Infrastructure Project that would interfere with District water rights. The Board received and reviewed copies of the submitted comments.

DRC INSTREAM LEASING

The Board discussed disallowing the instream leasing program through the Deschutes River Conservancy due to current drought conditions and the need to keep as much water in the system as

possible. It was determined that we should just discourage leasing for the time being and utilize the new SB 267 Pilot Project that allows the district to now do temporary water transfers within District boundaries.

NEW HIRES

Manager Schull informed the Board that he has hired replacements for Steve O'Neil, who retired in November, and Ryan Williams, who resigned in December. Michael Langston will be the new ditch rider for the north side. Brent Christensen will be working in maintenance and as a fill-in ditch rider. The position for Field Supervisor has been advertised with the hopes of finding a qualified candidate that will have time to train with current Field Supervisor Bob Varco, who will be retiring at the end of July 2021.

WATER TRANSFER

The Board reviewed a proposed water transfer of 9 acres to be transferred from ERMK LLC to the McClain Family Trust, a new water user. Director Putnam made a motion approving the transfer. Vice Chair Farley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

FDIC LIMITS

Chairman Cochran had previously requested that office staff contact First Interstate Bank to find out the maximum amount that FDIC will insure a business account for. Treasury Solutions Officer Janelle Barker stated that since the District is a public entity, First Interstate Bank is required per ORS 295 to collateralize all District funds on deposit with them.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Todd Peplin, Programs Lead with the Deschutes Soil and Water Conservation District, stated that they finally received the funds from Deschutes County for the program that provides assistance with on-farm improvements. Peplin has notified the TID patron that he is currently working with to utilize the program.

MOTION TO APPROVE JANUARY 2022 VOUCHER LIST

Director Putnam made a motion to approve the January 2022 voucher list. Vice Chair Farley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING DATE

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

ADJOURN

Director Shull made a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:40 p.m. Director Putnam seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.