

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 9, 2023
64697 Cook Avenue
Bend, Oregon 97703

BOARD: Ron Cochran, Martin Warbington, Jack Farley, Steve Putnam
STAFF: Chris Schull, April Harris Spath
ATTORNEY: Mark Reinecke
GUESTS: Greg Mohnen, Bob Varco, Patrice Spyrka, Marianne Walker, Todd Peplin, Mary Wallis, Susan Hart, Casey Roscoe, Laurel Crum, Barry Larson, Christine Larson

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

At 10:05 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.
- ORS 192.660(2)(e): To conduct deliberations with persons you have designated to negotiate real property transactions.

RECONVENE

Following the executive session, the regular session was reconvened at 11:07 a.m.

APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 2023 BOARD MEETING

Vice Chair Warbington made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 2023 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 12% full at ~10,000 AF. Water started on April 10th, and it was a rough start with a new crew facing new challenges. With another cold spring came another slow start to the season. Without warmer temperatures, the snow did not melt quick enough to raise Tumalo Creek's flows enough to deliver consistently to the entire District. There was some trouble with air bubbles in one of the pipelines due to the low flows. We also had to repair one of the open ditches, the Hilburner lateral. An issue came up with the newly piped Columbia Southern on the south side and the north side had to be shut off for a morning so that it could be resolved. Schull stated that next year we may not start the water season until May 1st to eliminate the demand from patrons requesting full flows at the beginning of the season, with the potential of a stock run prior to water starting. This year, from April 10th-May 8th, the office recorded close to 800 calls from patrons. Almost 300 of those calls were made the first week that water started. We are working on communicating with our patrons and ask that they communicate with us as well. We need patrons to call when they are ready for water. Gates and valves are not automatically opened. We are also encouraging people to always call the office, and not to call the ditch riders directly. This will increase efficiency and guarantee that your call is recorded on our dispatch logs.

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Manager Schull stated that overall, the project was a success and the new pipeline is operating successfully.

VERIZON CELL TOWER LEASE

The lease administrator for the Verizon cell tower submitted a proposal for a Lump Sum Perpetual Easement or a Lease Extension for an additional 40 years. The Board will review the current lease and terms and discuss further at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Several patrons discussed their specific concerns about their individual deliveries with Manager Schull.

MOTION TO APPROVE MAY 2023 VOUCHER LIST

Director Putnam made a motion to approve the May 2023 voucher list. Vice Chair Warbington seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The date of the next board meeting was set for June 13, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURN

Director Putnam made a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:03 p.m. Director Farley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.