

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 10, 2022
64697 Cook Avenue
Bend, Oregon 97703

BOARD: Ron Cochran, Jack Farley, Steve Putnam, Carol Shull, Martin Warbington
STAFF: Chris Schull, April Harris Spath
GUESTS: Greg Mohnen, Bob Buddenbohn, Joe Cannon, Scott Maricle, Todd Peplin

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

At 10:00 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 11:38 a.m.

APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 2022 BOARD MEETING

Director Putnam made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 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 has gained 2200-acre feet and is now 11% full. Tumalo Creek's mean daily flow has increased.

STEIDL DAM UPDATE

Manager Schull recently applied for a WaterSmart grant for the remaining 5 gates that need to be replaced. If the grant is awarded, combined with current Steidl Dam Maintenance funds, the current maintenance plan could be completed a couple of years ahead of schedule.

PIPING PROJECTS

Manager Schull is working with Kevin Crew on the design process for Group 6A. They plan to go out to bid soon and hope to be able to start construction as soon as the irrigation season ends this fall. Grant applications for Group 4 have been submitted to both OWRD and OWEB.

CELL TOWER LEASE

A lease consultant from Tower Alliance LLC has been reaching out to the district office to discuss extending the current lease for the Verizon cell tower. She sent a letter to the board, which contained five

questions that she wanted the board to answer. The board reviewed and discussed the questions. They instructed Manager Schull to review the current contract and respond.

ROAD PERMIT

Vice Chair Farley has been doing research to determine the market value of a small triangle of land that the District owns, taxlot 1611230000303. There is currently no road access to the property. Farley provided information on the application process for a Private Approach to a State Highway Permit. Chairman Cochran directed Manager Schull to set up a meeting with ODOT to discuss options.

OTHER

Long-time employee Michael Ingram gave his two-week notice, stating he was retiring early. His last day was May 8, 2022. Chairman Cochran proposed offering Ingram a severance package equal to the cost of one month of health insurance benefits to cover his first COBRA payment. A standard release agreement would need to be signed. Director Warbington seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Manager Schull stated that the open position would be advertised soon. Depending on the timeframe of hiring a replacement, the board may need to review the payroll budget and reallocate funds. The board will discuss this at a later meeting if needed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Todd Peplin, Programs Lead with the Deschutes Soil and Water Conservation District, updated the board on their progress with the program that assists water users with upgrading their irrigation systems from flood irrigation to sprinklers.

BOARD MEETING TIME

Manager Schull suggested reducing the amount of time that is set for Executive sessions. Attorney Reinecke stated that one hour should be sufficient. Instead of changing the time that the regular meeting opens back up to public at 11:30, it was suggested that they set the time that the meeting goes into Executive session to be a half hour later. Chairman Cochran made a motion to change the start time for regular board meetings to be 10:30 a.m. Director Putnam seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

MOTION TO APPROVE MAY 2022 VOUCHER LIST

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

NEXT MEETING DATE

The date of the next board meeting was set for June 14, 2022.

ADJOURN

Director Putnam made a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:25 p.m. Director Schull seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.