

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
October 10, 2023  
64697 Cook Avenue  
Bend, Oregon 97703**

BOARD: Ron Cochran, Martin Warbington, Steve Putnam, Carol Shull, Jack Farley  
STAFF: Chris Schull, April Harris Spath  
ATTORNEY: Attorney Reinecke  
GUESTS: Bob Varco, Greg Mohnen, Susie Hart, Todd Peplin, Scott Maricle

Chairman Cochran called the regular board meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. and appointed April Harris Spath scribe.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

At 10:04 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 11:05 a.m.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 2023 BOARD MEETINGS**

Vice Chair Warbington made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 2023 board meetings. Director Farley 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 7% full at ~6,100 AF.

**GROUP 4 UPDATE**

Contractor bids for Group 4 are due October 17, 2023. The pre-bid meeting was held on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10 contractors attended the meeting. Once the bids are received, they will be reviewed and ranked. On October 19, 2023 they will open the final cost envelopes and a decision will be made.

**STEIDL DAM UPDATE**

The last two automated river gates have been delivered and will be installed in a couple of weeks. Once these two gates are installed, all five river gates will be fully automated.

**EMERGENCY PREPARATION GUIDE**

TID earns a discount on our insurance by participating in SDIS's Best Practices Program. One of the requirements for this program is for the District to have an adopted plan in place in regards to emergency preparedness. SDAO provided a template that TID utilized to prepare a plan that works for TID. The Board was provided with a copy of the plan to review. Once finalized it will also be provided to local agencies.

### **BOARD MEETING TIME**

Last month a patron requested the Board consider changing the time of day that the board meetings are held. He felt it would be easier for patrons to attend the meetings if they were held in the evening instead of the middle of the day. Vice Chair Warbington spoke to several patrons and based on the feedback he received, he recommended that we continue to hold regular board meetings at the usual time, but that it would be a good idea to hold an annual meeting once a year in the evening. It was suggested that the meeting be held shortly before the irrigation season begins. The other board members agreed, and it was decided that the meeting time for the regular board meetings will not change. Todd Peplin volunteered to find speakers who can join the annual meeting to assist with educating patrons on drought management.

### **STOCK RUNS**

Based on a rumor that Thomas La Russo heard, he sent a request to the Board to choose the contractor for Group 4 that will be able to allow stock runs this winter. Manager Schull clarified that not only have we not received the bids for Group 4 yet the stock runs this year will be dependent on weather conditions and available water, not the project. If Tumalo Creeks flows are high enough, there will be a stock run for all laterals except for the 4 laterals that will be under construction. To provide a stock run, we need at least 70-80 cfs in Tumalo Creek. The 1<sup>st</sup> stock run of the season is usually delivered mid-November and we won't know until closer to that time if there will be enough water available for a stock run at that time. We will need a couple of good storms to bring Tumalo Creek levels up.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Susie Hart expressed her thoughts on changing the time of the regular board meetings. She also feels that it would be beneficial to have more than one evening meeting a year, especially when water is low. Possibly even holding special meetings by each Division.

Todd Peplin shared information about the Central Oregon Ag Show that will be held at the Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center April 6 & 7, 2024.

### **MOTION TO APPROVE OCTOBER 2023 VOUCHER LIST**

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

### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The date of the next Regular board meeting was set for November 14, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. A Special meeting will be held following the Regular meeting to review the 2024 Budget.

### **ADJOURN**

Director Shull made a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:50 a.m. Director Putnam seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **RECONVENE**

Following adjournment, a second petition was dropped off for Division 2. Chairman Cochran reconvened the Regular board meeting at 12:06 p.m. to declare an election.

**DIVISION 2 ELECTION**

An election was declared for Director of Division 2 for the three-year term beginning January 2024 and ending January 2027. Jack Farley and Ed Gallazo turned in nominating petitions for the election to be held on November 14, 2023.

**ADJOURN**

Director Putnam made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 p.m. Director Shull seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.