

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 13, 2021
64697 Cook Avenue
Bend, Oregon 97703

BOARD: Ron Cochran, Jack Farley, Martin Warbington, Steve Putnam, Carol Shull
STAFF: Chris Schull, April Harris Spath
ATTORNEY: Mark Reinecke
GUESTS: Andrew Green, Scott Maricle, Greg Mohnen, Todd Peplin

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.

RECONVENE

Following the executive session, the regular session was reconvened at 11:32 a.m.

APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 2021 BOARD MEETINGS

Vice Chair Farley made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 2021 board meetings. Director Shull seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

REDMOND SMOKE JUMPERS

David Ortlund introduced himself to the Board and provided some history about the Redmond Smoke Jumpers. They are USDA Forest Service firefighters with a specialty of remote response action and have been based in the area since 1964. They train heavily in the spring and are looking for a new location where they can perform practice jumps as part of their training program. They are interested in using the land around Tumalo Reservoir. Ortlund answered questions from the Board and stated he would provide TID with a copy of their emergency action plan. The Board approved their request. Ortlund will notify the district office when they are planning a jump.

WATER SUPPLY REPORT

Manager Schull reviewed the current water supply report and attached graphs. Unfortunately, Crescent Lake has dropped 1,000-acre feet since the last report and was back down to 26% full. With the lake not gaining, a rotation schedule is looking probable. Once a plan for the rotation has been established, a letter or postcard will be mailed to patrons with the details.

GROUP 3

Taylor NW has completed the repair on the 330' section of newly installed pipe that was vandalized east of Pinehurst Road and just north of Tumalo Reservoir Road last month. A total of seven drill holes were discovered. The investigation into the vandalization is still ongoing.

STEIDL DAM

This year's phase of maintenance operations on Steidl Dam is complete. Manager Schull stated that it looks great and everything is running well. The concrete should last for the next 100+ years and the full maintenance plan will be completed in the next 4-5 years.

LITTLE DESCHUTES LOSS STUDY

Manager Schull updated the Board on the Little Deschutes Loss Study that GSI Water Solutions has started. The Board recognized the importance of completing the study, but with the severe drought conditions the Deschutes Basin is currently experiencing, they discussed putting the study on hold until the drought conditions improve.

BLM LANDS

The District was notified that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is communicating with the Oregon Water Resources Department about a quitclaim deed that they issued to TID for two parcels in 2008. BLM records indicate that the parcels never left Federal ownership. The Board recommended that TID's legal counsel investigate the matter.

WATER TRANSFERS

The Board reviewed four proposed water transfers. N21.001 transfers 0.85 acres from Bierly to self. N21.002 transfers 3.95 acres from Maloney to self. N21.003 transfers 5.2 acres from Johnston, with 0.2 acres to self, 2.0 acres to Warbington, and 3.0 acres to Larson. N21.004 transfers 0.45 acres from Teevin to Meadow 224, LLC. All four transfers have been reviewed and approved by TID staff. Director Putnam made a motion approving the four proposed water transfers. Director Warbington seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Greg Mohnen mentioned that the Central Oregon Hay Growers' Association newsletter went out and contains the dates of their meetings. Scott Maricle mentioned his concerns about how the rotation will be managed and how TID will communicate with patrons.

OTHER

Manager Schull stated that TID is working on a new program that will allow patrons to sign up for text alerts for when the District has important updates. TID is also working with Streamline to design a new website with the goal of making it easier to navigate and post important information.

MOTION TO APPROVE APRIL 2021 VOUCHER LIST

Director Warbington made a motion to approve the April 2021 voucher list. Director Putnam seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The date of the next regular board meeting was set for May 11, 2021.

ADJOURN

Vice Chair Farley made a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:28 p.m. Director Shull seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.