

April 13, 2021
Arnold Irrigation District
Monthly Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Bren Hirschberg at 3:13 pm. Board members present were Bren Hirschberg, Walt Warchol, Bob Schuur, and Rob Rastovich. Office staff members present were Colin Wills and Juanita Harvey. Also present were the District's attorney Mark Reinecke and patrons Steve Keffer and Jonathan Smith.

Bren first introduced Jonathan Smith who was present to observe the meeting as he is in Zone 3 and is contemplating applying for the Zone 3 board position.

1. APPROVAL OF MARCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES: Bob motion and Rob seconded his motion to approve the minutes with changes noted from Colin.
2. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: The A/P was being reviewed by all board members. The following day, it was realized that even though the checks were signed and reviewed, the A/P had not been approved by the board and only one board member had signed the check register. The board to approve the A/P in the minutes and sign the check register.
3. REPORTS:
 - a. MANAGER'S REPORT:
 - i. WATER REPORT: On 3/16 Crescent Lake was at 23,062 AF and on 4/12 it was down to 22,386 AF. There still is not much melt off.

The snow water equivalent on 4/12/2021 at Cascade Summit is at 97%, Irish Taylor is at 92%, and Summit Lake is at 90% and the air temperature in the mountains is still low. The median snow water equivalent is at 97%.

Crane Prairie has to stay between 46,000 and 48,000 AF and on July 15th they can start releasing ½ foot/day and then increase to the release of 1 foot/day beginning August 1st.

We get the natural flow estimator numbers from COID (Central Oregon Irrigation District) daily.

At this point in the meeting there was a lengthy discussion about the mitigation bank and credits. Colin and Juanita have a meeting scheduled with Sarah Henderson at the OWRD in May. Rob would like to be in attendance for that meeting.

- ii. FINANCIALS: The reporting on the financials is until the end of February.

Colin submitted an application requesting \$6,800,000 via the 2021 American Rescue Plan which would be to cover the District's portion of funds that are needed for the district's piping project.

- iii. DBHCP (DESCHUTES BASIN HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN: The board members all received a copy of this plan. The actions which AID needs to handle are shown in the Implementation Plan under Conservation Measure UD-1 on page 19 and Measure Dr-1 on page 20.

- b. FIELD SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: 75 to 80% of the canals have filled since Sunday.

Colin noted that we have not been able to hire anyone for the vacant ditch rider position. We only had one applicant who only stayed for 1 day and the other person did not show up for the interview.

Steve Keffer inquired that if James was now gone and he was the only employee who had a CDL, was there anyone out of the current staff that has a CDL? Colin answered that there was no one on staff with a CDL.

- c. OFFICE REPORT: As of today, the district is owed only \$52,114.05 in 2021 assessments. We have only one patron that is in foreclosure status and Katherine at BLJ is working on this file.

The temporary transfers for 2021 are all in but there is still a lot of work to complete to get them ready as permanent transfers for the end of this year. There are approximately 134 acres in temporary transfers in 57 transfers.

The audit material needed from the office for the auditors is being pulled together for submittal.

- 4. NEW BUSINESS: Steve Keffer spoke and gave his compliments to all but especially Colin for doing such a great job with the District.

- 5. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. FLUME INSURANCE: The board had a discussion regarding information they received from Colin on the flume insurance. Bren asked Colin what his recommendation was, and Colin suggested that he would pick \$23,833 coverage with a \$25,000 deductible versus the \$50,000 coverage with the \$21,566 deductible.

The board asked if this coverage was for mechanical or for fire only. Colin stated it would just be for fire. This coverage does not include mechanical failure. Per Brown and Brown Insurance, "the district currently has earthquake coverage but not flood." We could purchase flood coverage for all of Arnold's property including the flume. The coverage would be about \$1,700 annually, \$1,250 of which would be attributable to the flume itself. But the flume would not really be affected by a flood. It could, however, be affected by a mudslide or movement of earth. There is no coverage under flood for mudslides or movement of earth. "Sudden and accidental land/mudslides would be *contemplated* by the Earth Movement Endorsement (subject to all terms, conditions and exclusions contained in the Property Coverage Document and Earth Movement Endorsement)" which we currently purchase. They also go onto to say the "gradual sliding would not be contemplated by either endorsement."

Steve asked if a sprinkler system was feasible at the flume. As with anything, it is feasible at a great expense.

- b. ZONE 3 BOARD MEMBER: Jonathan was sitting in on this meeting and will review the materials which were emailed to him along with materials that were handed out today and determine if he was still interested in being a part of the board.

- 6. OPEN FORUM: Per Mark Reinecke, Roats would use their quasi-municipal AID water right and deliver it to KCDG through Tumalo for delivery through their system. OWRD has agreed that this transfer of water through the various irrigation districts would be fine. The board agreed to leave the decision to Colin based on the information he receives. Colin was adamant that there be no attorney expenses billed to Arnold for this project.

Walt and Rob left the meeting at 5:45 pm.

Mark discussed the status of the Tumalo pipeline court case.

- 7. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

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