

Arnold Irrigation District
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Matt Steele at 3:05 pm. Board members present were Walt Warchol, Matt Steele, Rob Rastovich and Bob Schuur. Office staff members present were Colin Wills and Juanita Harvey. Also present were Mark Reinecke and Katherine Rowe, the District's attorneys, Ron Nelson, Director of the Deschutes River Conservancy, Steve Keffer, District patron, Midge Graybeal of H2O CEC and Marc Thalacker from Farmer's Conservation Alliance.

1. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE BOARD MEETING MINUTES: Bob motioned and Rob seconded his motion to approve the minutes. The vote was unanimous in favor.
2. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Bob motioned and Matt seconded his motion to approve the accounts payable. The vote was unanimous in favor.

3. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. MIDGE GRAYBEAL – H2O CEC – RECORDS FOUND IN D.C.: Midge introduced herself and moved on to discuss what documents she was successful in finding during her trip to Washington, D.C. where she did some research regarding the District at the National Archives.

She did find historical documents with maps. Whatever documents she found she has downloaded for Colin and the staff will work on getting a share file application to share the documents with the board since there are a large number of documents.

- b. RON NELSON, DIRECTOR, DESCHUTES RIVER CONSERVANCY (DRC): Ron introduced himself and expressed his desire to have a good working relationship with the District. He added that if the District needed any assistance with anything, he would be able to provide us with employees from his staff to assist.

Midge and Ron left the meeting at 3:50 pm.

4. REPORTS:

- a. MANAGER'S & FIELD SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS: Colin reported that the levels at Wickiup were dropping and we have to maintain it at the level it is.

Arnold did not use any storage for the month of May. We are doing well on natural flows alone.

Colin reported that the District needed to run the water up to its highest amount possible in order to prove that the district is ready, willing and able and that our

system can handle as the amount of our maximum water right or as close to that amount as possible.

Reach time from the river to Horse Butte is 12 hours. Matt offered to assist if any help was needed during this ramp up of water.

The Lundy private lateral grant for a feasibility study through DSWCD (Deschutes Soil and Water Conservation District) was approved.

Colin asked the board if the District should keep the temporary employee hired through Mid-Oregon personnel on longer. Max, the District's full time employee was given a full release on July 3, 2019 from his physician. The cost of keeping the temp employee on for 80 hours was \$2,059 and was coded to 8030-Canal Systems and Maintenance. The board thought it would be best to keep him on awhile longer.

On June 7, 2019, Colin asked to transfer money into the 3606 LGIP account because the last transfer was mistakenly taken out of this account instead of the 5213 Operations account. Moving forward any money transferred to cover checks will be transferred from the Operations account. Currently, the District has \$556,000 to operate with until the end of 2019.

- b. OFFICE REPORT: Currently there are 10 patrons whose accounts are in arrears for a total of \$8,355.88. Two of the patrons are making payments; one of these patrons has not made a payment per his payment agreement since the beginning of June for his May payment. Mark asked that Juanita send him all the information to him and he will prepare a letter to be mailed to this patron.

BACK TO 3. NEW BUSINESS:

- c. MARC THALACKER: REPRESENTING FCA (FARMERS CONSERVATION ALLIANCE) REGARDING THE PIPING PROJECT: Marc stated that all basin piping projects have all been receiving their funding. Tumalo, Swalley and COID received \$25,000,000 in (Fiscal Year) FY17 funding. Tumalo, COID, Swalley and Lone Pine received \$25,000,000 FY18 funding and Tumalo, Swalley, AID and Ochoco will receive \$25,000,000 FY19 funding. In 2021 there will be an additional \$25,000,000.

The goal is to have all the approval by spring of 2021 for construction to begin in the winter of 2022.

Arnold's goal is to receive grant money from OWEB (Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board) and OWRD (Oregon Water Resources Department) as matching funds for the Main canal piping project.

Marc also mentioned the Clean Water Revolving loans which allow \$500,000 of the loan be forgiven. The District does not need to go to the patrons to vote on this issue

because the loan money is being used to build, get grants and pay back loans. The money is used as it is needed.

The District will not have to find and pay for engineering. The NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service) will be providing 100% of the engineering on all 6 phases of the Main canal piping for free.

Steve Keffer left the meeting at this time (4:31 pm).

Project Group 1 includes the Barrett Siphon and Project Group 2 includes the Suttong Siphon.

Marc noted that Arnold and the DBBC could do an intergovernmental agreement to use DBBC contractors which would prevent Arnold from paying prevailing wage.

Marc made mention of constructing solar array farms to allow pumps for pressurized water off of our pipe to our patrons.

A Conserved Water Policy needs to be written with Mark Reinecke.

- d. JOANNA ROYSE: Paid for a \$500 encroachment fee to put a fence within the District's easement. Since paying the fee, they have decided not to put in a fence since the District will be piping the canal. She has asked for a refund for the \$500. The board agreed in this situation it would be fine to refund her the money.
 - e. APPOINT A BOARD SECRETARY: Matt motioned and Rob seconded his motion to appoint Bob Schuur as the Board Secretary. The vote was unanimous in favor.
 - f. CHANGE THE DATE OF THE AUGUST BOARD MEETING: Walt, Bob, Colin and Juanita will all be in Risk Management training on August 13th, the regularly scheduled board meeting day. The board agreed that Thursday, August 15th at 3:00 pm would be a good time for all.
5. OLD BUSINESS:
- a. EXIT POLICY: A brief discussion was held regarding the exit policy and the mitigation bank. There should be a discussion about both simultaneously to see how each of these would work for the District. A copy of the mitigation bank summary/charter and the exit policy will be emailed to the board for review before further discussion at the August meeting.
6. EXECUTIVE SESSION: At this time (5:10 pm) Matt suspended the regular meeting and called an executive session to order pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)

(e) To conduct deliberations with persons we have designated to negotiate real property transactions.

(f) To consider information or records that are exempt from disclosure by law including written advice from our attorney.

(h) To consult with our attorney regarding our legal rights and duties in regard to current litigation or litigation that is more likely than not to be filed.

At 6:43 pm, the regular meeting session was called back to order.

Board will make a discuss further the various options regarding the equipment transportation configuration to include the possibility of ditchriders getting their CDL, purchasing a new excavator, selling the current trailer and upgrading the current maintenance vehicle to handle the weight of pulling a different trailer and the excavator.

If the ditchriders were to get their CDL's, the District would have to pay them accordingly to be in compliance with the Equal Pay Act.

This will be brought up for further discussion at a later meeting.

7. OPEN FORUM: There weren't any items brought up for discussion.

8. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

ARNOLD IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Matt Stuts

Robert Spiegel

Walt Warchel

Check Detail

July 5, 2019

Num	Date	Name	Original Amount
33907	07/05/2019	Bend Broadband	178.34 ✓
33908	07/05/2019	Bryant, Lovlien & Jarvis, PC	11,882.00 ✓
33909	07/05/2019	Cascade Disposal	92.12 ✓
33910	07/05/2019	Cascade Natural Gas Corporation	14.78 ✓
33911	07/05/2019	CENTRAL OREGON RENTAL OWNERS ASSOCIATION	75.00 ✓
33912	07/05/2019	Deschutes Recycling	16.00 ✓
33913	07/05/2019	Deschutes County, Oregon	315.00 ✓
33914	07/05/2019	Juniper Paper & Supply	60.50 ✓
33915	07/05/2019	L & D of Oregon, Inc.	132.23 ✓
33916	07/05/2019	Local Ledgers Acct'g Solutions, LLC	558.75 ✓
33917	07/05/2019	Marc Nelson Oil Products	1,092.78 ✓
33918	07/05/2019	Mid Oregon Personnel	2,059.20 ✓
33919	07/05/2019	One Call Concepts, Inc.	63.36 ✓
33920	07/05/2019	Oregon Wholesale Hardware	175.61 ✓
33921	07/05/2019	Pacific Power	218.46 ✓
33922	07/05/2019	Price & Co/Fronk	9,000.00 ✓
33923	07/05/2019	Special Districts Association of Oregon	9,847.34 ✓
33924	07/05/2019	Steven Delanty	850.00 ✓
33925	07/05/2019	Steven Floyd Consulting, Inc	583.75 ✓
33926	07/05/2019	Tri-County Legal Process SAervice, Inc.	70.00 ✓
33927	07/05/2019	Verizon Wireless	440.61 ✓
33928	07/05/2019	Watchdog Security	1,185.00 ✓
		Total	\$ 38,910.81
		Total Payroll	\$ 25,522.23

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