

June 16, 2020  
Arnold Irrigation District  
Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Bren Hirschberg at 3:07 pm. Board members present were Bren Hirschberg, Bob Schuur, Walt Warchol and Rob Rastovich. Office staff members present were Colin Wills, Matt Maurer, and Juanita Harvey. The District's attorney, Mark Reinecke was present as well as Candace Forsell of Local Ledgers, the District's bookkeeper and Wes Price and Morgan Lipscomb of Price/Fronk.

1. PRICE/FRONK – WES PRICE AND MORGAN LIPSCOMB PRESENTING THE 2019 AUDIT: Wes stated this was the first time they have presented a draft rather than final audit and they will be able to file with the Secretary of the State on time. He stated the information flowed well between Arnold, Local Ledgers and Price/Fronk. Everyone stepped up together to make everything run smoother and transparent.

Any comments should be submitted now while it is still a draft and before it is sent in as a final to the State. It should be in its final form by the end of the week.

Wes and Morgan left the meeting at 3:25 pm.

Bren had questions for Colin and Candice and the manner which the frog lawsuit was coded. This was discussed briefly, and Candace left at 3:31 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF MAY BOARD MEETING MINUTES: Bob motioned, and Walt seconded his motion to approve the minutes. The vote was unanimous in favor.
3. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Walt motioned, and Bob seconded his motion to approve the accounts payable. The vote was unanimous in favor.
4. REPORTS:
  - a. MANAGER'S REPORT:
    - i. WATER REPORT: To date the District has not pulled any storage. The cooler weather has helped tremendously. As water availability decreases, Colin recommended that the District go on a rotation schedule district wide if water levels become critically low and the District's reservoir storage is in danger of being used up. There was an extensive discussion between the board and Colin and Matt about what to expect from water flows and the impact of different water flow scenarios on Arnold's patrons. Different alternatives for operating the system in a reduced water flow status were discussed and the consensus at the end of the discussion was that the rotational system proposed by Colin is the best alternative.

The District could also ask patrons to volunteer irrigation for a portion or all their water rights for part or the remainder of the season. Rob inquired about options other than rotation. Colin will stay in close contact with COID, so we know what they are withdrawing, which may help give us some notice of the need to start a campaign for voluntary shutoffs and rotations. Chances are high that we will need to go on a rotation, and it could happen very soon. It was also noted that, if no natural flow is available from the river and all the District's storage is used, the District may need to shut down all together until water is once again available.

Colin has prepared a letter which will go out to all the patrons letting them know about the strong likelihood that the District will need to use a rotational system and might, if no water is available, need to shut down. We will keep the web page updated but Colin will not know ahead of time until its time so we will have to act quickly to notify everyone. Matt has created a rotation schedule and we are preparing for rotation.

- ii. FINANCIALS: The financials are doing well and are on track.
- iii. HCP (HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN): The conservation fund was discussed. The main concern is who will manage the fund.

b. FIELD SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

- i. Matt reported that cooler weather conditions are really helping.
- ii. A sink hole on the North Lateral was repaired.
- iii. Seepage found on the Rastovich ditch was also repaired. Rob thanked the ditchriders and complimented them on a great job.
- iv. 20 truckloads of pine needles were picked up from our easements and hauled to the Knott Landfill.
- v. This month's safety meeting was on sanitization and cleanliness.
- vi. Josh of Parametrix will be meeting with Matt to instruct him on the use of ArcGIS and inputting assets and changes into the system using the app on his phone.
- vii. There was a road flooding issue at the end of the Roach ditch which is off Reed Lane west of Highway 97 because of 2 customers not using water causing the excess to flood over and down the road. This is a private system but because of the waste of water, we had to intervene.

- c. OFFICE REPORT: There are a total of 14 patrons delinquent in their 2020 assessment payments totaling \$16,273.25. 5 of these patrons are also in arrears for 2019 assessments. 5 liens have been prepared but 4 of the 5 might only be filed. The 5<sup>th</sup> patron is in the middle of negotiating a purchase contract and are hoping to go into escrow soon.

5. NEW BUSINESS: There were no new items of business brought up for discussion.
6. OLD BUSINESS: There were no old items of business brought up for discussion.
7. OPEN FORUM: Colin stated that a DBWCA (Deschutes Basin Water Conservation Alliance) is holding a Zoom meeting on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Jeff Sanseri, one of the people who was encroaching on the District's lava flow property had all his property removed by May 31<sup>st</sup> as he stated he would. The County came out to his property on June 1<sup>st</sup> to inspect the property.

8. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 5:22 pm.

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