

Arnold Irrigation District
Monthly Board Meeting

February 11, 2025
1:00 pm

The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by Bob Schuur. Board members present were Bob Schuur, Jon Smith, Walt Warchol, and Rob Rastovich via Zoom. Staff members present were Colin Wills, Chris Webb, Juanita Harvey, and Ashley Buckner. Also present was the District's attorney Garrett Chrostek, patrons Steve Keffer and Mike Penhallow. Bill Roats of Roats Water Company arrived later during the meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 2025 BOARD MEETING MINUTES: Bob motioned, and Jon seconded his motion to approve the January 2025 board meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous in favor with Walt, and Rob also voting in favor.
2. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Walt motioned, and Jon seconded his motion to approve the accounts payable. The vote was unanimous in favor with Walt, and Rob also voting in favor.
3. MANAGER REPORT:

- a. WATER REPORT: The water levels are much higher compared to the last few years. The increases/decreases are due to the freeze and thaw.

The snow-water equivalent on 1/6/2025 shows the Little Deschutes with 366 cfs (20.7 inches). The NRCS Water Database shows above averages for this time of the year compared to previous years. At Cascade Summit the current snow water equivalent is at 27.1 and the best situation would be for it to be at 30" by April 1st.

The Snow Water Equivalent as of February 7th is 143%, and the Water Year to Date Precipitation is 117%.

- b. FINANCIAL REPORT: The Profit and Loss shows a \$164,000 loss. This is due to the water deals which weren't completed. We ended the year with the following percentages of our budget. 83% Operating Income, 95.3% Admin Expenses, 117.06% Canal System Expenses, 134.57% in Employee Expenses, and 119.44% Operating Expenses, with the final overall expenditures were at 118.35%.

- c. MODERNIZATION PROJECT UPDATE:

- i. PHASE 3-4 GRANT AGREEMENT: The Grant was accepted for \$2.860 million. Colin requested to have the agreement signed by himself and Bob for Phases 3 and 4. The District cannot use the grant funds until the grant agreement is signed. Bob motioned to approve the OWRD Grant Agreement #WPG-1-0003-24, and for it to be signed by Bob and Colin subject to legal review. Walt

seconded his motion. The vote was unanimous in favor with Jon and Rob also voting in favor.

- ii. The County road department will be expanding Horse Butte Rd in the area where the Main Canal ends. The District has an easement (Carey Act) prior to the road department; however, the road department does not see it that way. In order to be good neighbors, we will attempt negotiations with the road department to possibly put in a pipe from the baffle at the end of the Main Canal pipe across Horse Butte Rd to the east side of the road for the Brandon and Sundance laterals with telemetry. The District requested an easement encroachment agreement from the road department, but they would not agree to that. The road expansion is scheduled to begin in 2026.
- iii. David Prull could not attend this meeting. Steve Smith from K&E could come to the March board meeting if we requested his presence. With the inclement weather, they are getting only 120 feet of pipe in the ground per day. If weather conditions were better, they could get in much more. Before the cold snap, they were getting approximately 200 feet of pipe in the ground per day. Originally K&E was told they couldn't extend past April 30th. All the pipe should be in the ground by that date. K&E could possibly ask to extend that based on the weather conditions. The weather is also making it difficult to weld the pipe. Possibly speak with Krah about adding extra wire to the pipe for it to heat better for welding.

Board members will come to the construction meeting on Thursday to get more information from K&E, Kevin Crew, and David Prull. Bob will attend Thursday's construction meeting along with Walt and Jon. We will notice the meeting and take minutes.

- iv. Colin spoke with Eric from Pacific Power, and they would not agree to pay the District for a crossing. The cost to get overhead power for the inlet would be about \$90,000, and to a current power pole, about \$30,000. The District would not pay that fee without a crossing permit from them. The best route would be to go on top of the 18" CMP with 2 conduits and leave as it is. The District would need to purchase a new generator for the screens at the inlet which would be cheaper than taking the power overhead for a power drop. The cost to purchase a new generator is around \$14.5 thousand.
- d. OTHER MATTERS: The District received a public records request from OPB for a list of our patron names, tax lots, and assessments. We quoted them a reasonable price for getting this information to them. Other Districts received requests as well but for different information.

4. OPERATION MANAGER REPORT:

- a. Delivery #58293 which is located on Phase 1 of the pipeline was plumbed directly into the patron's pump because the cistern no longer had an overflow due to construction of the pipeline. After running it for a season, it was found that it was not able to run at the

allotted water right. It was reconfigured to include a float valve which will eliminate the hazard of flooding and property damage.

b. Deschutes County Sheriff inmate crew is scheduled April 1st through the 4th for the main canal cleaning prior to water start up, irrigation season 2025.

c. Canal cleaning on the Sundance lateral is continuing with the removal of willows and weeds and all debris removed are being loaded and hauled to the landfill.

e. The January safety meeting was Fire extinguisher training conducted at Fire Station #303 and all employees attended. This is for basic fire and extinguisher procedures.

f. On 1/20/25 Taylor Northwest installed the 36-in coupling downstream of 36" butterfly valve. Also installed are the remaining 4" stainless steel 3-piece ball valves on the ARV assemblies.

g. We have completed the repair of the culvert for the Sundance lateral. This culvert is located crossing Ford Road, and it was exposed due to erosion. We purchased 10 yards of ¾" reject to build up the road base.

h. The district is purchasing 200 No Trespass signs with AID logo and ORS. We were able to cut the cost by \$5,000 dollars for a total of \$2,000 dollars.

i. We have purchased district's confined space equipment. This equipment completes the districts confined space requirements.

5. LESSONS LEARNED AND STRATEGIC PLAN: . There were no changes which needed to be made to the Lessons Learned document. The document was reviewed and changes will be made after Phase 2 is completed.

6. OFFICE REPORT:

a. ASSESSMENTS: To date we have collected \$194,826.82 in assessments.

b. PERSONNEL MANUAL: The manual is being updated by Isabel Harris at BLJ, and she will have a draft ready by the March board meeting.

c. EASEMENT RELEASES: Ashley and Juanita have created a spreadsheet to keep track of patrons for easement releases. Only a few people on the list who received the letters have inquired about the releases.

7. OLD BUSINESS: We received a risk/cost analysis for the flume from Parametrix. It was distributed to the board for review. We are waiting for a fire assessment from Fish and Wildlife.

8. NEW BUSINESS: Bob will be out of town next month for the board meeting. Another board member will be asked to run the meeting. Will need to ensure we have a quorum.

Ashley/Juanita will post the new board meeting time on the webpage.

To help with the meeting time allotment of 3 hours or less, in the future, time limits will be set for each category stated on the agenda.

9. OPEN FORUM: Bill Roats was present to discuss the chain of custody regarding the extra mitigation credits from the AID/Roats groundwater transfer.

Bill felt that to avoid any possible confusion in the future regarding the extra credits which are currently being held in AID's and Roat's names in the chain of custody, all extra credits should instead be assigned to Roats alone. Colin will research mitigation credits further and present his findings to the board and BLJ for review before making a decision.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION: An executive session was not required at this meeting.

11. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 3:29 pm.