

Arnold Irrigation District

Monthly Board Meeting

August 8, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Jon Smith at 3:10 pm. Board members present were Jon Smith, Walt Warchol, and Rob Rastovich via Zoom. Staff members present were Steve Johnson, and Juanita Harvey. Also present were the District's attorneys, Garrett Chrostek and Makenzie Spinks.

1. APPROVAL OF JULY BOARD MEETING MINUTES AND THE STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING MINUTES: Jon motioned, and Walt seconded his motion to approve the July board meeting minutes and the minutes from the strategic planning meeting.
2. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Walt motioned and Jon seconded his motion to approve the accounts payable.
3. MANAGER'S REPORT:

- a. WATER REPORT:

- i. IRRIGATION SEASON RESTART: We shut off on July 29th based on information we received from the OWRD. The numbers are ever-changing and it is difficult to get a clear cut number until OWRD releases the official storage report approximately 5-7 days after month end.

On July 21st, speaking with OWRD, it was estimated that we would have just enough until the end of July.

Other senior districts cut back because they thought they would be short and they cut back so much that AID received some natural flow and had 4,450 AF of storage available at the end of the month.

Since the water was available, AID will turn back on until the 27th of August and will turn off on the 28th in the morning.

- ii. MAIN CANAL PROJECT START DATE: The anticipated startup date for the piping project is the 1st week of September.

AID ranked 4 out of 9 for OWEB funding and will receive \$250,000 under a restoration grant.

AID applied for \$2.9 million grant funds which we won't have an answer on until early September.

Additional funding from HB3050 managed through OWRD will become available for application by AID for Phases 3 & 4.

b. FINANCIAL REPORT:

- i. MONTHLY FINANCIALS: The July 2022 to July 2023 financials are available and in September the forecasted year end will be available.

The budget is \$46,000 off mostly because of legal “challenges to modernization”.

The LGIP accounts are being renamed to match what the funds are specifically allocated for.

c. MODERNIZATION PROJECTS:

- i. MAIN CANAL PROJECTS: We will know more from the contractors after our weekly project meeting on Monday.

- ii. SCHEDULE LOCAL CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BIDS: The meeting was scheduled for August 23, 2023 at 11:00 am.

- iii. DIVERSION GATE AUTOMATION AND WATER MEASUREMENT: The motor drive was mounted at the gate and remaining work by the contractor will begin in late September.

- iv. GEO-FORM FLUME PROJECT UPDATE: The geo-form lining for the flume should be received by end of September.

- d. ROATS WATER COMPANY: The application is being finalized by the DRC. Hopefully, the application will be submitted to the OWRD by mid to end of September.

- e. AVION WATER COMPANY: We are working on the agreement with Avion. There is an issue on best mechanism to protect the District’s interest in the event of non-payment of the annual assessment by Avion. Currently, we send assessments to Avion and if they do not pay we can lien. As it stands right now, we wouldn’t be able to lien Avion or the patron. The risk here is that Avion is private and it could go out of business.

4. FIELD SUPERVISOR REPORT:

- a. HEADGATE TAMPERING: Headgate tampering has been on the rise since AID went on storage and started running lower flows. We have replaced two weirs that were cut and were getting more water than their water right. As to District policy, the patrons that damaged district property will be charged a \$250 fine plus \$250 to cover parts, and labor.

- b. AUTOMATED HEADGATE: This project received final approval. The work on the concrete footing and mounting pad was completed for the installation of the euro drive motor.

- c. 12" HDPE PIPE: 800' for the Estes lateral pipe was loaded and hauled to the district office in preparation of the Estes lateral piping project set to begin the middle of August. All fittings for the installation have been ordered.
 - d. WATER SHUT OFF: Procedures began on Monday, 7/24/2023, one week before the scheduled shut off date. These procedures include head gate and check wall inspections and documenting the overall health of the canals. Also included is the inspection of the flume to identify flume sections that need to be replaced.
 - e. JULY SAFETY MEETING: The subject of this meeting was Fire Extinguisher Safety and proper use.
5. OFFICE REPORT:
- a. ASSESSMENTS: There are 5 patrons remaining with unpaid 2023 assessment balances for a total of \$3,683.22.
 - b. TRANSFERS: Juanita continues to work on the transfers.
 - c. REMNANT PARCELS: No further remnant parcels have quitclaimed their water back to the District.
 - d. EASEMENT RELEASES & ENCROACHMENTS: There have no easement releases or encroachments recorded.
6. OLD BUSINESS: There were no items of old business brought up for discussion.
7. NEW BUSINESS: Steve mentioned that much of the water which was quitclaimed back to the District from the parcels which were in the urbanized areas could possibly go to the City of Bend and/or Avion. Steve is working on a proposal for both Avion and the City of Bend and will coordinate with the Board Water Marketing Committee. The District could recover the loss in assessments from the exit fees these entities would pay or from yearly assessments paid by them to the District.
8. OPEN FORUM: There were no items brought up by anyone for discussion.
9. EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 4:11 pm, Jon called to suspend the regular meeting session and call an executive session to order pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h) to consult with our attorney regarding our legal rights and duties in regard to current litigation that is more likely than not to be filed.
10. ADJOURNEMENT: The regular meeting session was called back to order at 4:49 pm and a motion was made by Jon to adjourn the meeting. Walt seconded his motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.