

November 14, 2017

Arnold Irrigation District  
Monthly Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Bill Grafton at 3:01 pm. Board members present were Bill Grafton, Matt Steele, Walt Warchol and Bren Hirschberg. Office staff members present were Shawn Gerdes and Juanita Harvey. Also present was the District's attorney, Mark Reinecke.

1. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 2017 BOARD MEETING MINUTES: Bren motioned and Matt seconded his motion to approve the October meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous in favor.
2. APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Matt motioned and Walt seconded his motion to approve the accounts payable. The vote was unanimous in favor.
3. REPORTS:

- a. MANAGER AND FIELD SUPERVISOR REPORT: Since Colin was away, Shawn gave both the manager's report and the field supervisor's report.

Wickiup Reservoir is filling at 1500 AF per day and it is currently at 116,000 AF.

Considering it is so early, the snow pack is doing very well. We are at 13% of total snow fall for the season. The precipitation levels are also very high.

Work was completed in the main canal near the Fassett property. Shot-crete was sprayed on the bottom and sides of the canal from the end of the canal to the rock cut. In the area where the concrete joined, a gasket was placed in the front and the back of the joint so that it would expand when it was wet. This area will not be filled in until after the stock run.

At Bud Rose's property, the ditch riders found another sink hole which opened up during the stock run. The District may want to look into sealing/lining that area of the canal. Matt suggested maybe piping through that area. Matt requested that the staff come up with a rough estimate of the cost to shot-crete this area as was done by Fassett's property.

Cleaning of the Main canal is in progress and the staff has reached the area near Hanes Rd. A large amount of silt built up in the canal since the canals weren't cleaned last winter due to the snow levels.

At the first stock run, there were many needles. The staff received high water alarms which caused them to work from 11:00 pm to 2:00 am cleaning pine needles out of the canal.

- b. OFFICE REPORT: Roats Water came in and made almost their entire 2018 assessment payment already.

Mark Reinecke sent out intent to lien letters to 2 customers who owe for 2017 and he is working on the customer's file who owes for 2016 and 2017. There is a file with a customer who owes for 3 years. We just received word that the woman passed away quite some time ago and we were not informed.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. BUDGET: Shawn presented the budget as agreed on by the Budget Committee and stated that there was an overall increase of 2.9%.

The M&M piping project is still in the budget. The funds for the M&M project were used to complete the Knott Rd siphon project last year because it cost more than expected. The Budget Committee agreed to keep the funds in the budget to complete the M&M project this year.

The Committee agreed that money should be specifically allocated in the budget each year for piping project within the District.

The Water Protection Fee was decreased from \$10 to \$5 for the 2018 assessments because of expected lessening activity regarding the Oregon Spotted Frog lawsuit. Remaining funds from the 2017 Water Protection assessments will be carried over to 2018 thereby allowing a decrease in the assessment level.

We are ending the 2017 year with \$128,000 in the Water Protection fund and the Emergency Reserves at \$45,000.

Matt motioned and Bren seconded his motion to approve the 2018 budget. The vote was unanimous in favor.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. EXECUTIVE SESSION: The regular meeting was suspended and Bill called an Executive Session to order at 3:56 pm pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(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 4:15 pm the Executive Session was closed and Bill called the regular meeting back to order.

6. OPEN FORUM: There were no items brought up for discussion.

7. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 4:18 pm.

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