

February 9, 2021
Arnold Irrigation District
Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting via Zoom was called to order by Bren Hirschberg at 3:00 pm. Board members present were Bren Hirschberg, Walt Warchol, Bob Schuur, and Rob Rastovich. Office staff members present were Colin Wills, Matt Maurer, and Juanita Harvey. Also present was the District's attorney Garrett Chrostek sitting in for Mark Reinecke.

1. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES: Walt motioned, and Bob seconded his motion to approve the minutes. The vote was unanimous in favor.
2. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Walt motioned, and Bob seconded his motion to approve the account payable. The vote was unanimous in favor.

3. REPORTS:

a. MANAGER'S REPORT:

- i. WATER REPORT: The water is at normal but is showing fluctuations on the report because of wind at the Hydro sites.

DEBO (Deschutes River Below Bend) cannot fall below 250 cfs during stock runs. By March 15th Crane Prairie should be at 46,800 AF. We will have 5,000 AF in Crane Prairie for storage.

The teacup chart shows Crane Prairie is 82% full at 45,529 AF and 48,000 as the ceiling due to the HCP (Habitat Conservation Plan). Wickiup is 45% full at 90,698 AF. It should fill to 116,000 AF by irrigation season.

The snow water equivalent is 85 to 87% of average.

The texting function has been put into place. Patrons will be receiving post cards asking them to sign up for text messages and the e-newsletter. Text messages they will receive will be news and updates regarding water and the District operations which need to go out quickly, shut offs and emergency updates.

- ii. FINANCIALS: The FIB (First Interstate Bank) balance is \$94,163. We have received 41% of fees budgeted.

We now have a new renter. We are receiving \$1,925/month; \$1,875 is for house rent and \$50 for pet rent.

The LGIP (Local Government Investment Pool) account balances are as follows: Piping \$275,609.35, Operations \$100,794.97 (\$50,000 of this balance will be

transferred into the Reserves account once more of the assessments start coming in. Reserves \$172,739.97.

Colin inquired if the board thought we should turn on for the season on April 11th or 18th. Based on Colin's recommendations, the Board agreed that the water should be turned on the 11th. The District can use as much water as needed because it being the shoulder season.

- b. FIELD SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Matt showed the board where the check walls were constructed. They will be effective for the stock runs. The 1st wall is in at Horse Butte and there are 2 more to construct. They each take about 2 days (12 – 14 hours) with 1 field worker. This does not include the form, dig out and pour. The total time for one check wall is 2 weeks. The goal is to have all check walls constructed by March 15th.

They have completed the 1st round of testing on the 4G alarms at the fish screens and the siphons. 110 inverters are required to convert from DC to AC power. Those will be installed shortly. External antennas will be installed for cell reception as well.

Canal maintenance is ongoing with the installation of new headgates and deliveries where needed.

The last stock run showed a positive benefit of the shot-crete areas.

The safety meeting for this month is a continuation of COVID training.

- 4. NEW BUSINESS: There were no items of new business brought up for discussion.
- 5. OLD BUSINESS: There were no items of old business brought up for discussion.
- 6. OPEN FORUM: Walt brought up a discussion he had with a patron regarding the piping of the main canal and wanted to ensure he was giving correct responses. The board felt it would be helpful for Colin to provide them with a list of "talking points" and "responses to common questions" that the Board members could use in interaction with patrons. This would provide consistent messages from the Board members. Colin stated that the Watershed Plan states alternatives which is required by NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) and is available to the public.
- 7. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 4:02 pm.

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