

September 8, 2020

Arnold Irrigation District
Monthly Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Bren Hirschberg at 3:26 pm. Board members present were Bren Hirschberg, Bob Schuur, Walt Warchol and Rob Rastovich via conference phone. Office staff members present were Colin Wills, Matt Maurer and Juanita Harvey. Also present were Mark Reinecke, the District's attorney, and patron Steve Keffer.

1. APPROVAL OF AUGUST MEETING MINUTES: Bob motioned, and Bren seconded his motion to approve the minutes. The vote was unanimous in favor.
2. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Bob motioned, and Bren seconded his motion to approve the accounts payable. The vote was unanimous in favor.
3. REPORTS:
 - a. MANAGER'S REPORT:
 - i. WATER REPORT: Kyle Gorman, the Regional Water Master sent over another report dated 8/28/2020. The 3rd page of the report showed that there was 135 AF of our storage still available. Colin call Kyle and asked him since technically we do have a small amount of water still available to us in storage if we could pull 55 cfs out beginning 14th at 12:01 am. Kyle stated that technically, yes, we could turn on at 12:01 am on the 14th. We would then ramp up the water we pull starting the 15th, pushing the water hard down the canals to get the water to our patrons and hopefully by the time the system is charged, we can deliver 6.5 gpm per acre instead of 5.5 gpm per acre. If patrons do not want 6.5 gpm, then they can call and have their water turned down to 5.5 gpm.
 - ii. FINANCIALS: This meeting falls earlier in the month so there will be more invoices coming in and checks to be issued and signed. The profit and loss budget versus actual are on schedule.

We did purchase a lift to assist the field workers when lifting heavy equipment into the back of their trucks. This was purchased with an SDAO Safety and Security Grant.

Bob motioned and Bren seconded his motion to accept the financials as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor.

It is time to start working on the 2021 budget and arranging a budget committee. Bob volunteered to be on the committee. Steve Keffer volunteered himself or his wife Rena. Colin will call Dan Forsell or Dave Williams to see if either of them would be interested in being on the committee again.

- b. FIELD SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Matt began his report that the field staff all took much needed time off after the rotation.

Matt reported that many sink holes were found which will require some shot crete work. They found a lot of degradation around head gates from being turned on and off frequently during the rotation. They will be replacing six head gates. This following week, the field staff will be prepping for the water coming back on. Bren asked if the check walls used during rotation were removed. Matt stated they had been.

Bren inquired if other than the check walls, is there anything else we could do in the situation of another low water year. Colin stressed piping the main canal is of utmost importance. All the problems with water loss lie in the main canal.

Matt suggested that he felt a 7-day rotation would work better than a 4-day rotation. Either a that or an extra employee. An extra employee was not an option this year because Matt just took on his new position and both field staff were also new so it would have been difficult to train two new field staff along with a totally new person.

Bren inquired about the 1938 agreement which terminates December 31, 2020. He did not want the agreement to be forgotten. Colin is hoping that AID will be able to come to an agreement with TID for storage through them in the future.

- c. OFFICE REPORT: Eight patrons were sent notices of their delinquent accounts which would have liens filed if their delinquency were from this year or face foreclosure if the were two years delinquent.

There are several items that need to be sold because we do not have use for them any longer. For this to occur the board needs to declare these items as surplus for the staff to go ahead and sell them. Juanita read off the list of the items and their approximate current worth.

There was a discussion as to the best way to sell these items. Mark will check with his office to determine the best way to sell these items. A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Walt to approve the sale of this surplus property subject to the legalities of disposal clarified by Mark. The vote was unanimous in favor.

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: Steve Keffer asked if our district was still on the schedule for piping. Colin stated that the PL566 money which is the federal money is there and available for us. However, the state money which was supposed to be allotted as the District's match funds have been used for COVID relief fund. Because the match funding is currently not available, the piping project will most likely begin a couple of years later than anticipated.

Steve asked if the areas where the major portion of the sink holes are located would be the area that would be piped first. Colin indicated that was the area that would be included in the first portion of piping.

The second bad area for sink holes is at the Suttong siphon and the third bad area is the Baker Pond area.

Steve said the communications that came from the office to the patrons during the rotation were extremely helpful. He asked if communications could come out earlier if a problem is anticipated next season 2021.

7. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 4:37 pm.

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