

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
TALENT IRRIGATION DISTRICT
JUNE 4, 2024**

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TALENT IRRIGATION DISTRICT met in regular session at the office of the district located at 104 West Valley View Road, Talent, Oregon, on the above date. President Winters called the board meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

Mike Winters -----	President
Jeff Bohn -----	Vice President
Jeff Hogan -----	Director
Wanda Derry -----	Secretary/Manager
Bo Bergren -----	Assistant Manager
Heather Hassett -----	Administrative Assistant

VISITORS:

Ricky Clark -----	OSU Extension Service
Brian Sephton -----	Water User at 7121 Dark Hollow Rd.
Dawn Watson -----	Water User at 4491 Pioneer Rd.
Kerry Vargas -----	Water User at 4455 Pioneer Rd.
John Funke -----	Water User at 585 W Valley View Rd.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF MAY 7, 2024

The Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 7, 2024 were considered. Director Bohn made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Hogan and unanimously passed. President Winters, Vice President Bohn, Director Hogan, and Manager Derry signed the May 7, 2024 Minutes.

MINUTES OF THE BUDGET MEETING OF MAY 16, 2024

The Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 16, 2024 were considered. Director Bohn made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Hogan and unanimously passed. President Winters, Vice President Bohn, Director Hogan, and Manager Derry signed the May 16, 2024 Minutes.

EXPLANATION OF CLAIM SHEET FOR APRIL \$168,633.38

The Board reviewed the Claim Sheet for April for check numbers 2510 through 2592 and the itemized list of Visa charges for the month. The total Claim Sheet amount of \$168,633.38, less the exceptional items of \$30,279.12, leaves a Claim Sheet balance of \$138,354.26 for the regular expenses for the month.

Manager Derry pointed out the largest exceptional item for the month which was for the last bit of shotcrete for the Talent Canal on Tarry Lane. A motion was made by Director Bohn to approve the Claim Sheet and the list of itemized Visa charges for April as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Hogan and unanimously passed. Both President Winters and Manager Derry signed the Claim Sheet.

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY, ITEMIZED BUDGET COMPARISON, ASSESSMENTS
RECEIVABLE, BALANCE SHEET AND PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT FOR APRIL
2024**

The Board was supplied with copies of the Financial Summary, Itemized Budget Comparison, Assessments Receivable, Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement for April 2024.

The budget should be at 58% for April; the Income is at 87% and Expenses are at 51%.

WATER SUPPLY

Manager Derry went over the current water supply numbers as of today:

Emigrant	28,562 acre feet or 73% of capacity
Howard	34,222 acre feet or 56% of capacity
Hyatt	<u>9,800 acre</u> feet or 60% of capacity
Total	72,584

We have a total of 3,872 acre feet more in storage than we had on this date last year.

We start making water deliveries on May 20th.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (LIMITED TO 5 MINUTES)

Ricky Clark – OSU Extension Service

Some of the grapes are approaching bloom; the cabernet will be blooming in 2 weeks. The person who wanted to come and speak to the Board about a water loss and water quality study had finals today at SOU, so he could not make the meeting. He would like to be placed on the agenda for the July meeting.

Brian Sephton – 7121 Dark Hollow Road – No comments

Dawn Watson – 4491 Pioneer Road, Medford

Did the district up the water flow this year? There was more debris in the canal when it started than in the past. Manager Derry stated the canal was flushed with a larger amount of water this year which contributed to the additional debris.

Kerry Vargas – 4455 Pioneer Road – No Comments

John Funke – 585 W Valley View Rd. – No comments

CREW WORK REPORT AND EQUIPMENT REPAIRS

Manager Derry reported that we flushed all canals and started making water deliveries. The East, Talent and West canals have been mowed. Numerous leak repairs have been completed, which always happens at start up every year.

UPDATE ON RBWUC, INC. ISSUES

Biological Opinion

No update

Adjudication

No update

Water Right Regulation

On-going discussions with the Water Resources Department, Forest Service and EPA regarding the installation of a structure to send water from Fourmile Lake to Klamath Lake. Discussions on what some type of settlement agreement would look like are on-going. New agreement with ESA for additional work on the Fourmile drainage.

Jordan Ramis invoice for 4/30/2024 - $\$2,416.70 \div 3 = \805.58 per district

REQUEST TO HAVE THE \$25 LATE FEE WAIVED FROM PAUL SUTER AT 1136 HILLVIEW, ASHLAND 39-1E-15DA TAX LOT 500 .10 ACRE

The Board was supplied with copies of the letter from Mr. Suter asking to have the \$25 late fee waived because he “simply set the TID bill aside, and forgot about it”.

REQUEST TO HAVE THE \$25 LATE FEE AND \$1.01 IN INTEREST WAIVED FROM MARY O’KIEF AT 936 MARY JANE AVE., ASHLAND 39-1E-14CB TAX LOT 1500 .20 ACRE

The Board was supplied with a copy of the current year bill and letter from Ms. O’Kief asking to have the \$25 late fee and \$1.01 interest waived. When she paid her bill online with her bank, she entered TID’s mailing address of 104 W. Valley View Road, instead of PO Box 467. The bill clearly states “REMIT PAYMENT TO PO Box 467” or to “Pay in person, please visit our office located at 104 W VALLEY VIEW RD TALENT”. Because she mailed it to our office, the post office will not deliver it. It is surprising the check was not returned to her bank since it was undeliverable as addressed, but evidently it was not.

REQUEST TO HAVE \$65.00 IN LATE FEES AND INTEREST CHARGES WAIVED FROM NEETA SINGH AT 3708 SISKIYOU BLVD, ASHLAND 39-1E-24 TAX LOT 603 8.30 ACRE

The Board was supplied with a copy of the letter from Neeta Singh and her husband’s death certificate. She is requesting \$65 of late fees and interest from last year and this year be waived. They purchased the property in June of 2022 and her husband passed away in January of 2023. On May 24, 2024 Neeta paid her balance of \$771.95 in full through a Point & Pay Electronic Check, however, that check came back returned by Point & Pay and the credit was reversed. We then added

a \$30 Returned Check Fee to her account for a new balance due of \$801.98. We have tried to contact Mrs. Singh, but have not had any response from her.

The Board considered the three requests together, to have fees waived. As we have discussed for many years, the district has policies in place for a reason. In addition, as a public agency, we must treat everyone the same and there is no reason to have policies if they are not followed. A motion was made by Director Bohn to deny all three fee waiver requests. The motion was seconded by Director Hogan and unanimously passed.

INFORMATIONAL

Billings Siphon Repair

The Board was supplied with a picture of the siphon leaking after we charged the line. At this point, we will continue to monitor the leak. It is not as bad as it was prior to the repair.

East Canal Crossing for the Jackson County 911 Communications Tower

The crossing was completed prior to us putting water in the East Canal and it looks good.

Leak at Harley Davidson's at 1173 Vawter Road, 38-2W-01CD Tax Lot 300

When we charged the Talent Canal, Harley ended up with water back in his well and was needing to run 4 faucets to deal with the water. We went out and cut the bank, mixed in Bentonite, and repacked it. This cut the water in Harley's well down to 1 faucet. We plan to continue cutting more of the bank as soon as time allows.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Regular Board meeting was adjourned at 7:09 a.m. and President Winters announced the Board will meet in Executive Session as provided by "ORS 192.660(2)(i) to review and evaluate the employment-related performance of the chief executive officer of any public body, a public officer, employee or staff member who does not request an open hearing".

The executive session adjourned and returned to general session at 8:21 a.m.

The district has already hired an Executive Assistant to work with Manager Derry to update district policies, procedures, and to work on special projects. Among other things, Manager Derry will be working to set up an organizational chart of all employees, to clarify positions. The chart will then be emailed to the Board for their preliminary review and be presented for final approval at the July board meeting.

There being no other business to come before the Board, President Winters adjourned the regular meeting at 8:22 a.m.

Official Minutes: Approved as presented: X
 Approved as amended:
 (If marked here, see minutes of the next meeting for text of amendment(s).

DATE: July 2, 2024

ATTEST: Wanda Derry
Wanda Derry Secretary/Manager

Mike Winters
Mike Winters, President

Jeff Bohn
Jeff Bohn, Vice President

Jeff Hogan
Jeff Hogan, Director
Constituting the Board of Directors of
the Talent Irrigation District