

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
TALENT IRRIGATION DISTRICT
AUGUST 6, 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
Sharee Burns -----	Executive Assistant (by phone)
Bo Bergren -----	Dam Operator

VISITORS:

Ricky Clark -----	OSU Extension Service
Alec Levin -----	OSU Extension Service
Manuel Garcia-Jaramillo ---	Professor at OSU
Matt Borman -----	Bear Creek Orchards/MID Board Member
Sean Naumes -----	Naumes, Inc./MID Board Member
John Funke -----	Water User at 585 W. Valley View Rd./ Green Springs Power Plant Operator

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JULY 2, 2024

The Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 2, 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 July 2, 2024 Minutes.

EXPLANATION OF CLAIM SHEET FOR JUNE \$149,455.60

The Board reviewed the Claim Sheet for June for check numbers 2682 through 2783 and the itemized list of Visa charges for the month. The total Claim Sheet amount of \$149,455.60, less the exceptional items of \$14,910.48, leaves a Claim Sheet balance of \$134,545.12 for the regular expenses for the month.

Manager Derry briefly reviewed the largest exceptional items for the month. A motion was made by Director Bohn to approve the Claim Sheet and the list of itemized Visa charges for June 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 JUNE 2024

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

The budget should be at 75% for June and the Income is at 95% and Expenses are at 66%. The budget is still looking good.

WATER SUPPLY

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

Howard Prairie	28,505	47%
Hyatt	7,548	48%
Emigrant	<u>11,836</u>	30%
	48,172	42%

Manager Derry stated that on July 9th, 70% of Jackson County became a D1 Drought area, which is considered a moderate drought, and we are included in this area.

The weather has been extremely hot this summer and water use has increased. There have been 15 days so far this summer that were 100° plus, with many more in the upper 90's.

Manager Derry spoke with MID's Manager yesterday and with the flow he is needing to run out of Emigrant due to demand, he will likely be out of water from our system on September 3rd. Of course, we are all hoping temperatures drop so that water use will decrease which will allow them to run longer. Once MID runs out of water from Emigrant, they have a harder time keeping water to their west side. MID's board meeting is next week and they will be discussing a shut off date, but he is thinking it might be mid-September.

Manager Derry indicated that the district is getting several inquiries wanting to know when we will be shutting down and she has been saying mid-September. She asked the Board if they agree with this timing, and the consensus of the Board was mid-September works. President Winters is glad to see most of our water being held in the upper lakes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (LIMITED TO 5 MINUTES)

Ricky Clark – OSU Extension Service

He stated the grapes are ripening quickly. They are looking at a mid-September harvest.

Matt Borman – Bear Creek Orchards and Medford Irrigation District board member

Matt asked if there are more people using water this year. Manager Derry stated that there are more people using water this year because they know we have a better supply. Matt noted one large piece of property he knows of that is not irrigating this year.

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

MANUEL GARCIA-JARAMILLO, ALEC LEVIN, DIRECTOR OF SOUTHERN OREGON RESEARCH & EXTENSION & RICKY CLARK, OSU EXTENSION SERVICE – PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD ABOUT A PROPOSED WATER STUDY

Manuel Garcia-Jaramillo who is a Professor at OSU; Alec Levin, Director of Southern Oregon Research & Extension and Ricky Clark also with OSU Extension Service attended the meeting to discuss a potential research project in our District.

Manuel has been doing water quality research for 20 years. He has most recently worked with North Unit Irrigation District, in eastern Oregon, to collect data on water quality and water loss due to evaporation versus seepage. Manuel gave an overview of the work he did with North Unit Irrigation. He let the Board know that he wants to start the data collection process in our District by the end of this month. He has also met with Medford Irrigation District's (MID) Board of Directors and spoke to them about doing the same research in their district. Alec Levin indicated that OSU is working on an MOU to present to MID's Board for consideration, if they want to participate in the research project.

Manuel was asked if he had the research work from North Unit to share with us. He indicated he could connect his laptop to the TV and display it, however it would be hard to see. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to ask Manuel to supply us with paper copies all the research data from North Unit so the District may review it.

CREW WORK REPORT AND EQUIPMENT REPAIRS

A copy of the report was supplied to the Board. We completed moss removal on the Talent, Ashland and Lower East canals and also the East Low. We are currently working on the Upper East Canal and will start the West Canal this week. Multiple augers were completed along with cutting the bank on the Talent Canal. The Wagner Creek Screen went down with issues on the conveyor belt. We will be replacing the belt in a couple weeks.

The transmission was replaced in the 2012 F-150 and the air conditioning units were repaired in the 2013 and 2016 F-150's. Our welder is working on repairing the 312 cleaning bucket.

UPDATE ON RBWUC, INC. ISSUES

Biological Opinion

No update

Adjudication

No update

Water Right Regulation

Discussions are taking place to develop a contract with an engineering firm for a conceptual headgate design for Fourmile Lake, as required by the Oregon Water Resources Department. The rest of the work is ongoing settlement discussions with OWRD, AAG Van Lohn and the Tribes representatives.

Jordan Ramis invoice for 6/30/2024 - \$16,803.50 ÷ 3 = **\$5,601.17 per district**

REVIEW THE PROPOSED AUDIT ENGAGEMENT LETTER FROM RICK BREWSTER TO PERFORM THE 2023-2024 AUDIT

The Board was provided with copies of the new contract for consideration. The contract amount is \$16,500, which is an increase of \$1,925 over what the district paid last fiscal year. The contract has new language that states the \$16,500 fee includes \$500 for the in-person presentation to the Board. If the Board determines that a Video Conference meeting will suffice, this fee will be reduced by \$250, making the audit fee \$16,250. The Board all agreed that they are fine with the audit presentation being made by a Video Conference meeting. A motion was made by Director Bohn to approve the audit contract as presented for a total of \$16,250. The motion was seconded by Director Hogan and unanimously passed. President Winters and Manager Derry signed the contract.

FINAL APPROVAL OF NEW WATER RIGHT TRANSFERS: 23-1, 23-3, 23-4, 23-5 AND 23-6

Manager Derry stated that the following transfers were given preliminary approval by the Board at the October 3, 2023 board meeting. The transfers were then submitted to the Bureau of Reclamation in October for approval to bring them into the District Boundary. We received that approval from the Bureau on July 12, 2024. Nothing has changed with these transfers since receiving preliminary approval. The transfers are now ready for final approval.

Manager Derry stated that there is one more transfer, 23-2, which should be presented to the Board next month. The four owners could not get together to sign the inclusion prior to this meeting.

23-1	Jani Rene Rollins 675 Cliffside Dr., Medford – total tax lot 80.23 acres	38-1W-01 100	2.00 acres
23-3	David/Laura Powell 654 Cliffside Dr., Medford – total tax lot acres 70.22	38-1W-01 270	1.73 acres
23-4	Canyon Hills, LLC – Darrell Breckel 625 Cliffside Dr., Medford – total tax lot acres 98.65	38-1W-01 271	4.29 acres
	Canyon Hills, LLC – Darrell Breckel 637 Cliffside Dr., Medford – total tax lot acres 160	38-1W-12 100	1.56 acres
23-5	Canyon Hills LLC - Darrell Breckel 625 Cliffside Dr., Medford – total tax lot acres 50.00	38-1W-01 201	3.42 acres
23-6	Mehdi I/Lori A Ghavam 675 Cliffside Dr., Medford – total tax lot acres 80.57	38-1W-01 269	1.00 acre

Following a short discussion, a motion was made by Director Bohn to give final approval to Transfers 23-1, 23-3 through 23-6, as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Hogan and unanimously passed.

INFORMATIONAL

EPA Cost-Share Waiver Request

A copy of the letter that was sent to EPA requesting a Community Grant Cost-Share Waiver was supplied to the Board. The purpose of the letter is to request that we do not have to pay the cost-share funds (20%) normally required for the \$5M Congressionally Authorized Funds we have been awarded. MID and RRVID also went through this process, but their requests were denied. We are hoping for a better outcome.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Regular Board meeting was adjourned at 7:46 a.m. and President Winters announced the Board will be 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". ORS 192.660 (2)(a) "To consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent." ORS 192.660(2)(e) "To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions

The executive session adjourned and returned to general session at 8:40 a.m.

There were no decisions made following the Executive Session.

The Board discussed Manager Derry following through with succession planning for employees that are getting close to retirement.

There being no other business to come before the Board, President Winters adjourned the regular meeting at 8:40 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: September 3, 2024

ATTEST: Wanda Derry
 Wanda Derry Secretary/Manager

M. S. Winters
Mike Winters, President

Jeff Bohn
Jeff Bohn, Vice President

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