



The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Central Oregon Irrigation District (COID) was called to order by Paul Kasberger, at 8:03 AM on November 9, 2021, in the district office.

Attending the meeting were Directors Paul Kasberger, Brad Clarno, Tom Burke, Dan Ellingson and Carroll Penhollow participated in person in the COID Conference Room. Craig Horrell, Secretary - Managing Director; Shon Rae, Deputy Managing Director; Cary Penhollow, Water Master; Leslie Clark, Water Rights Manager; Kelley Hamby, Operations and Maintenance Manager; Doug Watson, Director of Hydro; Erin Bathke, Accounting Assistant; Jenny Hartzell-Hill, Administrative Assistant; Spencer Stauffer, Water Rights Technician. Staff participating via Zoom, Kelley O'Rourke, Land Use Specialist; and Heidi Dennison, Accounting Consultant. Joining via Zoom Matt Singer, Legal Counsel. Visitors present, see Exhibit "A". Visitors on-line Karen Baxter, Roberta Silverman.

SPECIAL SESSION

1. 3rd Quarter Budget Review:

The 3rd Quarter Summary was provided to the Board for review, Exhibit "B". Board discussion followed.

2. 2022 Draft Budget:

The 2022 Draft Budget was provided to the Board for review, Exhibit "C". Board discussion followed.

At 8:47 AM the Board recessed the General Session and asked the Board to convene into Executive Session per:

- ORS 192.660(2)(e) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions.
- ORS 192.660(2)(h) to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regards to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

The Board came out of Executive session at 9:01 a.m. to continue with the regular agenda.

REGULAR SESSION

1. OPEN FORUM:

Karen Baxter called into the meeting via Zoom. She had questions regarding the SPP Property Sale. She referred to the May 11, 2021, meeting minutes where, "Craig mentioned that staff had talked to Bend Park and Rec District." Craig Horrell explained that Bend Park was offered First Right of Refusal in 2016 where they declined the offer. He has also talked to Don Horton in the past year regarding the property and was told that BPRD does not have money in the Budget to purchase the property. She had additional questions but was told to contact Craig Horrell directly to discuss.

2. CONFISCATION HEARINGS

None

3. MINUTES:

Tom Burke made a motion to approve the minutes for the October 12, 2021, Regular Meeting. Following a second by Dan Ellingson the motion was approved unanimously.

3. TRANSFERS / INCLUSIONS:

A water management report was provided to the Board prior to the meeting, Exhibit “D”. Carroll Penhollow made a motion to approve the transfers as presented. Following a second by Tom Burke the motion was approved unanimously. Leslie Clark updated the Board on the Water Management Conservation Plan that was submitted to OWRC and explained that comments on our submittal have been sent back to us for changes. Board discussion followed.

4. REPORTS:

- A. Watermaster Report –
A written report (Exhibit “E”) was provided to the Board prior to the meeting. Cary Penhollow provided a verbal update regarding the current storage numbers. He also informed the Board that there is not enough water in the river to do the November 14th Stock Water Run for the Central Oregon Canal as planned. It will be postponed.
- B. Operations and Maintenance Report –
A written report (Exhibit “F”) was provided to the Board prior to the meeting. Kelley Hamby provided a verbal update on maintenance activities. Kelley also reviewed our process for removing homeless from our properties and our easements.
- C. Hydro Report -
A written report (Exhibit “G”) was provided to the Board prior to the meeting. Doug Watson reported that last month generation was okay and now due to low flows the facility is off.
- D. Internal Operations & Communications-
A written report (Exhibit “H”) was provided to the Board prior to the meeting. Shon Rae had nothing additional.
- E. Finance -
The written report (Exhibit “I”) was provided to the Board prior to the meeting.
- F. Manage Report-
Craig Horrell had nothing to report.

5. BILLINGS & PAYROLL:

Tom Burke made a motion to approve the Billings and Payroll as presented. Following a second by Dan Ellingson the motion was approved unanimously.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

- **Merkley PL 566**

Craig Horrell updated the Board on the construction, and said it is going really well and things are ahead of schedule at this time. He spoke with Merkley’s office yesterday and

there is a lot of money out there that can be obtained as loans. Work is being done to figure out how to convert those loans to grants.

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

• **Rate Increase Communications**

Dan Ellingson made a motion to approve the 2022 assessments increase as portrayed in the 1 Acre Model attached as Exhibit “J”. Carroll Penhollow seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

• **Water Lottery**

Leslie Clark conducted the drawing for the water lottery of water available from 2021 forfeitures. Leslie explained how the drawing works.

PB: 6.5 acres available 9 applicants

CO: 6.94 acres available 12 applicants

The drawing was announced, See Exhibit “K” for the details.

At 10:01 AM the Board recessed the General Session and asked the Board to convene into Executive Session per:

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The Board came out of Executive session at 12:21 p.m. to continue with the regular agenda.

8. **BOARD COMMENTS:**

Paul asked: What will we do to recoup our share of the welding machine we partnered with Three Sisters Irrigation back in the early 2000’s? Staff will look into this and report back.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:36 P.M. following a motion by Tom Burke and a second by Brad Clarno.

Craig Horrell, Manager

Paul Kasberger

Tom Burke

Brad Clarno

Dan Ellingson

Carroll Penhollow