



The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Central Oregon Irrigation District (COID) was called to order by Paul Kasberger, at 9:00 AM on June 8, 2021, in the district office.

Due to COVID-19 the meeting was restricted to in person participation and done virtually. Directors Paul Kasberger, Brad Clarno, Tom Burke, Dan Ellingson and Carroll Penhollow participated in person in the COID Conference Room logged into Zoom. Craig Horrell, Secretary - Managing Director; Shon Rae, Deputy Managing Director; Erin Bathke, Accounting Assistant; Jenny Hartzell-Hill, Executive Assistant; and Heidi Dennison, Accounting Consultant participated in person. Participating remotely by Zoom: Kelley O'Rourke, Land Use Technician; Leslie Clark, Water Rights Manager; Cary Penhollow, Water Master; Kelley Hamby, Operations and Maintenance Manager; and Joshua Peed, Director of Hydro and Doug Watson, Hydro Technician. Also attending in person, Matt Singer, Legal Counsel. Attending via Zoom, Brian Meece, Realtor of Record, Todd Peplin with NRCS.

1. OPEN FORUM:

Mr. Huddle, Patron #345601 is here to ask why he will only be getting one delivery point with the upgrade of the G-4 project verses the 8 delivery points that he is currently getting. Shon Rae explained the process of working with the patrons on the upgrade of the G-4 project and how it is delivered to each patron. Staff suggested having a special meeting to review the project and how to address delivery issues. Shon explained that we have been encouraging patrons to upgrade their systems from flood to sprinklers, but Mr. Huddle does not want to change from flood. Staff will evaluate the system and the issues at hand and schedule a special meeting with the Board to discuss.

Andy Buford located at 3773 SW Helmholtz Way, Redmond called into the meeting as he is upset that a COID employee entered his property last week without obtaining permission to check his usage. Mr. Buford has temporary water for the 2021 season. He also has concerns that he is only getting water once every 2 weeks. Staff and Board will discuss this during the business section of the meeting.

Tom Stuntz Patron # 2530: Issue brought to the Board: He is in 5th year non-use with a portion of his water. He explained that last year they redid half their field and this year they are getting the other half redone and back into use. He is upset about having the \$200 fee for keeping the water in the 5th year verses instreaming it. Cary Penhollow did a site visit last week and has photos that show that he has a system in place, has brought in fill dirt and has seeded it. The Board will discuss this matter with staff and let him know the decision of the Board.

Martin Richards with NUID Board and Ken Stout with COSI came before the Board. Mr. Richards explained how their Board and patrons plan for their water allotment at the beginning of the season. NUID is concerned that this year with the current drought situation it is estimated they will have to turn off mid-August which does not get NUID to the finish line with the harvest of their crops. NUID Board is asking the COID Board to consider allowing them to divert 50 cfs from both COID diversions to get them to mid-September. Martin said that the NUID Board is promoting that COID is the only solution for NUID and those that chose to be uniformed are the ones that cause the problem with publicity. They are also getting water from Deschutes Valley

Water and are willing to pay COID for anything that can be passed along. Ken Stout with COSI provided to the COID Board information and details on the carrot seed industry in Central Oregon.

3. MINUTES:

Tom Burke made a motion to approve the minutes for the May 11, 2021, Regular Meeting and the Special Meeting June 2, 2021. Following a second by Dan Ellingson the motion was approved unanimously.

4. TRANSFERS / INCLUSIONS:

A water management report was provided to the Board prior to the meeting, Exhibit "A". Carroll Penhollow made a motion to approve the transfers as presented. Following a second by Tom Burke the motion was approved unanimously. Carroll also reviewed the sale and purchase requests, Exhibit "B". Carroll Penhollow made a motion to approve the sale and the purchase of water as purposed. Following a second by Tom Burke the motion was approved unanimously.

5. REPORTS:

- A. Watermaster Report –
A written report (Exhibit "C") was provided to the Board prior to the meeting. Cary Penhollow provided a verbal update regarding the current water situation. It was also reiterated that COID did not use any of the 3,000 feet of storage at the beginning of the season.
- B. Operations and Maintenance Report –
A written report (Exhibit "D") was provided to the Board prior to the meeting. Kelley Hamby updated the Board on employee change over. Everything is business as usual.
- C. Hydro Report -
A written report (Exhibit "E") was provided to the Board prior to the meeting. Joshua Peed informed the Board that his last day with COID will July 2, 2021. Doug Watson will be serving as the interim Director of Hydro and has applied for the position. Joshua provided a verbal update to the board on production, both facilities have been running. The staff has been working on keeping the homeless situation at a low.
- D. Internal Operations & Communications-
A written report (Exhibit "F") was provided to the Board prior to the meeting. Shon Rae gave the Board an update on how we have been communicating to our patrons, through electronic letter delivered via email, text message, Facebook and our Website.
- E. Finance -
The written report (Exhibit "G") was provided to the Board prior to the meeting. Heidi Dennison asked for clarification mailing vs electronic version.
- F. Managers Report-
Craig Horrell will report in the Business portion of the meeting.

6. **BILLINGS & PAYROLL:**

Tome Burke made a motion to approve the Billings and Payroll as presented. Following a second by Carroll Penhollow the motion was approved unanimously.

7. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Merkley PL 566**

Craig Horrell updated the Board on the Matching Funds. Should have this within the next few weeks.

- **SPP ODFW Contract Renewal**

Craig Horrell reported that the contract is signed and completed with ODFW.

- **NUID Pilot 50**

Craig Horrell updated the Board, on the progress and NUID has signed the Agreement.

- **East Bend Rezone**

The application for the east Bend property rezone has been submitted by legal counsel and it is in the notification stage.

8. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Drought Communication Plan**

Craig Horrell explained that communications need to be directed from DRC or DBBC and COID will push the publicity on our website and social media. Bridget Moran with ODFW is on board with helping get the information out to the patrons and the public.

- **State Lottery Bonds**

Should hear back in two weeks on the requests.

At 10:06 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.
- ORS 192.660(2)(i) To review and evaluate the performance of an officer, employee, or staff member if the person does not request an open meeting.

Following the Executive Session, the Regular Session of the COID Board was reconvened at 1:25 p.m.

9. **BOARD COMMENTS:**

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:26 P.M. following a motion by Tom Burke and a second by Dan Ellingson.

Craig Horrell, Manager

Tom Burke

Brad Clarno

Dan Ellingson

Paul Kasberger

Carroll Penhollow

APPROVED