



The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Central Oregon Irrigation District (COID) was called to order by Brad Clarno, at 9:05 AM on June 14, 2022, in the District office.

Directors present were Brad Clarno, Tom Burke, Paul Kasberger, Carroll Penhollow, and Dan Ellingson (joined the meeting at 10:17 a.m.). Craig Horrell, Secretary - Managing Director; Kelley O'Rourke, Internal Operations Manager; and Jenny Hartzell-Hill, Executive Assistant; participated in person. Participating remotely by Zoom were Leslie Clark, Water Rights Manager; Cary Penhollow, Water Master; Doug Watson, Director of Hydro; Heidi Dennison, Accounting Consultant, Erin Bathke, Accounting Assistant, Gina Brooksbank, Deputy Water Rights Director. Also in attendance Matt Singer, Legal Counsel. Guests logged in on Zoom were Sandra and Karen Stewart. In-person guests are listed in Exhibit "A".

1. OPEN FORUM:

Todd Peplin, DSWCD, informed the Board that he is working with a lot of patrons and NRCS on projects.

Additional guests did not have comments for open forum.

3. MINUTES:

Carroll Penhollow made a motion to approve the minutes for the May 17, 2022, meeting. Following a second by Paul Kasberger the motion was approved unanimously.

4. TRANSFERS / INCLUSIONS:

A water management report was provided to the Board prior to the meeting, Exhibit "B". Carroll Penhollow reviewed the transfers and the sales. Carroll Penhollow made a motion to approve the transfers as presented in the report. 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 updated the Board on current levels with the weather events that have been occurring. Today every district in the basin is running on live flow. Some of the current challenges with the cool wet conditions are how to manage all of the water.

B. Operations and Maintenance Report –

A written report (Exhibit "D") was provided to the Board prior to the meeting. Craig Horrell updated the Board on the challenges with the cone valve on the new piped section. Staff is working with the valve manufacturer (Ross Valve) to remedy the problems that have been occurring. Kelley Hamby also provided details of the problem and what has been done to work through the issues.

Kelley Hamby updated the Board on the homelessness issues and what it is costing the District for clean-up and constant monitoring.

- C. Hydro Report -
A written report (Exhibit “E”) was provided to the Board prior to the meeting. Doug Watson updated the Board on current production. The incentive program data has been submitted and waiting to hear back.
- D. Internal Operations & Communications-
A written report (Exhibit “F”) was provided to the Board prior to the meeting. Craig Horrell updated the Board on the Water Marketing project update and how it is working and our partnership. The Board will have discussions with DRC regarding the pilot program and how we move forward with this program in the future. Topics will be about the protection of the water rights when they get moved around and how this program continues into the future. Matt Singer suggested that the meetings have an outline and agenda to keep them focused. Craig also discussed the OPB articles that will result from his interview from last week.
- E. Finance -
The written report (Exhibit “G”) was provided to the Board prior to the meeting. The 2021 Audit is complete, and Richard Winkle will join us for the August Board meeting to provide the review to the Board. The quarterly budget meeting will be at 8:00 a.m. before the August Board meeting.
- F. Manage Report-
Craig Horrell updated the Board on legislative meetings that he had last week. He informed the Board that his meetings went really well and Representative Helm is working to help ag and is supportive of the DBBC plans. He also updated the Board on the Thornburg water request with OWRD that is going to a hearing next week.

6. **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.

7. **OLD BUSINESS:**

• **Merkley PL 566**

Craig Horrell updated the Board on finalization of the project. The contractor is still finishing up fence repairs within the construction area and will plant seed in the fall.

• **Construction – Update**

Craig Horrell and Kelley Hamby provided the updates in the Operations Report.

• **Deschutes River Conservancy Partnership**

The Board will meet with the DRC prior to next months meeting.

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

• **OPB Public Information Request – Fee Waiver Consideration**

The email request was provided to the Board, Exhibit H. Craig Horrell explained that OPB is doing a story series on water issues. We initially received a very extensive public information request, but after Craig Horrell did an interview with the reporter last week

and she revised her request and requested a waiver of fees. With the current request the amount estimated is \$515.00. Matt Singer provided information to the Board on the legal perimeters of public information requests. Tom Burke made a motion to allow the waiver of fees for the public information request. Dan Ellingson seconded the motion. Four (4) were in favor, Paul Kasberger was opposed. Motion passed by majority vote.

8. BOARD COMMENTS:

Dan Ellingson informed the Board that he will be selling his family farm. He will keep us informed. Board position appointment would occur if Dan's property sold before his term is up in December 2022.

At 10:25a.m. 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 executive session recessed and returned to general session at 11:17 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 A.M. following a motion by Tom Burke and a second by Carroll Penhollow.

Craig Horrell, Manager

Tom Burke

Brad Clarno

Dan Ellingson

Paul Kasberger

Carroll Penhollow