



The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Central Oregon Irrigation District (COID) was called to order by Brad Clarno, at 8:32 AM on September 10, 2024, in the District office starting with a Special Session and the Regular Session to follow at 9:00 a.m.

Directors present were Tom Burke, Brad Clarno, C.B. Foss, and Jeff Larkin. Craig Horrell, Secretary - Managing Director, Jon Skidmore, Deputing Managing Director; Jenny Hartzell-Hill, HR Manager; Kelley O'Rourke, Internal Operations Manager; Jessi Talbott, Water Rights Director; and Matt Singer, General Counsel attended in person. Heidi Dennison, Finance Consultant; Cary Penhollow, Water Master; Baxter Davies, Operations and Maintenance Manager; participated via zoom. In-person guests are listed in Exhibit "A". Bob McMahon was on Zoom.

1. OPEN FORUM:

Ron Tatum lives at 2631 SW Umatilla Court and 27th, Redmond following up to his inquiry in August regarding the property adjacent to him that is owned by COID. Craig Horrell informed him that the topic is on the agenda to be discussed by the Board under new business and that we will contact him with the board's decision after the meeting.

Sue Stoneman came to let the board know that COID staff did a great job cleaning her ditch after she addressed the Board last month.

2. MINUTES:

The minutes from the 8/13/24 Regular Meeting were provided prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Tom Burke to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Following a second by CB Foss the motion was approved unanimously.

3. TRANSFERS / INCLUSIONS:

The water rights memorandum was provided to the Board prior to the meeting, Exhibit "B". Jessi Talbott updated the Board on the transfers. Tom Burke made a motion to approve the transfers as presented. Following a second by Jeff Larkin the motion was approved unanimously.

4. REPORTS:

A. Watermaster Report –

A written report (Exhibit "C") was provided to the Board prior to the meeting. Cary Penhollow joined the Board and discussed current flows and explained that flows are holding in the Deschutes River at this time. We are seeing a lot of weeds on our screens at North Canal Dam in the Pilot Butte diversion. Ramp down starts September 15th to 75% and October 1st 50%. End of season options were discussed. Staff proposed end of season turn off around October 14th or 15th. Board agreed that the shut off be tentatively set for October 15th.

B. Operations and Maintenance Report –

A written report (Exhibit "D") was provided to the Board prior to the meeting. Baxter Davies joined the meeting in person and updated the Board on Operations and Maintenance. Typical maintenance activities, nothing new to report.

- C. Hydro Report -
A written report (Exhibit “E”) was provided to the Board prior to the meeting. Doug Watson joined the meeting in person and updated the Board on current production. Property/forest management on the SPP Property is being researched and will be scheduled for the winter. It may require helicopter thinning due to the terrain.
- D. Internal Operations & Communications-
A written report (Exhibit “F”) was provided to the Board prior to the meeting. Craig Horrell reminded the Board that the all Boards DBBC meeting is on 9/12/24 at 5:30 p.m. at the Powell Butte Community Center.
- E. Finance -
The written report (Exhibit “G”) was provided to the Board prior to the meeting. Heidi Dennison had nothing further to add. She has been working with management staff on the 2025 Budgeting.
- F. Manager Report-
Nothing additional.

5. **BILLINGS & PAYROLL:**

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

6. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Merkley PL 566**
EIS Update: Craig Horrell updated the Board. He explained that the Programmatic Agreement (PA) that was developed to cover the historical research required is not working the way it was expected. The Programmatic Agreement has not been used and SHPO has required a Section 106 review for all projects in addition to the PA that is in place. It was determined that COID will exercise per the agreement an amendment or terminate.
- **SPP Property Update**
Craig Horrell updated the board on the property sale. We are still waiting on FERC to approve our easement and remap submittal.
- **Royal Oaks HOA**
Jessi Talbott updated the Board. She sent certified letters to all the property owners that would be affected, and the draft agreements have been sent to legal for review.
- **Central Oregon Canal– Geotechnical Quote**
The Central Oregon Canal geotechnical quote is in the works, we are waiting for the final quote to come in for board consideration.

- **USDA Water Savings Grant Program**

Craig Horrell informed the Board that he and Jon Skidmore presented to Margi Hoffman COID's plan for future piping and why COID is deserving of this funding. COID is capable of spending \$89,000,000 in three years and completing the projects per the guidelines. We are developing a contract for board consideration for \$15,000,000. The projected start date for groundbreaking would begin the fall of 2025.

- **Deschutes Soil and Water Conservation District Levy**

Brian Lepore presented a proposal at the August meeting. No additional information was presented.

- **Union Contract Proposal**

The Labor Committee and Craig Horrell presented the proposed updates, Exhibit H, for the new union contract and discussion followed. Tom Burke made a motion to accept the union's final offer as discussed. Following a second by Jeff Larkin the motion was approved unanimously.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

- **COID Season Shut-Off**

Discussed in the Water Report.

- **October Board Meeting Date Change Proposal**

Craig requested moving the date due to a Field Hearing with Bentz sub-house committee here in Central Oregon that will taking place. There will be tours within the basin on the 8th and the hearing will be on the 9th. It was agreed to have the October meeting on the 15th at 9:00 a.m.

- **27th Street/Umatilla Property Consideration**

The property maps were presented to the Board for consideration, Exhibit I, to declare it as surplus. It will be discussed in executive session and a decision will be made and staff will contact Mr. Tatum with the decision. CB Foss made a motion to deem the property surplus land, thus the adjacent property owner can get an appraisal and make an offer for consideration. Following a second by Jeff Larkin the motion was approved unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Brad Clarno recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session at 9:47 a.m. under the following ORS:

- 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 regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

The executive session recessed and returned to general session at 11:16 a.m.

8. BOARD COMMENTS:

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m. following a motion by Tom Burke and a second by CB Foss.

Craig Horrell, Manager

Tom Burke

Brad Clarno

C.B. Foss

Jeff Larkin

Brian Lepore

APPROVED