

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
EAST COLUMBIA BASIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT

June 1, 2016

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the East Columbia Basin Irrigation District was called to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the District Office in Othello by President Mark Booker.

Present were:

Directors

Mark Booker  
Bernie Erickson  
Orman Johnson  
Don Osborne  
Boe Clausen

Staff

Craig Simpson  
Richard Lemargie  
Steve Kimble  
John McCourtie  
Nate Andreini  
Levi Johnson  
Wendy Lange

Visitors: Sarah Maciel and Jennifer Hickenbottom, USBR; Mike Schwisow, Consultant; Lynn Olsen, Dennis Swinger, Sr., DeWayne Kagle, Brad Arlt, Alice Weber, Michele Kiesz, Dave Freeman, Paul Wollman and Jake Wollman, Jr., Landowner; Cameron Probert, iFiber One.; Brian Kuest and Darryll Olsen, CSRIA.

Visitors

President Booker informed the Board and visitors he has a recording device and will be recording the meeting to keep track of what is said.

Minutes of the regular meeting of May 4, 2016, had been mailed to the Directors. President Booker asked the Board when they received their Board packets, stating he had just received his yesterday. He stated the minutes are being sent out too late and would like to receive the minutes the Friday before the Board meeting. Director Johnson asked President Booker if it were possible for him to come in to the office on the Friday before the meeting and pick them up or have staff email the minutes on the Friday before. Manager Simpson commented the Board packets are sent out before each meeting at the same time each month. He also stated the minutes are something that could be emailed ahead of time and staff would still mail hard copies. Mr. Dennis Swinger asked where the minutes are kept and how to request them. Treasurer Kimble responded the minutes are kept in the office and a public records request form needs to be filled out to request them. Following discussion, Manager Simpson requested Board direction on sending the minutes to them. Director Clausen moved to direct staff to email the minutes to the Board the Friday before the Board meeting. Director Erickson seconded and the motion carried. President Booker tabled the approval of the May 4, 2016 minutes.

Minutes Not  
Approved

Mr. Dave Freeman with Freeman Farms joined the meeting to discuss his open drain abandonment request. Mr. Freeman stated he has been in contact with USBR and is waiting for them to perform a drainage study. Assistant Manager McCourtie reported the USBR will be performing a drainage study and planned a site visit with them the week of June 13<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Freeman stated he was pleased with the progress. Director Clausen asked if there was a known time frame for the drainage study to be completed. Assistant Manager McCourtie stated once the site visit is complete, he will know more.

Dr. Darryll Olsen stated he is interested to hear development on System Three. He stated he received a letter from Attorney Lemargie regarding CSRIA's proposal and he would like to see the litigation settled soon. He also stated CSRIA will stop issuing press releases during settlement discussions. Dr. Olsen suggested a settlement discussion and would be open to mediation. Discussions continued on private sector funding, private sector construction and CSRIA's proposed cost of constructing the entire project.

Mr. Lynn Olsen joined the meeting to thank the Board, Development Coordinator Johnson, Assistant Manager McCourtie, Rod Rozzano and the District's crews for doing a good job with work along the ELC. He stated he is glad to have the groundwater replacement water and the O&M road along his property looks good.

Manager Simpson presented the following contracts a. and b. for approval:

District  
Improvements

Contracts

- a. Permanent Release of Water Allotment, Lot 1, JD Brown Short Plat, Block 40, Farm Unit 212, 0.4 acres
- b. Permanent Release of Water Allotment, Lot 2, JD Brown Short Plat, Block 40, Farm Unit 212, 0.2 acres

Following discussion, Director Osborne moved to approve contracts a. and b. as presented. Director Clausen seconded and the motion carried.

Assistant Manager Andreini presented the following permits a. through g. for approval:

Permits

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|----|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| a. | Grant County PUD    | Utility Crossing     | Block 41          |
| b. | Grant County PUD    | Utility Encroachment | Block 41, FU 117  |
| c. | Martell Palmer      | Encroachment         | Block 41, FU 138  |
| d. | Western Ag Research | Driveway Crossing    | Block 42          |
| e. | CenturyLink         | Utility Crossing     | Block 44          |
| f. | CenturyLink         | Utility Crossing     | Block 45, FU 101  |
| g. | Warden HB           | Return Flow          | Block 46, FU 67-1 |

Following discussion, Director Johnson moved to approve permits a. through g. as presented. Director Erickson seconded and the motion carried.

Vouchers audited and certified by the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.080 and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090 have been recorded on a listing, which has been made available to the Board. After reviewing the vouchers submitted for payment approval, Director Clausen moved to approve for payment check nos. 305534 through 305749 in the amount of \$1,070,432.08 and electronic Payroll and AP transfer in the amount of \$322,468.51 for a total of \$1,392,900.59 from the O&M Fund. Director Osborne seconded and the motion carried.

Approve  
Vouchers

Manager Simpson reported the 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Reserved Works payment will be made prior to the June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline. After corrections to Enclosure #7, the 2<sup>nd</sup> half payment is in the amount of \$1,026,577.50.

2<sup>nd</sup> Half  
Reserved Works  
Payment

Development Coordinator Johnson reported the Warden Hutterian Brethren have been making major efforts in changing ownership for an additional 1,100 acres that the Board gave staff authorization to include in the EL47.5 delivery system design. Development Coordinator Johnson reported staff is designing the EL47.5 delivery system for 8,257 acres but only 7,188 acres of water service contracts have been signed at this time. President Booker asked if the plans and specs were available to review and what information was available for them. Development Coordinator Johnson reported so far the six pump configuration and the pump plant designs are still in progress. Assistant Manager Andreini reported the pipeline has been laid out and pipe sizes for both designs are calculated. The designs are not complete at this time, and District staff continues to work on the designs for the EL47.5 delivery system.

OGWRP  
a. EL47.5  
Delivery System

Development Coordinator Johnson distributed and discussed the financing scenario between 8,257 acres and 11,074 acres. President Booker commented he was hoping for a break down on components as Director Clausen requested in his motion at the last meeting. Development Coordinator Johnson provided cost estimates and reported a more detailed breakdown would be emailed to the Board.

Estimated Cost and Financing Scenarios						
	Est. Acres Served	Est. Acres Paying Debt	Est. Capital to Build	Est. Bond Amount	Est. Prepay (\$/acre)	Est. Charge (\$/ac/yr)
<b>A</b>	8,257	8,257	\$14,991,060	\$16,865,399	\$2,043	\$144
<b>B</b>	11,074	8,257	\$18,394,800	\$20,269,139	\$2,455	\$172
<b>C</b>	11,074	11,074	\$18,394,800	\$20,908,598	\$1,888	\$132

Discussions continued, with updates regarding the power supply from Big Bend Electric for the EL47.5 delivery system. Development Coordinator Johnson reported on discussions with Christina Carter and Yvette Armstrong at Big Bend Electric. He reported Big Bend will move ahead with designs for the power supply when the District informs them how many acres will be delivered to.

Discussions continued regarding deadlines/critical paths for Big Bend Electric, how many acres are to be served from the EL47.5 pumping plant, conflicts of keeping the cost per acre low, landowners interest in oversizing the delivery system and the Warden Hutterian Brethren's efforts to move additional acres to the EL47.5 delivery area.

Assistant Manager Andreini reported he has the cost estimate of the pump plants if designed to service 11,000 acres versus 8,000 acres. President Booker commented this would be interesting information to provide to the EL47.5 delivery system landowners and asked if they could be provided with the information. Assistant Manager Andreini requested Board authorization to send cost estimates to landowners. He stated he would need more clarity and until a total acreage decision is made he cannot give exact costs. Assistant Manager Andreini reported staff cannot proceed with any more EL47.5 delivery systems designs until a decision is made by the Board regarding the service area. He requested direction from the Board in order to proceed with any more design work.

Discussions continued on Project development in the 1950's, the next 70,000 acres to be delivered to, losing water rights, superseding permits, prices of wheat, O&M charges, water service contract costs versus platted Farm Unit costs, and failing wells.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:15 p.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

President Booker resumed recording the Board meeting.

President Booker asked if there were any suggestions from the landowners present. Dr. Darryll Olsen requested settlement discussions as soon as possible. Discussions continued on building the EL47.5 pumping plant to service 11,074 acres versus the 7,188 acres under contract at this time. Director Johnson commented the EL47.5 landowners that have signed up now would be paying for the whole 11,074 acres. He stated he would like a consensus of all the landowners who have already signed a contract stating this is acceptable. Director Clausen stated he is in agreement with Director Johnson.

Discussions continued on, over sizing the delivery system to accommodate for lines to go north and also south, revenue bond borrowing for the EL47.5 delivery system, landowners' contribution to complete ELC improvements, outside funding sources and lowering capital cost, and the remaining ELC improvements.

Director Johnson moved to direct Staff to design the EL47.5 delivery system to delivery to 11,074 acres with the initial 8,257 acres under contract paying for the oversized system, conditional upon consensus from each landowner on the EL47.5 delivery system being in agreement. Director Clausen seconded. Director Clausen stated the landowners have the time frame of two weeks to decide if they are agreeable. Director Johnson stated he would like the District to receive delivery point updates and consensus from the landowners by Friday, June 3, 2016. This consensus is to be looked into by Jack Wollman, Jr. and reported to District staff. Development Coordinator Johnson reported the 11,074 acre system is based off of initial WSDOE eligibility evaluation but only 10,500 acres currently appear eligible per updated

WSDOE evaluations and is what the system will be designed/built for. Development Coordinator Johnson reported he will reach out to EL47.5 landowners to explain the scenarios. Director Johnson amended his motion to include if a consensus from the landowner is not received Staff will design for the 8,257 acre delivery system. Director Clausen seconded. Manager Simpson stated the District had set deadlines for the purpose of having signed water service contracts in order to start delivery water in 2018. Following further discussion of delivery to additional land, having to oversize the system, having to design for the additional acres and landowners taking delivery from different systems, President Booker called for a vote on Director Johnson's original motion. All Directors were in favor and the motion carried. President Booker called for a vote on Director Johnson's amendment to his motion, all Directors were in favor and the motion carried.

Development Coordinator Johnson reported Michele Kiesz has requested a response to the letter given to the Board in January. He requested direction from the Board on finalizing the response letter. Director Johnson commented he has no comments and if no one else comments then Development Coordinator Johnson should mail the response letter. Ms. Kiesz commented the letter states concerns and has good points to make the Board talk to landowners. She requested a discussion on the letter be added to the next Board meeting agenda to go over the letter verbally. President Booker and Director Erickson are in agreement with this request. Director Johnson stated the Board has addressed the issues in the letter, have responded to questions and addressed a number of points. Manager Simpson added that staff has made requested changes from Directors to the letter also.

b. Development  
Office Report

Development Coordinator Johnson reported notices for landowner meetings of the other systems had been sent out. These meetings are to give them updates on OGWRP activities. He reported staff has not moved forward on continued designs for other contemplated delivery systems, at this time. Development Coordinator Johnson reported the meeting notices have also been sent to the Directors as well. He requested that he be notified if a Director cannot make the landowner meeting of their area so another Director can attend or to continue the Board meeting so all Directors can attend the landowner meetings. President Booker commented it is important for the Directors to attend to receive the same information the landowners get. Director Erickson commented the Board should be included in the landowner meetings. Director Johnson stated he was ok with it also. Development Coordinator Johnson reported the landowner meeting dates are scheduled for June 30<sup>th</sup>, July 5<sup>th</sup> and July 12<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Swinger asked if delivery of water does not happen in 2018 can the landowners have their contracts back. President Booker replied yes.

Development Coordinator Johnson provided a draft prepayment resolution for Board review. The resolution spells out rules for making prepayments for WSC on the EL47.5 system and when they will be due. Ms. Kiesz requested a copy of the draft resolution. President Booker commented it would be good to get feedback from the landowners on the draft prepayment resolution. Development Coordinator Johnson reported he will provide the EL47.5 landowners with the draft prepayment resolution for their review. President Booker stated he still has concerns about prepaying the full amount. Director Erickson asked how it is determined what the prepayment amount would be. Development Coordinator Johnson stated that will be decided by the Board when the

delivery system designs are complete.

Development Coordinator Johnson mentioned a continued meeting will be needed to follow up with revenue bond topics including a Bond Counsel presentation and issues with WHB water service contracts.

Development Coordinator Johnson presented Amendment No. 4 to OCR Grant No. G1400371, granting an extension to December 2017. Following discussion, Director Osborne moved to authorize execution of Amendment No. 4 to OCR Grant No. G1400371, as presented. Director Clausen seconded and the motion carried.

Development Coordinator Johnson requested ratification to changes made by USBR to the technical services agreement amendments approved by the Board at the May 2016 Board meeting. The changes speak to when USBR submits payment reporting; more time is needed for them to generate reports in their system. USBR has a three pay period lag. Following discussion, Director Clausen moved to ratify changes to the technical services agreement amendment made by USBR, as requested. Director Johnson seconded and the motion carried.

Development Coordinator Johnson reported ELC earthwork crews are busy knocking down spoil piles and installing O&M roads. He reported President Booker's circle stops within the easement are preventing the O&M road completion along his stretch of the canal. Development Coordinator Johnson reported he has received a letter from President Booker's attorney this morning. President Booker stated he would be leaving his circle stops in place, peas have been planted. Director Johnson stated President Booker had been asked a long time ago and on several occasions to remove the circle stops within the easement and has had plenty of time to address the situation. Director Clausen is in agreement with Director Johnson. Director Erickson stated the Board had directed staff to work with the landowners in the ELC widening areas. President Booker stated he does not feel staff has worked with the landowner in this situation. Encroachment issues were discussed at length. President Booker stated he will have crop loss this year if the circle stops are removed. Manager Simpson commented President Booker hasn't given staff the opportunity to work with him. Discussion turned to the denial of President Booker's proposed permit to back fill a portion of the ELC. President Booker stated the engineer did not draft the permit correctly. Manager Simpson stated the permit was presented to the Board and the Board did not approve the permit. President Booker stated he has a lessee on the property that will come to the Manager and the Board if the circle stops are removed. Manager Simpson commented President Booker should have informed his lessee of the encroachment issues.

Assistant Manager Andreini reported on the radial gate hoists issues. The supplier submitted a proposal to change out the worm gear with a different model and have requested an additional \$25,000.00 to perform the work. Assistant Manager Andreini does not recommend agreeing to the proposal and will be working with the supplier. He reported he will be negotiating with them and the District still has not paid their invoice in the amount of \$171,973.00. Assistant Manager Andreini recommended making a partial payment that is adequate to the work performed. Attorney Lemargie commented he and Assistant Manager Andreini will need to discuss what the

underlying contract conditions state. Following discussion, Director Clausen moved to authorize Assistant Manager Andreini and Attorney Lemargie to assign a value to work that has been adequately performed in accordance with the contract terms. Director Johnson seconded and the motion carried.

Assistant Manager McCourtie requested authorization to purchase a ¾ ton pickup from the State purchase contract. Following discussion, Director Osborne moved to authorize purchase of a ¾ ton pickup from the State purchase contract as requested. Director Clausen seconded and the motion carried.

Quotes and Bids

Manager Simpson presented an amendment to the KLBehrens & Associates contract. The amendment is to include the reading of 17 additional monitoring wells. Following discussion, Director Erickson moved to authorize execution of the KLBehrens & Associates contract amended as presented. Director Johnson seconded and the motion carried.

KLBehrens & Associates Contract Amendment

Manager Simpson reported on the Tri-State meeting he attended in Spokane, WA. Some topics of discussion were the Columbia River Treaty, flood risk management study, the Columbia River Bi-Op, water quality, Endangered Species Act and rural infrastructure financing.

Tri-State Meeting Report

Manager Simpson reported the District received a response letter from USBR regarding the District's concerns with the City of Quincy's non-ag discharge into Bureau facilities. The letter recognizes the District's concerns, states they perceive minimal risk to the Districts, gives the District an opportunity to comment, but does not address the previous non-ag discharge extension issue.

City of Quincy Non-Ag Discharge

Manager Simpson reported the NWRA Western Water Seminar is scheduled for August 3-5, 2016. The seminar conflicts with the August Board meeting date scheduled for August 5, 2016. He stated he was not planning on attending the seminar but if any Board members are planning on attending, the August Board meeting date will need to be changed. At this time, no Board members stated any interest on attending the NWRA Western Water Seminar.

August Board Meeting Date

Sara Maciel reported on USBR staffing changes in the Ephrata Field Office. She also reported the Districts comments regarding the City of Quincy's non-ag discharge are being considered.

USBR Report

Safety Supervisor Walraf presented the monthly safety report.

Safety Report

Assistant Manager Andreini reported RFQs were received for professional survey services and have been reviewed by staff. Assistant Manager Andreini recommended staff receive authorization to begin contract negotiations with Erlandson as a qualified service provider. Following discussion, Director Erickson moved to authorize contract negotiations with Erlandson for professional survey services. Director Johnson seconded and the motion carried.

Engineer Report

Treasurer Kimble presented the monthly Treasurer's report. He reported on six investments and one maturity during the month. Treasurer Kimble reported the District's financials have been finished and submitted to the State auditor. Treasurer Report

Treasurer Kimble reported two RFQ's were received for IT Management from Elevate and Technologize. Treasurer Kimble requested authorization to begin contract negotiations with Elevate and to move on to Technologize if a contract from Elevate is not agreeable. Following discussion, Director Erickson moved to authorize contract

negotiations with Elevate for IT Management services and to move on to Technologize if the contract from Elevate is not agreeable. Director Clausen seconded and the motion carried.

Assistant Manager McCourtie gave the monthly O&M report. He reported asbestos and lead paint has been discovered in two District houses. An employee is ready to move into one house once the asbestos has been removed. Assistant Manager McCourtie reported the Quincy District is trained in asbestos removal and will have time to assist the District soon, but is not currently available. He reported the District will be hiring a company for asbestos abatement in the mean time. Manager Simpson reported the District will move forward with testing all District houses for asbestos and lead paint. Assistant Manager O&M

Manager Simpson reported on past and upcoming meetings and conferences he will be attending. Manager Report

Manager Simpson reported USBR has requested the District assign a representative to take part in 508-14 discussions. He reported Quincy and South Districts have appointed their O&M Managers to attend the 50814 discussions. President Booker appointed himself as the District representative that will attend the 50814 discussions.

Manager Simpson reported he has sent a request to EFO Manager Wertz requesting USBR Reserved Power for landowner owned pump plants. At this time, no response has been received.

Manager Simpson reported no action on the exchange program of engineers with Coleambally Irrigation District in Australia, at this time.

Director Erickson moved to authorize the Board, Manager Simpson and appropriate staff to attend the NWRA Western Water Conference, August 3-5, 2016, Sun Valley Resort, Sun Valley, ID. Director Johnson seconded and the motion carried. Authorize Travel

President Booker declared an executive session at 4:03 p.m. for approximately 30 minutes to discuss litigation with CSRIA. The meeting returned to regular session at 5:05 p.m. Executive Session

At 5:05 p.m., there being no further business to come before the Board at that time, President Booker continued the meeting to June 21, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the District's Boardroom. Meeting Continued





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President



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Secretary

MINUTES OF THE CONTINUED REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
EAST COLUMBIA BASIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT

June 21, 2016

The continued meeting of the Board of Directors of the East Columbia Basin Irrigation District was called to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the District Office in Othello by President Mark Booker.

Present were:

Directors

Mark Booker  
Orman Johnson  
Boe Clausen  
Bernie Erickson

Staff

Craig Simpson  
Richard Lemargie  
Steve Kimble  
John McCourtie  
Levi Johnson  
Rosa Dekker  
Wendy Lange

Visitors: Kevin Brown, WSDOE; Tim Culbertson, CBHP; Lindsay Coates and Thomas Topfer, PFM; Paul Wollman, Landowner.

CBHP Manager Culbertson presented a letter to be signed by the Board President. The letter states that the three CBP Districts are the entities behind the Columbia Basin Hydropower, power authority. He reported both Quincy and South Boards have approved and signed the letter.

Director Erickson joined the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

Following discussion, Director Johnson moved to authorize President Booker to sign the letter, as presented. Director Erickson seconded and the motion carried with President Booker voting aye.

OGWRP  
a. EL47.5  
Delivery System  
Update

Development Coordinator Johnson reported currently the District has 7,188 acres of water service contracts signed on the EL47.5 delivery system, staff is currently designing the system to serve 8,257 acres.

Director Clausen joined the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

Development Coordinator Johnson reported the draft bond resolution was provided to the Board via email. He stated he would like the Board to consider action on the bond resolution at the July 6, 2016 Board meeting. Development Coordinator Johnson asked how staff should proceed with the bond resolution if WHB does not sign up the anticipated additional eligible acres. Mr. Paul Wollman stated WHB is working with WSDOE for a solution to the applications and transfer of water rights. He stated WHB intends to sign up all eligible acres for groundwater replacement water. Development Coordinator Johnson reported staff is working with WHB to include all acres for the bond resolution and taking step to accommodate the additional acres. He reported WSDOE has given their analysis on the eligible acres. Manager Simpson commented on the difficulty of asking the Board to consider signing a bond resolution before the transfers are complete and the acres are under contract. Mr. Wollman stated he can guarantee WHB will sign WSC for all eligible lands contemplated on the EL47.5 system. Director Johnson asked if there was a chance that some may be completed before the July 6, 2016 Board meeting. Director Erickson stated it is not a good idea to sign the bond resolution for a system that contemplates acres that are not under contract, and asked Kevin Brown, WSDOE, if it was an Ecology issue. Mr. Brown responded the question lies with the eligibility of the land and WSDOE is working with WHB on the eligible acres, not the lands that are not eligible.

Mr. Wollman asked it would help if WHB prepaid the acres not currently under contract. Manager Simpson commented that is a potential solution in order to keep moving forward with a bond issuance. President Booker stated he would still like to see allowing for partial payment and not just full prepayment. Director Johnson commented partial prepayment wouldn't help the bond market, full prepayment means less capital will need to be borrowed. Director Erickson questioned if this is the prepayment of the unknown full development. Manager Simpson stated the cost of the EL47.5 delivery system will be known. Development Coordinator Johnson stated just to clarify WHB is not signing a WSC for eligible acres due to potential negative impacts on other state water right acres not contemplated for groundwater replacement water. He also stated that if WHB comes up with the full prepayment amount by the July 6, 2016 Board meeting it would likely allow the District to continue to the Bond market as currently scheduled.

Director Johnson asked if the revenue bonds will include completion of the ELC widening including siphons, bridges and gates. Manager Simpson reported it would cover just the portion of these improvements relative to the number of acres served by the EL47.5 delivery system. Development Coordinator Johnson distributed the estimated budget numbers for construction of the EL47.5 delivery system. Manager Simpson requested the Board write down any questions they have so staff has time and answer them. Manager Simpson stated if the District is to move forward with bond sales in July, one of two conditions need to be met. Either WHB signs water service contracts for the additional acres or they prepay the full amount for those acres not

under contract, but otherwise eligible for groundwater replacement water on the EL47.5 system. Director Erickson asked if the bond sales could be put off a month. Thomas Toepfer, PFM, stated it would risk uncertainty of favorable interest rates. Development Coordinator Johnson reported continuing to delay will impact the design and construction schedule and also affect Big Bend Electric's scheduling.

Lindsay Coates, PFM, discussed the draft bond resolution, the preliminary official statement and went over the highlights with the Board. Thomas Toepfer discussed borrowing costs, financing, capitalized interest and the issuance of bonds with the Board.

Bond Counsel  
Presentation

Development Coordinator Johnson recommended a deadline to get bond resolution questions to staff for Bond Counsel to consider by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Draft Bond  
Resolution

Development Coordinator Johnson presented Resolution 2016-10, Providing for Prepayment of Interruptible First Phase Continuation Water Service Contracts Associated with District System(s) Financing(s), for Board consideration and approval. Director Johnson moved to authorize execution of Resolution 2016-10 as presented. Director Clausen seconded. Director Erickson commented he would not vote on the resolution because of the lack of flexibility for landowners. President Booker stated he is in support of giving the landowner the option of partial payment and would like to see that included as an option. Manager Simpson commented the Board needs to think about the landowners under contract when deciding on the resolution. The Board could decide not to allow prepayment but it was the landowners that requested it to be allowed. Development Coordinator Johnson reported partial prepayment had not been endorsed by PFM or Foster Pepper. Director Johnson asked Mr. Wollman if the full prepayment option was important to WHB. Mr. Wollman replied he wasn't sure but knew that Roberta Hodgson requested the full prepayment option. President Booker stated again that he would like to see the option of partial prepayment. Following discussion, President Booker called for a vote on Director Johnson's motion to authorize execution of Resolution 2016-10, Director Johnson and Director Clausen voted aye and Director Erickson and President Booker voted nay. The motion failed.

Resolution 2016-  
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Director Johnson commented he felt bad for the landowners that had requested the option to prepay in full and feels the Board failed today.

Development Coordinator Johnson requested authorization for staff to negotiate an HDR task order to continue with EL47.5 electrical design work. Following discussion, Director Clausen moved to approve. Director Johnson seconded and the motion carried.

Development Coordinator Johnson reported the next landowner meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. This meeting is for the EL79.8 and EL86.4 delivery systems' landowners and Directors that would like to attend.

Mr. Paul Wollman requested the Board keep the full prepayment option open for landowners. President Booker responded he would like to give the landowner the option of partial prepayment. Director Johnson stated that Bond Counsel and PFM do not advise the allowance of partial prepayment. Mr. Wollman stated again he would

like the full prepayment option. Director Johnson commented listen to the landowners, they are here asking for this option. Development Coordinator Johnson suggested offering landowner the opportunity to have two different water service contracts on the same piece of land in order for them to prepay one contract and not the other. This could be considered in place of a partial prepayment because they would be prepaying the full amount on one of the contracts. Director Clausen stated the Board needs something today to offer the landowners.

Development Coordinator Johnson presented an OGWRP implementation budget/funding 2016-2017 scenario sheet. He reported with the implementation of the EL47.5 delivery system, Warden Siphon construction, ELC earthen blankets, OGWRP/ELC widening staff and factoring in the funding available to finish these projects the budget appears to be \$300,000 short. Development Coordinator Johnson requested authorization to move forward with the construction of the Warden Siphons but recognizing there maybe need to potentially borrow from the Power Revenue Fund to cover a potential shortage of \$300,000.00 if additional funding does not occur. Following discussion, Director Johnson moved to authorize staff to move forward with the Warden Siphon project and borrow from the Power Revenue Fund if necessary and for it to be reimbursed when other funding becomes available. Director Clausen seconded and the motion carried. Other

President Booker declared an executive session at 1:15 p.m. for approximately 40 minutes to discuss litigation with CSRIA. The meeting returned to regular session at 1:55 p.m.

Director Osborne joined the meeting at 1:55 pm.

Director Johnson moved to adopt Resolution 2016-10, Providing for Prepayment of Interruptible First Phase Continuation Water Service Contracts Associated with District System(s) Financing(s), as presented. Director Clausen seconded. Manager Simpson informed Director Osborne of the issues with the previous vote outcome. He stated President Booker would like the option of partial prepayment be given to the landowners and Director Erickson was not in agreement with the resolution. Following discussion, President Booker called for a vote, the motion carried with Director Johnson, Director Clausen and Director Osborne voting aye, Director Erickson voting nay.

Manager Simpson reported staff will revisit with Bond Counsel regarding partial prepayment.

Development Coordinator Johnson reported Assistant Manager Andreini is negotiating with K&N Electric in order to move forward with the repairs. There is a deficiency in the worm gear specified in the specifications provided by K&N Electric and their professional engineer had approved and stamped the design. Manger Simpson stated he does not agree with paying for their error and the District does not need the gate at this time.

At 2:12 p.m., there being no further business to come before the Board at that time, President Booker continued the meeting to June 30, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. in the District's Boardroom.

Meeting  
Continued



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President



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Secretary

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June 30, 2016

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Present were:

Directors

Mark Booker

Staff

Craig Simpson

Levi Johnson

Nate Andreini

Mateo Farmer


Wendy Lange

Pam Lewison

Visitors: Chris Lyle, Ron and Maryann Krug, Gavin Johnson, Kirk Rathbun, Corrin Rathbun, Lynn Olsen, Ross Fox, Randy Fox, Phil Fox, Kevin Lyle, Roger Bailie, Titus Bowser, Paul Wollman, Greg Rathbun, and Ted Tschirky, Landowners; Ingrid Ekstrom, DNR.

Due to the lack of a quorum, there were no actions decided on or taken.

At 10:30 a.m., President Booker continued the meeting to the next scheduled continued meeting of July 5, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. in the District's Boardroom.



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President



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Secretary

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July 5, 2016

The continued meeting of the Board of Directors of the East Columbia Basin Irrigation District was called to order at 8:00 a.m. in the basement of the Othello Watermaster office of the District Office in Othello by President Mark Booker.

Present were:

Directors

Mark Booker

Staff

Craig Simpson

Levi Johnson

Mateo Farmer

Wendy Lange

Pam Lewison

Visitors: Blake Higley, Paul Wollman, Darrel Kulm, Ian Younger, Landowners.;

Due to the lack of a quorum, there were no actions decided on or taken.

At 10:45 a.m., President Booker adjourned the meeting.



Secretary



President

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