

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

July 6, 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
Don Osborne
Boe Clausen

Staff

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

Visitors: Clinton Wertz and Jennifer Hickenbottom, USBR; Kevin Brown and Melissa Downes, WSDOE; Mike Schwisow, Government Relations Consultant; Ron Fode, Paul Wollman, Jake Wollman, Jr., Michele Kiesz, Landowner.

Visitors

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

Minutes of the regular meeting of May 4, 2016, the regular meeting of June 1, 2016, the continued meeting of June 21, 2016, the continued meeting of June 30, 2016 and the continued meeting of July 5, 2016 had been mailed to the Directors. President Booker clarified his question for USBR regarding Reserved Power for landowner owned pumping plants was actually the question if Reserved Power could be available to pumping plants up to their delivery point. Following discussion, Director Osborne moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 4, 2016 as written. Director Clausen seconded and the motion carried. Director Clausen moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 1, 2016, the continued meeting of July 21, 2016, the continued meeting of June 30, 2016 and the continued meeting of July 5, 2016 as written. Director Osborne seconded and the motion carried.

Minutes
Approved

Discussions continued to the availability of Reserved Power for landowner owned pumping plants. USBR EFO Manager Wertz stated the Bureau does not allow Reserved Power for privately owned pumping plants. He stated Reserved Power is available for Bureau owned facilities only. President Booker questioned if landowners could build their plants to USBR specification in order to receive Reserved Power. USBR EFO Manager Wertz commented all specifications would have to meet USBR

standards and there is the legality question of if the USBR could allow this in the first place. He stated he does not think this is something the USBR could entertain. President Booker stated he is still in favor of pursuing Reserved Power for landowner owned pumping plants.

Manager Simpson presented the following contracts a. through d. for approval:

District
Improvements

Contracts

- a. Permanent Release of Water Allotment, Lot 1 & 2, Clayton Short Plat, Block 40, Portion of Farm Unit 73, 4.5 acres
- b. Permanent Release of Water Allotment, Inoel Ziranda, Lot 6 & 7 Flying K Acres, Block 45, Farm Unit 250, 2.9 acres
- c. Interruptible First Phase Continuation Water Service Contract, Stahl HB Trust, 390-052-809, 135 acres
- d. Interruptible First Phase Continuation Water Service Contract, Stahl HB Trust, 390-053-809, 173.1 acres

Following discussion of clarification that landowners may be required to connect onto a District delivery system when available, Director Clausen moved to approve contracts a. through d. as presented. Director Osborne seconded and the motion carried.

Assistant Manager Andreini presented the following permits a. and b. for approval:

Permits

- a. Grant County PUD Overhead Power Crossing Block 42, FU 116
- b. Bartleheimer Land Pipe Crossing Block 45, FU 277 & 287

Following discussion, Director Erickson moved to approve permits a. and b. as presented. Director Clausen 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. 305750 through 305975 in the amount of \$2,054,091.51 and electronic Payroll and AP transfer in the amount of \$918,557.79 for a total of \$2,189,712.29 from the O&M Fund, \$196,924.51 from the Construction Fund, \$407,918.75 from the Debt Service 2006 Fund and \$178,093.75 from the Debt Service 2007 Fund. Director Erickson seconded and the motion carried.

Approve
Vouchers

Manager Simpson presented the following Order for Petition for Inclusion of Lands a. for approval:

Order for Hearing
of Petition for
Inclusion of
Lands

- a. WHB Trust

Following discussion, Director Clausen moved to approve Order for Hearing of Petition for Inclusion of Lands a., as presented. Director Erickson seconded and the motion carried.

Development Coordinator Johnson presented the following EL47.5 delivery system contracts 1) through 3) for approval:

OGWRP

- 1) First Phase Continuation Water Service Contract-Groundwater Replacement, WHB Trust, 390-107-910, 925 acres
- 2) Amendment to First Phase Continuation Water Service Contract-Groundwater Replacement, WHB Trust, 390-114-810, adds 34.7 acres
- 3) Amendment to First Phase Continuation Water Service Contract-Groundwater Replacement, WHB Trust, 390-115-810, adds 9.4 acres

a. EL47.5
Delivery System

Following discussion, Director Osborne moved to approve contracts 1) through 3) as presented. Director Clausen seconded and the motion carried.

Development Coordinator Johnson presented Resolution 2016-11, Phase 1 Bond Resolution, for Board consideration and approval. He also distributed a current list of the signed water service contracts for the EL47.5 delivery system and a spreadsheet depicting the source of funds and the use of funds. Development Coordinator Johnson discussed the spreadsheet and signed water service contract list.

b. Resolution
2016-11

Ms. Michele Kiesz asked if ELC improvements are needed to develop the EL47.5 delivery system. Manager Simpson reported no, that remaining ELC improvements are for full OGWRP implementation of 87,700 acres of groundwater replacement water. Director Erickson reminded the visitors that most of the funding has been provided by grants from WSDOE. Mr. Mike Schwisow reported OCR has requested \$10M for the next State budget (2017-19) and Senator Schoessler is requesting an additional \$5M for pumping plant designs be included. He stated it's important to remember the EL47.5 delivery system is a part of the larger program and each of the seven systems will pay a proportional amount of the remaining ELC improvements. Director Erickson discussed scenarios of only developing the EL47.5 delivery system and those landowners bearing the cost of their portion of the remaining ELC improvements. Mr. Schwisow stated that if the District only develops the EL47.5 delivery system and nothing else, OCR is unlikely to grant anymore funding to the District.

Manager Simpson discussed the history of the 2006 and 2007 Debt Service Bonds for the Saddle Gap Pumping Plant, Warden Pumping Plants and pump modernization plan. He stated the District's financial advisor advised refunding those bonds in order to obtain a better interest rate. Manager Simpson reported the decision to refinance the 2006 and 2007 Debt Service Bonds does not mean the EL47.5 delivery system landowners will bear the burden of the full repayment. The District intends to continue collecting pump fees from all lands to apply to that debt service. The refinance of the bonds is to save the District money by obtaining a better interest rate.

Discussions continued on prepayment, commitment to repay and interest rates, reserved power versus commercial power, EL47.5 delivery systems costs, ELC improvements, Kansas Prairie #1 and Kansas Prairie #2 siphon costs. Some EL47.5 delivery system landowners present voiced their interest in the cost of OGWRP to be shared by the platted Farm Units also, on the basis that this is a federal project.

Discussions continued on the inherent variables and unknowns of farming and ponds to recapture water.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:30 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

President Booker resumed recording the Board meeting

Development Coordinator Johnson stated District staff and it's financing team recommend approval of the Bond Resolution, 2016-11.

Mr. Jake Wollman, Jr. stated he does not want to be tied to a bond and wants other financing options. Director Erickson commented on the issues of paying the bond amount versus landowners paying their portion with bank loans in order for it to be specific to their system. Director Erickson stated he doesn't agree with normalized cost. Manager Simpson voiced normalized cost is for all landowners along with the option of prepayment. It is not system specific. Discussions continued on prepayments, cost per acre ceiling amount, O&M fees, bankruptcies, EIS and the Preferred Alternative.

President Booker requested an update on the partial prepayment option. Development Coordinator reported on this discussion with PFM. PFM stated it was likely possible but may be administratively difficult and add more fees and rate reviews. Development Coordinator Johnson stated water service contracts can be split in order to allow landowners to prepay a portion of their share. He also stated Foster Pepper informed us that partial prepayment may be administrative cost prohibitive but appeared legally allowable.

Following further discussion, Director Osborne moved to adopt Resolution 2016-11, Phase 1 Bond Resolution, as presented and discussed. Director Erickson seconded and the motion carried.

President Booker asked when the numbers will be presented on what he has asked for. Assistant Manager Andreini stated the EL47.5 delivery system budget breakdown was emailed to the Board on June 23rd.

Discussions continued on normalized cost, development fee, and landowners wanting the total cost of being on a District system to be \$190/AC. Discussions were had on the federal water supply for a public irrigation system and the District not developing private systems for landowners.

Development Coordinator Johnson reported HDR Task Order No. 2, EL47.5 Electrical Design was not ready to present at this time.

c. HDR Task Order No. 2

Development Coordinator Johnson requested authorization to pay Nichols Kovich final invoice, in the amount of \$3,728.13, for Calloway Road Bridge technical support. Following discussion, Director Clausen moved to authorize final payment to Nichols Kovich in the amount of \$3,728.13 as requested. Director Osborne seconded and the motion carried.

d. Development Office Report

Development Coordinator Johnson requested authorization to move forward with the electrical service application with Big Bend Electric which includes a BBEC scope of work. He reported Big Bend Electric has requested the District pay by invoices submitted for work completed on a monthly basis. Development Coordinator Johnson requested authorization to pay BBEC invoices submitted as work is completed and to

e. Authorize Application and Progress Payments for BBEC

not exceed a total project amount of \$1.2M. Following discussion, Director Clausen moved to authorize staff to complete the electrical service application with Big Bend Electric that includes a scope of work and authorizes payment of Big Bend Electric invoices for work completed not to exceed a total project cost of \$1.2M. Director Osborne seconded and the motion carried.

Development Coordinator Johnson reported landowner meetings are scheduled for July 7th at 8:00 a.m. and July 12th at 8:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. He also reported a continued Board meeting will be needed after the prepayment deadline of July 19th. Director Clausen moved to continue the regular Board meeting to July 7th at 8:00 a.m., July 12th at 8:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and July 21st at 10:00 a.m. in the ECBID Boardroom. Director Osborne seconded and the motion carried.

Assistant Manager Andreini reported the radial gate supplier will be sending a new piece of equipment this week. District crews will install the equipment when received.

Development Coordinator Johnson requested authorization to call for Warden Siphon bids. Following discussion, Director Osborne moved to authorize staff to call for Warden Siphon bids. Director Clausen seconded and the motion carried with President Booker voting aye.

Quotes and Bids

Development Coordinator Johnson requested authorization to call for Internet Based Project Management – Work Flow System quotes. This allows for all project parties to communicate together and will include the District and USBR offices. Following discussion, Director Clausen moved to authorize staff to call for Internet Based Project Management – Work Flow System quotes. Director Osborne seconded and the motion carried with President Booker voting aye.

Manager Simpson presented the ECBID Fee Schedule to the Board for annual review. Staff does not have any recommended changes at this time. No changes were made.

ECBID Fee Schedule Review

Manager Simpson reported CBHP has received a two year permit extension for the Banks Lake Pumped Storage Program from FERC.

CBP Hydropower

Manager Simpson reported the District remains opposed to the City of Quincy's non-agricultural discharge and USBR's previously granted two year extension. He reported the USBR has requested the City of Quincy resubmit their recent request with changes.

City of Quincy Non-Ag Discharge

USBR EFO Manager Wertz reported on staffing changes, addressing billing issues, improving accountability to Districts, Potholes Supplemental Feed Route and retraining employees on the SCADA system.

USBR Report

Safety Supervisor Walraf presented the monthly safety report.

Safety Report

Assistant Manager Andreini reported the contract with consultant, Erlandson, was received for services related with Block 47 easement acquisitions for WaterSMART grant pipelines. Assistant Manager Andreini requested authorization for President Booker to execute the contract with Erlandson, not to exceed \$7,233.00. Following discussion, Director Clausen moved to authorize President Booker to execute the

Engineer Report

contract with Erlandson consultant submittals were received for services related with Block 47 easement acquisitions for WaterSMART grant pipelines, not to exceed \$7,233.00. Director Erickson seconded and the motion carried

Assistant Manager Andreini reported on the Municipal Water Leader Workshop he attended. He reported engineering staff is working on grant applications, and survey and design of next winter's projects. Assistant Manager Andreini reported BPA has sent out invitations to apply for EnergySMART incentives.

Treasurer Kimble presented the monthly Treasurer's report. He reported that no investments were made or matured during the month. He reported that the state auditors were onsite and the entrance conference was scheduled for Thursday, July 7th with Directors Booker and Clausen expected to attend.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Kimble reported that the June 1st debt service payment for the 2006 and 2007 bonds was made on schedule. It required transfers from the Power Revenue fund to the debt service funds in the following amounts: Debt Service 2006 fund: \$250,845.44 and Debt Service 2007 fund: \$67,856.37 for a total transfer from the Power Revenue fund in the amount of \$318,701.81.

Assistant Manager McCourtie gave the monthly O&M report. Director Clausen complimented the mower crew in the Warden area, stating the crew is doing a great job this year.

Assistant Manager O&M

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

Manager Report

Manager Simpson reported last month the Board approved two permanent releases of water allotments, a total of 0.6 acres, Lot 1 and 2, JD Brown Short Plat, Block 40, Farm Unit 212. Manager Simpson requested the Board forgive the back assessments to these small parcels. The plat has been completed and it was the intent to have the water allotments released but were missed. Following discussion, Director Erickson moved to forgive the back assessments for Lot 1 and 2, JD Brown Short Plat, Block 40, Farm Unit 212, 0.6 total acres in an amount of \$267.31, as requested. Director Osborne seconded and the motion carried.

Manager Simpson reported the 2nd Half Reserved Works payment in the amount of \$1,026,577.50 has been made, with the understanding this will be trued up when the actuals come in. A letter from USBR EFO Irrigation Operations and Technical Services Supervisor Toni Turner has been requested to document that the billing's supporting documents needed corrections.

Manager Simpson reported there are concerns on availability of pumps at the Keys Plant, there are only five available at this time. Three more are due back online on July 15th.

Manager Simpson reported he did a presentation on water supply at the PNWA Summer Conference.

President Booker declared an executive session at 3:50 p.m. for approximately 55 minutes to discuss litigation with CSRIA and personnel performance. President Booker continued to record the executive session and had to be asked to turn off the recording device, which he states he did. Attorney Lemargie advised President Booker to erase his recording of the executive session. The meeting returned to regular session at 4:45 p.m.

Executive Session

Director Clausen moved to authorize a 2.0% increase to all non-bargaining unit employee wages with the exception of Levi Johnson who will receive a total of 5% increase, all effective retroactive to July 3, 2016. Director Osborne seconded and the motion failed with Director Erickson voting nay.

Non-Bargaining Unit Wages

Director Erickson moved to authorize a 2.0% increase to all non-bargaining unit employee wages with the exception of Levi Johnson who will receive a total of 3% increase, all effective retroactive to July 3, 2016. The motion failed to receive a second.

Director Clausen moved to authorize a 2.0% increase to all non-bargaining unit employee wages, effective retroactive to July 3, 2016. Director Osborne seconded and the motion carried with Director Erickson voting nay and President Booker voting aye.

Manager's wages were not reviewed and are scheduled for review each September.

At 5:05 p.m., there being no further business to come before the Board at that time, President Booker continued the meeting to July 7th at 8:00 a.m., July 12th at 8:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and July 21st at 10:00 a.m. in the ECBID Boardroom and continued the Hearing for Petition for Inclusion of Lands.

Meeting Continued



President



Secretary

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

July 7, 2016

The continued meeting of the Board of Directors of the East Columbia Basin Irrigation District began at 8:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the District Office in Othello.

Present were:

Directors

Bernie Erickson

Mark Booker

Staff

Levi Johnson

Nate Andreini

Mateo Farmer

Pam Lewison

Wendy Lange

Visitors: Neil Fink, Berend Friehe, Derek Friehe, Chris Hyer, Jeff Shibell, Doug Claassen and Clark Kagele, Landowners. Visitors


Director Erickson joined the meeting at 8:25 a.m. President Booker arrived at 1:15 p.m.

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

The meeting was continued to July 12th at 8:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and July 21st at 10:00 a.m. in the ECBID Boardroom. Meeting Continued



Secretary



President

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

July 12, 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 Board Room of the District Office in Othello by President Mark Booker.

Present were:

Directors

Mark Booker
Bernie Erickson

Staff

Craig Simpson
Wendy Lange
Pam Lewison

Visitors: Brad Arlt, Ron Treat, Steve Piper, Michele Kiesz, Steve Phipps, Paul Wollman, DeWayne Kagele and Benjamin Leavitt; Landowners. Visitors

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

At 10:55 a.m., President Booker recessed the meeting.

Recess

At 1:30 p.m., President Booker reconvened the meeting.

Reconvene

Present were:

Directors

Mark Booker

Staff

Craig Simpson
Wendy Lange
Pam Lewison

Visitors: Mike Schwisow, Government Relations Consultant; Paul Wollman, Skip Briney, Steven Michel, Doug Campbell, Rex Lyle, Jake Wollman, Jr., and Seth Briney, Landowners. Visitors

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

At 3:55 p.m., President Booker continued the meeting to July 21st at 10:00 a.m. in the ECBID Boardroom.

Meeting Continued



Secretary



President

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

July 21, 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 Board Room of the District Office in Othello by President Mark Booker.

Present were:

Directors

Mark Booker
Bernie Erickson
Orman Johnson
Boe Clausen
Don Osborne

Staff

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

President Booker opened the hearing of petition for Inclusions of Lands, the hearing will remain open until the end of the meeting.

Visitors: Mike Schwisow, Government Relations Consultant; Dennis Swinger, Sr., Alice Weber, Roberta Hodgson, Paul Wollman, Jake Wollman, Jr., Michele Kiesz, Landowner.

Visitors

Manager Simpson reported assents were not received for the following Order for Petition for Inclusion of Lands a.:

Petition for
Inclusions of
Land

- a. Stahl Hutterian Brethren

Development Coordinator Johnson reported no prepayments for the EL47.5 delivery system were received by the July 19th deadline. The current financing schedule has the District going out to the bond market the week of August 23rd. Development Coordinator Johnson reported the District is awaiting the completion of the 2015 audited financials before the bond sale. Manager Simpson stated Bond Counsel, the financial advisors and the underwriting firm have all recommended that the District wait for the audited 2015 financials to be completed. Treasure Kimble reported the State auditing team is waiting for Columbia Basin Hydropower's audit to be complete in order to finalize the District's audit. Development Coordinator Johnson reported the District's financial advisors, PFM, have been requesting a substantial amount of information to accurately describe the District for the Official Statement.

OGWRP

a. EL47.5
Delivery System
Update

President Booker stated the Board hasn't decided on how to spend the funds, this will need to be discussed at the August meeting. President Booker asked if the design for the EL47.5 delivery system was complete. Assistant Manager Andreini reported different parts of the design are at different stages and stated the design work is approximately 50% complete at this time.

Development Coordinator Johnson reported staff had been instructed to send out a breakdown of the costs for the EL47.5 delivery system. An updated draft of this will be emailed later this week to the Board and the landowners. Ms. Michele Kiesz asked if she could individually poll the Directors to determine each of their interests in the EL47.5 delivery system and if their interest was over and above that of what is acceptable for a Board member. President Booker stated he doesn't do anything in the EL47.5 delivery area. Director Erickson stated he is not involved in the EL47.5 delivery area but is interested in getting water to his property someday due to a failing well. He stated that he is very much interested in the groundwater replacement development, one way or the other and at a reasonable cost. Director Johnson stated he does not have land on the EL47.5 delivery system. Ms. Kiesz stated that Director Johnson has repeatedly said he would like the water at any cost. Director Johnson commented that was a false statement and that he said he could afford groundwater replacement water at the \$190/AC ceiling cost. Attorney Lemargie instructed the Board not to answer the personal inquisition being asked by Ms. Kiesz. He stated that a suit should be brought if they think there is a conflict of interest. Attorney Lemargie remarked that her inquisition assumes the Directors are dishonest. Ms. Kiesz stated she wanted it part of the record.

Development Coordinator Johnson reported landowner meetings with the remaining delivery system's landowners have been completed. He reported the District has received good feedback, questions and comments from the landowners. b. Development Office Report

Development Coordinator Johnson requested authorization to pay a Rowand Machinery invoice, in the amount of \$26,399.41, for repairs on three rental haul trucks. The repairs were for issues beyond normal wear and tear, including big dents and associated body work. Following discussion, Director Erickson moved to authorize payment to Rowand Machinery in the amount of \$26,399.41 as requested and discussed. Director Johnson seconded and the motion carried.

Development Coordinator Johnson reported he received an email from DOE thanking District staff and the Directors for attending the siphon ceremony on July 13th.

Manager Simpson reported he met with Paul Blanchard from NW Pipe and Western Water Roundtable last week. They discussed private/public partnerships and interests from large engineering firms with infrastructure investment branches.

Discussions continued on pipe, East High Canal, landowner meetings and additional funding. Mr. Mike Schwisow reported WSDOE has a large capital budget request, the total ask from OCR is \$30M. Of that amount, \$10M is ear marked for the Odessa project.

President Booker commented Mr. Steven Michel had asked if the District still planned on building an O&M road on both sides of the widened portion of the ELC and Manager Simpson had commented yes. President Booker stated it was a waste of government money and wanted it brought up so Director Clausen could hear it since he missed the meeting where this was discussed.

Mr. Jake Wollman, Jr. requested the surge tank design of the EL47.5 delivery system be reviewed by other engineering firms to get different ideas and to look for lower costs to build the system. He stated the surge protection in the District designs is too costly to the landowners. Manager Simpson reminded the Board a surge analysis consultant had been contracted by the District to review the designs and private recommendations. He also stated that the USBR will also act as an independent design reviewer for the District. Mr. Wollman stated he would like the Board to make a decision and determination to have the EL47.5 delivery system designs looked at by a different engineering firm for a second opinion. Manager Simpson stated if the District sent the designs out for another opinion, the designs will still have to be reviewed by the USBR. The USBR makes the final acceptance of the design and has to approve the designs. Manager Simpson stated staff will get another review of the designs if directed by the Board, but procuring and undertaking this additional review would stall construction and the District would not be able to make water deliveries in 2018. This would add additional costs to the EL47.5 delivery system and be detrimental to the requested 2018 water delivery schedule. Director Erickson asked the visitors present if it was acceptable to delay water delivery beyond 2018. An answer to the question was not received. Mr. Wollman discussed surge protection and stated he would like a copy of the report from the surge analyst consultant. Assistant Manager Andreini reported the District responded to a public records request for all design documents for a landowner, including the requested surge analysis reports. He also stated that the EL47.5 design has not yet progressed far enough to a point where independent review would be of value. This requested information will be available for the landowner after today's meeting.

Discussions continued on publishing meeting notices, agenda and minutes on a District website. Landowners present voiced that they would like more transparency from the District and requested public notices be published in Ritzville's paper also. Following discussions, Director Johnson stated he agreed that public notices should be advertised in Ritzville and also with CBDL. Director Johnson moved to direct staff to post public meeting notices in the Ritzville Journal. Director Erickson seconded and the motion carried. Director Johnson and Mike Schwisow will speak with CBDL regarding posting meeting notices and the District's approved minutes on their website.

Discussions continued on the EL47.5 delivery system designs, normalized cost, the EL47.5 delivery system not needing the remaining ELC widening improvements in order to receive water and hiring an independent engineering firm to review the designs of the EL47.5 delivery system. Manager Simpson reiterated staff will hire another consultant for design reviews if directed by the Board. Manager Simpson requested the Board recognize this will add an additional expense to the EL47.5 delivery system and hinder delivery of water in 2018. He also stated the USBR will also need more time to review the other consultant's review. Director Erickson asked

the landowners present again if water delivery in 2019 and the additional cost for hiring another consultant to review designs was acceptable. Discussions continued on the difference of opinions on designs, independent consultants, the amount of time it takes to complete designs, the District's responsibilities to get water to landowners, Director division maps, Director elections, and landowners requesting to have input in the design process. Development Coordinator Johnson requested that the landowners contact District staff with their input and concerns.

Director Erickson moved to abandon the normalized cost approach and work each individual system with landowners as their own separate cost. Following discussion, the motion failed to receive a second. Manager Simpson stated when the District's engineering staff is ready with the EL47.5 delivery system designs, they will meet with the landowners and go over the design. He reminded everyone present that it takes time and resources to create designs for an 8,200 acre pump plant system.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:35 p.m. and reconvened at 1:45 p.m.

President Booker declared an executive session at 1:45 p.m. for approximately 30 minutes to discuss litigation with CSRIA. The meeting returned to regular session at 2:17 p.m. Executive Session

At 2:17 p.m. President Booker left the boardroom, the meeting returned to executive session for approximately 30 minutes to discuss new litigation with Mighty Columbia, LLC. The meeting returned to regular session at 2:48 p.m. and President Booker returned to the meeting. Executive Session

Director Clausen moved to authorize a 2.0% increase to Development Coordinator Johnson's wages, effective July 31, 2016. Director Johnson seconded. President Booker requested an executive session without Manager Simpson. Manager Simpson stated he elected to stay. Following a brief discussion, President Booker and Director Erickson decided another executive session wasn't needed. Manager Simpson asked Attorney Lemargie if it was acceptable if he refused to leave an executive session as an officer of the Board. Attorney Lemargie stated if the entire Board wanted him to leave the room then he should do so. The motion received a unanimous vote and the motion carried. Development Coordinator Wages

At 2:53 p.m., there being no further business to come before the Board at that time, President Booker continued the Hearing for Petition for Inclusion of Lands and adjourned the meeting. Meeting Adjourned


Secretary


President