

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

July 5, 2017

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 Orman Johnson.

Present were:

Directors

Orman Johnson  
Don Osborne  
Bernie Erickson  
Boe Clausen  
Duaine Anderson

Staff

Craig Simpson  
Richard Lemargie  
Rosa Dekker  
John McCourtie  
Nate Andreini  
Jed Crowther  
Wendy Lange

Visitors: Clyde Lay, Jennifer Hickenbottom and Sarah Maciel, USBR; Kevin Brown and Melissa Downes, WSDOE; Christina Carter, BBEC; Mike Schwisow, Consultant; Paul Wollman, Jake Wollman, Jr., Brian Kuest, Michele Kiesz, Lynn Pittman, Art Prior, Reid Phillips and Kevin Lyle. Visitors

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

Adams County Commissioners have appointed Mr. Duaine Anderson to Director Division No. 4. The Oath of Office was administered to newly appointed Director Anderson. Secretary Simpson reported that the bond covering Director Johnson is in force as part of the blanket bond covering all five Directors. Administration of Oath of Office

Manager Simpson reported Mr. Lynn Pittman is here to discuss the too frequent overtopping of the EL60.6F wasteway, that floods his property and crops. Manager Simpson reported the drain pipeline doesn't handle all the return flows, both permitted and unpermitted. He also reported staff has been exploring different solutions this year. Mr. Pittman stated the drain was piped in 2006 and has overtopped every year and causes damages. He stated just recently there was 3 feet of water flowing through his circle. Mr. Pittman also pointed out that the return flow to laterals are not the only problem. Drainage of diversions end up in the drain also. Mr. Pittman requested that the District remedy the overtopping issue. Following discussion, Manager Simpson thanked Mr. Pittman for working with the District to the extent he has and stated the District will continue to work towards a solution by exploring multiple options. Public Comment Period

Minutes of the regular meeting of June 7, 2017, had been mailed to the Directors. Director Clausen moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 7, 2017, as written. Director Osborne seconded and the motion carried.

Minutes  
Approved

Manager Simpson presented the following contract a. for approval:

Contracts

District  
Improvements

- a. Reclassification of Land & Transfer of Water Allotment, Boe Clausen, LLC, Block 44, Farm Unit 181-1, 25 acres

Following discussion, Director Osborne moved to approve contract a. as presented. Director Erickson seconded and the motion carried with Director Clausen abstaining.

Manager Simpson presented Resolution 2017-12, Surplus Equipment, for Board approval. He reported the District no longer needs the four scrapers and requested they be declared surplus. Following discussion, Director Clausen moved to adopt Resolution 2017-12, as presented and discussed. Director Osborne seconded and the motion carried with Director Erickson abstaining.

Resolution 2017-  
12

Manager Simpson reported USBR assent was received for the following Order for Petition for Inclusion of Lands a.:

Order for Hearing  
for Petition for  
Inclusion of  
Lands

- a. Kagele Family Farms, LLC, Inclusion No. 223

Manager Simpson reported that no objections, neither written or verbal, had been received and that the assent from the Bureau of Reclamation to the inclusion for Kagele Family Farms, LLC, Inclusion No. 223, a condition precedent to the inclusion of lands within the District, had been received. Director Osborne moved to grant the "Order of Petition for Inclusion of Lands" in accordance with the statutory proceedings for inclusion of lands within a District, pursuant to the order of inclusion, acting in accordance with provisions of the repayment contract and the master water service contracts. 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 Osborne moved to approve for payment check nos. 308433 through 308658 in the amount of \$2,114,656.93 and electronic Payroll and AP transfer in the amount of \$1,930,595.34 for a total of \$2,827,993.23 from the O&M Fund, \$137,957.44 from the Construction Fund, \$104,690.56 from the 2016 Project Fund and \$1,004,611.04 from the 2016 Debt Service Fund. Director Clausen seconded and the motion carried.

Vouchers

Manager Simpson reported Waste Seepage and Return Flow (WSRF) water service contract 421-801-801 has been charged a different assessment than the rest of the water service contracts. He reported that no record for the variation has been found. Manager Simpson recommended changing the rate for the 2018 irrigation season to make it consistent with the others. Following discussion, Director Clausen moved to adjust the rate for WSRF water service contract 421-801-801 to be consistent with the

WSRF WSC 421-  
801-801  
Assessment

other water service contracts for the 2018 irrigation season. Director Osborne seconded and the motion carried.

Manager Simpson reported CBHP is moving forward with a System Impact Study in the next stage of the North Dam hydro site. Fund from the three CBP Districts are sufficient in the CBHP Development Fund to cover expenses.

CBP Hydropower Development

Development Coordinator Crowther distributed a picture booklet of District projects he prepared to the Board. He reported the intent of the booklets is to keep landowners informed of the District's focus and progress. Development Coordinator Crowther reported the USBR recently issued a corrected OSSS boundary line map. Discrepancies in the original OSSS boundary line map had been discovered. The District and USBR worked together to correct it. Development Coordinator Crowther reported the easement acquisition process and title review is nearing completion.

OGWRP  
a. Development Office Report

Assistant Manager Andreini reported USBR has requested confirmation that the previous surge analysis is applicable to the current design of the EL47.5 delivery system. NHC previously did a surge analysis for an 11,000 acre system and has stated there are enough changes to the reduced size of 8,500 acres that a new analysis is necessary. Assistant Manager Andreini reported the new surge analysis is time sensitive to making water deliveries in 2018 and requested the Board authorize NHC to perform a new surge analysis of an 8,500 acre delivery system. Following discussion, Director Clausen moved to request a task order from NHC for a surge analysis of the 8,500 acre EL47.5 delivery system. Director Osborne seconded and the motion carried with Director Erickson abstaining.

b) EL47.5 Delivery System Update

Assistant Manager Andreini requested authorization to call for EL47.5 B-line pipe quotes. He reported pipe could be installed now through fallow land. Following discussion, Director Clausen moved authorize a call for EL47.5 B-line pipe bids. Director Osborne seconded and the motion carried with Director Erickson voting nay.

Mr. Jake Wollman requested the mainline go along Leisle Road instead of through the currently designed alignment. Assistant Manager Andreini reported this would require a redesign, cost more money, require more pipe, an additional cultural resource study and cause more delays. He stated putting in pipelines along county roads or sections would be easier. Assistant Manager Andreini remarked the change would not be cost effective or timely at this stage of the project.

Development Coordinator Crowther reported a meeting with the EL22.1 landowners and consultant engineer is scheduled for next week. He reported the EL11.8 could potentially be a part of the EL22.1 system. Manager Simpson reported the District has 3,500 acres held for the EL11.8 delivery system but does not have signed contracts at this time. Discussions will be needed on how long MHB has until they need to sign the water service contracts.

c) EL11.8 MOU and EL22.1 MOU Update

Manager Simpson reported MWSC negotiations with USBR are scheduled for July 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Some items to be negotiated are the District's authority to deliver 70,000 acres of groundwater replacement water to the OSSS, request an additional 10,000 acres for coordinated conservation water, request 10,000 acres for ECBID

conservation water, discuss excess water for 390 water service contracts, water spreading/water expansion, RRA reporting for seasonal transfers and the construction repayment amount set at \$0.00.

Manager Simpson presented the ECBID Fee Schedule to the Board for annual review. Staff does not have any recommended changes at this time. Director Osborne moved to accept the ECBID Fee Schedule as presented. Director Clausen seconded and the motion carried.

ECBID Fee Schedule

Manager Simpson reported the City of Othello is wanting to request an encroachment permit for the walk path along the EL68HWW. The walk path has been in place since the mid 2000's. At that time the City had started a "Consent to Use" process with the Bureau but it was never completed. Manager Simpson reported the District does not have any issues with the walk path but believes the City should obtain a "Consent to Use" from the Bureau rather than a District permit. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Board for the City of Othello to obtain a "Consent to Use" from the Bureau for the walk path.

City of Othello Walk Path on the EL68HWW

Manager Simpson reported CSDL is requesting funding donations for the informational film they are producing. The film is to cover more of the CBP instead of just Odessa. Following discussion, Director Clausen moved to authorize a \$1,000.00 donation to CSDL in support of their informational film of the Project. Director Anderson seconded and the motion carried.

CSDL Request for Funds for Informational Film

Manager Simpson reported the proposed pilot of rehydrating the Artesian Lake and Black Lake area has been delayed due to an environmental review and concerns over Washington Ground Squirrels. WDFW has requested the pilot program occur in 2018. Following discussion, Director Clausen moved to authorize postponing WDFW pilot of rehydrating the Artesian Lake and Black Lake area until 2018. Director Erickson seconded and the motion carried.

WDFW Artesian/Black Lake Rehydration Pilot

Manager Simpson reported on a meeting he attended regarding modernization of the Keys Pumping plant with a tour that followed. He reported all electrical controls in the left and right power houses are to be upgraded. The cost is expected to be \$350M over the next 11 years and the cost will be reflected in future Diversion Rates.

Keys Pumping Plant/G1-18

Manager Simpson reported all three Districts continue to be involved with addressing wheeling issues with Grant County PUD. The no cost wheeling agreement between Grant County PUD and USBR expired on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Grant County PUD wants to institute new rates. At this time, a draft MOA between USBR and Grant County PUD to cover the remainder of the year is in USBR's regional office for review.

Grant County Reserved Power Wheeling

Safety Supervisor Walraf presented the monthly safety report.

Safety Report

Assistant Manager Andreini reported Linda Randall has left the District and Robin Armacost-Felton was chosen as the new Assistant District Engineer. He also reported engineering staff continues working on the EL47.5 project and a lot of staff time is being spent on a sizable public records request.

Assistant Manager Technical Services Report

Treasurer Dekker presented the monthly Treasurer's report. She reported on investments and maturities for the month. The audit has been postponed due to CBHP financials not being updated yet. She reported the first capitalized interest bond payment was made and the debt service fund payment was also made.

Treasurer Report

Assistant Manager McCourtie gave the monthly O&M report. He reported on potential crop damage in Block 41. Following a Cascade treatment a rill irrigated bean crop starting showing signs of stunted growth. The District is waiting on test results. WSDA and the Project Agronomist were notified.

Assistant Manager O&M Report

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

Manager Report

Manager Simpson reported there has been talk of relocating USBR EFO Operations Manager Turner's night monitoring to Grand Coulee. Manager Simpson commented he does not support this, that it diminishes the value of the Ephrata Field Office.

Director Clausen reported Dwane Lind bought property that doesn't have a current turnout and has an M&I contract to pump from a drain. The drain typically gets tail water from two landowners that are wheat farmers. The two landowners will be shutting off water soon and Mr. Lind would be without water for a month. Mr. Lind has requested he be allowed to divert water from a different location in order to get water during the month the other landowners are shut off. The Ditchrider has requested a letter from both of the landowners and approval from the Board. Manager Simpson reported from staff's standpoint it is possible. Following discussion, Director Clausen moved to allow temporary diversions as needed for Mr. Lind through his neighbor's turnout to his pond while the landowners are shutoff for this season contingent upon agreement from the neighboring landowners. Director Erickson seconded and the motion carried.

Other

President Johnson declared an executive session at 3:10 p.m. for approximately 50 minutes to discuss personnel performance. The meeting returned to regular session at 4:00 p.m.

Executive Session

Director Anderson moved to authorize a 2.0% increase to all non-bargaining unit employee wages with the exception of Nate Andreini who will receive a total of 7.3% increase, John McCourtie who will receive a total of 5% increase, Jed Crowther who will receive a total of 4% increase, Jamie Balliet who will receive a total of 4% increase, Wendy Lange who will receive a total of 5% increase and Rosa Dekker who will receive a total of 4% increase, all effective July 9, 2017. Director Clausen seconded and the motion carried with Director Erickson voting nay.

Non-Bargaining Unit Wages

At 4:05 p.m., there being no further business to come before the Board at that time, President Johnson continued the meeting to July 20<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. in the Boardroom of the District's main office.

Meeting Continued

  
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Secretary

MINUTES OF THE CONTINUED REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
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Manager Simpson reported at this time there is no agreement on WA State's capital budget. He reported the Supreme Court's ruling on the Hirst amendment is causing the stalemate between the House and Senate.

Update on WA  
Capital Budget

Assistant Manager Andreini presented NHC's scope of work to complete a surge analysis of the 8,500 acre EL47.5 delivery system in the amount of \$30,924.00. He reiterated the importance of this analysis to be able to maintain the possibility to deliver water in 2018 and recommended approval. Following discussion, Director Clausen moved to authorize NHC to perform a surge analysis of the 8,500 acre EL47.5 delivery system, in the amount of \$30,924.00. Director Anderson seconded and the motion carried with Director Erickson abstaining.

Authorize NHC  
Additional Surge  
Analysis

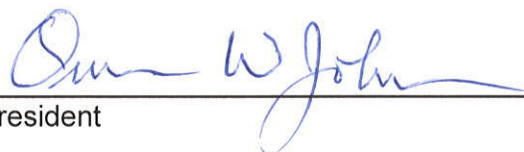
Assistant Manager McCourtie presented the following EL47.5 traveling screen metal quotes for Board consideration:

Award EL47.5  
Traveling Screen  
Metal Quote

Supplier	Item	Amount
Busby International	Steel Package	\$17,238.18
Moses Lake Steel	Steel Package	\$17,529.72
Pacific Steel & Recycling	Steel Package	\$18,594.90

Following discussion, Director Osborne moved to accept the quote from Busby International for EL47.5 traveling screen metal, in the amount of \$17,238.18 plus sales tax, as the lowest responsive quote. Director Clausen seconded and the motion carried.

At 10:45 a.m., there being no further business to come before the Board at that time, President Johnson adjourned the meeting.

  
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President

  
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