

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE
HEART MOUNTAIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT
December 08, 2015

The December regular meeting of the Heart Mountain Irrigation Districts Board of Commissioners was held at the Heart Mountain Irrigation District Office located at 1206 Road 18, Powell, Wyoming on Tuesday December 8, 2015. Commissioners present: Brian Duyck, Brad Ferguson, Scott Hecht, Travis Jackson and Pat Nelson. District employees in attendance were Randy Watts, Secretary Treasurer Tyler Weckler and absence by District Manager Gary Kellogg. Additional scheduled appearances were: Jerry Altermatt (Game & Fish), Brian Peters (Nature Conservancy) and Shane Trotter from Holm & Blough.

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by President Brian Duyck.

President Brian Duyck called for the reading of the minutes from the Regular Meeting of Commissioners held on November 10, 2015. Commissioner Travis Jackson made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2015 regular Meeting. Commissioner Scott Hecht seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Brian Duyck called for the reading of the minutes from the Special Meeting of Commissioners held on November 20, 2015. Commissioner Pat Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2015 Special Meeting. Commissioner Scott Hecht seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Brian Duyck called for the Treasurer's Report; a copy is attached to these minutes with revised assessment, excess and grazing permit figures.

Treasurer Tyler Weckler reported that after the payment of the bills presented, the O&M checking account will have a balance of \$204,689.24. The Money Market at Bank of Powell has a balance of \$227,921.29. Certificate of Deposit, #...951 at Bank of Powell has a balance of \$55518.41. Certificate of Deposit, #...952 at Bank of Powell has a balance of \$25188.03. The Certificate of Deposit at Big Horn Federal Savings has a balance of \$112529.63. The Certificate of Deposit at First Bank of Wyoming has a balance of \$388254.83. The New Equip MM at Bank of Powell has a balance of \$40,042.19. There is a total of \$689,310.70 in outstanding accounts receivable. As of October 13, 2015, there is a grand total of \$1,014,101.43 available in District funds. Treasurer Tyler Weckler reported that after the payment of bills to be presented, the O&M checking account had a total of \$204,689.24. Treasurer Tyler Weckler has contacted Auditor & Accountant James Seckman; James will be contacting the district to schedule a time to review the accounting ledger (QuickBooks) and reconcile. Commissioner Scott Hecht made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Pat Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Brian Duyck called for the review of unpaid bills in the amount of \$9,647.77. Review and discussion followed. Commissioner Pat Nelson made a motion to pay the current bills for a total amount of \$9,647.77 as presented. Commissioner Travis Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion was had on district's draft newsletter; preliminary topics were introduced by Commissioner Pat Nelson with concise draft due by district Treasurer.

President Brian Duyck called for District employee Randy Watts to begin discussion on outlined agenda. An overview of the ditchriders maintenance list was reviewed, identifying the top 5 repairs for each. District policy on MVR requirements for CDL, including costs, was evaluated. A new job cost allocation proposal was presented for commissioner's review as well as a fuel key accountability program. Discussions were had on feasibility of present agenda proposals and projections for CY 16 implementations.

Randy Watts spoke on R15. His field report provided observations on key infrastructure obstructions; coordination with Steve from Garland Light and power was authorized by commissioners. Accelerated R15 bid

proposals, triggered by an emergency situation referenced in November's special meeting, were reviewed by the board. Lengthy discussion of proposal reviews followed. Assessment concluded; Commissioner Travis Jackson made a motion to postpone the R15 project to allow adequate time for in-house consideration and/or fulfillment of a formal re-bid procedure. Commissioner Brad Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

President Brian Duyck opened the floor for the guest speakers Jerry Altremat, Brian Peters, and Shane Trotter, in outlining their proposed habitat improvement goal, the Eagles Nest Wetland Project. Following presentation described projects goals, not limited to, providing an outlet for "shock load" during an emergency spill situation and to mitigate excessive erosion within the creek. Discussions included preliminary designs, regulatory cooperation and district participation. District board president Brian Duyck initiated to reach out to the Bureau of reclamation. Commissioner Scott Hecht made a motion in authorizing the districts cooperation and release of documents which would assist in the development and planning of the Eagles Nest Wetlands Project. Brad Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Randy Watts provided a final update to his meetings with Kent White. Final discussion revived, current billing procedures are unilateral and consistent with Heart Mountain Rules & Regulations and By-Laws.

Commissioner Scott Hecht made a motion to go into executive session regarding employee issues. Pat Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

After inviting Randy Watts into the session, Commissioner Pat Nelson made a motion to come out of executive session. Travis Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Scott Hecht made a motion to appoint Randy Watts Interim manager for Heart Mountain Irrigation District. Brad Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Hearing no further business to come before the board, President Brian Duyck adjourned the November regular meeting of the Heart Mountain Irrigation District's Board of Commissioners at 12:10 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Brian Duyck, Board President

ATTEST:

Wix Tyler Weckler, Secretary Treasurer