

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE
HEART MOUNTAIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT
November 10, 2015

The November 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 November 10, 2015. Commissioners present: Brian Duyck, Travis Jackson, Scott Hecht and Brad Ferguson. Commissioners Absent: Pat Nelson. District employees in attendance were manager Gary Kellogg and Treasurer Tyler Weckler. Additional scheduled appearances were Kent White and wife.

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by President Brian Duyck.

Former Secretary-Treasurer Crystal Bennion was relieved of her duties on 26 October, 2015. Commissioner Scott Hecht made a motion for Wix Tyler Weckler to replace Crystal Bennion in becoming the new Heart Mountain Irrigation District Treasurer. Commissioner Brad Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Brian Duyck called for the Treasurer's Report; a copy is attached to these minutes

Treasurer Tyler Weckler reported that after the payment of the bills presented, the O&M checking account will have a balance of \$98,217.93. 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 \$55,518.41. Certificate of Deposit, #...952 at Bank of Powell has a balance of \$ 25,188.03. The Certificate of Deposit at Big Horn Federal Savings has a balance of \$112,529.63. The Certificate of Deposit at First Bank of Wyoming has a balance of \$ 388,254.83. The New Equip MM at Bank of Powell has a balance of \$40,042.19. There is a total of \$947,060.02 in outstanding accounts receivable. As of October 13, 2015, there is a grand total of \$947,672.31 available in District funds. Treasurer Tyler Weckler reported that after the payment of bills to be presented, the O&M checking account had a discrepancy between September and October treasurer reports. Treasurer Tyler Weckler will coordinate with Auditor & Accountant James Seckman in correcting this error by December board meeting. Commissioner Brad Ferguson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Travis Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Brian Duyck called for the review of unpaid bills in the amount of \$40,883.49. Review and discussion followed. Commissioner Travis Jackson made a motion to pay the current bills for a total amount of \$40,883.49 as presented. Commissioner Scott Hecht seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion was had regarding scheduled agenda meeting with Kent White. Kent is concerned about paying for the unilateral, tax levy requirement and specifically for water rights associated with his property. Original HMID infrastructure may have been moved by private landowners, disrupting flow of water from past head gate to Kent White's property. Kent also discussed his payment of a pump permit which is his current way of accessing irrigation water. President Brian Duyck, with the concurrence of present commissioners, noted more information will need to be gathered and final results will be contingent upon comprehensive collection of historic records.

Brief summary discussion of Kent White's concern concluded thereafter his appearance. Manager Gary Kellogg read aloud district file notes on hand. District by laws were then referenced, tentatively concluding the current billing practice for Kent White was correctly administered.

Manager Gary Kellogg presented the managers' report. Brief update provided on drain line at Eagles Nest; track hoe broke and currently under repair. R15 is scheduled to start the third week of November after positive consultations with Tim Miller.

A brief discussion regarding the proposed River Siphon joint seal packing replacement is to initially commit to one joint repair only. Afterwards, a review will be conducted of this repair and its associated cost in determining the feasibility of two additional joint repairs; Richards Construction is to conduct the first repair.

Manager Gary Kellogg presented options for the 2015 holiday/seasonal employee events; details are being worked by district manager.

Brief discussion on District Manager position, interview questions and wanted attributes and projected training timeframe. Manager Gary Kellogg suggested a district tour, tentatively set for November 18th.

Commissioner Hecht made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss employee issues. Brad Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Travis Jackson made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Commissioner Brad Ferguson seconded. Motion carried.

Manager Gary Kellogg noted the Sonar is week of November 16th.

Wetland project promoted by Fish and Game (Jerry Altraman) was discussed. Scope included building a series of three ponds on separate elevations and having alternative directional spill routes, possibly supplementing repairs on current HMID spill route. It was noted that this may also provide an avenue for federal funding.

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 10:50 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Brian Duyck, Board President

ATTEST:

Gary Kellogg, District Manager