

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE
HEART MOUNTAIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT
FEBRUARY 14, 2017

The February Annual Meeting of the Heart Mountain Irrigation Districts Board of Commissioners was held at the Mountain View Clubhouse, 1000 Road 18, Powell, Wyoming on February 14th, 2017. President Brian Duyck called the meeting to order at 9:03 am and introduced the Heart Mountain Irrigation District Board Members and the Employees of the Heart Mountain Irrigation District.

On a motion made by John Grover and seconded by Morgan Grover, it was moved that the President suspend with the calling of the roll stating that a quorum was present. Motion carried. A sign in sheet is attached to these minutes.

President Brian Duyck took a moment to thank the funding sponsors of the Annual Meeting. Funding for the donuts by James Seckman of Seckman accounting; coffee, juice and pop by Larry French of Farm Bureau; lunch by First Bank of Wyoming, Bank of Powell and Big Horn Federal Savings and furnished by Gestalt Studios.

President Brian Duyck introduced the Board of Commissioners and acknowledged the attending guests: James Seckman from Seckman accounting, Landis Webber from the state Engineers Office, Bryant & Lori Startin from Shoshone Irrigation District, Carlie Ronca with Bureau of Reclamation, Jacob Jarott with Park County Weed and Pest, district member Mike Forman, Attorney Mary Reed, engineering firm representatives from Engineering Associates (EA) and Sage Engineering.

President Brian Duyck acknowledged the loss of Mr. Gibb Mathers and asked for a moment of silence.

President Brian Duyck read the minutes from the 2016 Annual Meeting. Forrest Allen made a motion to approve the minutes from the 2016 annual meeting. Scott George seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Guest speaker Carlie Ronca was asked to present her Bureau of Reclamation report. Ms. Ronca briefly discussed seasonal fires which were suppressed using aerial 'Super Scooper' utilizing water in the Buffalo Bill Reservoir. Ms. Ronca continued with statistical data from the Bureau including a snowpack report which was 147% of median, reservoir conditions were above average, storage capacity above a 24 year average and an update on the new 25 year contract agreement with state parks to manage recreations. A landowner asked about the silt conditions and effects on the dam. Ms. Ronca noted the dam was raised and is an oversized reservoir; there should be no silt issues that will affect the districts. After the report, the Board of Commissioners thanked Ms. Ronca for her time.

President Brian Duyck called upon Secretary/Treasurer Tyler Weckler to give the annual treasurers report. Tyler Weckler went through the 2016 Annual Treasurer Report, the 5 year historic data, current assessment and water service contract charges. Landowner Arley George made a motion to approve the treasurers' report. Suzanne Peters seconded the motion; motion passed. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.

President Brian Duyck called upon Mr. James Seckman to give the Annual Audit Report. Mr. Seckman conducted the districts audit; his assessment concluded the district is meeting general standards, compliant with laws and regulations. Mr. Seckman discussed the statement of revenue and expenses identifying operation expenses and wages were up from prior years. Mr. Seckman reviewed the districts total assets and depreciation there in, grant funding, long term debt and pension plans. A full copy of his analysis is filed at the district office and available upon request. The Board of Commissioners thanked Mr. Seckman for his financial analysis.

Mr. Forman was asked to provide his lobbying report addressing upcoming House and Senate Bills that can affect the local farming communities. Mr. Forman read some 2017 general session bills, highlights included discussion on H.B. 218 & 219 (driver license and vehicle registration fee increases), H.B. 230. (Hemp farming) and H.B. 82 (local sales tax options). Mr. Forman was thanked by the Board of Commissioners for his report.

President Brian Duyck asked the districts new weed spray pesticide applicator Laura Shipley to provide her weed control report. This was the third and final season for Jody Oliver as the Districts weed spray applicator, with Laura Shipley training as her replacement. The main season duration totaled 2.5 months with 43 days spraying vs. 57 in 2015. This year's spray season was delayed due to windy conditions in the month of May. June set the stage for plants hardening quickly with above average temps and below average precipitation. Ms. Shipley provided a phone number to call if anyone suspected any chemical resistant weed species. The board thanked Ms. Shipley for her report and Jody Oliver for her service.

President Brian Duyck continued the meeting and invited guest speaker Bronson Smith from Powell Shoshone FFA to speak. Mr. Smith discussed the new agricultural facility and their new superintendent; he noted increased livestock numbers within his work with the auctions for the Powell High School commons. The Board thanked Mr. Smith for his time.

President Brian Duyck asked speaker Jacob Jarratt with the University of Wyoming Extension Office to give his presentation. Mr. Jarratt spoke about new Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations and provided packets showing guidelines and checklist for potential EPA enforcement. Mr. Jarratt discussed how these regulations affect the district, size exemptions and personal landowner requirements for weed and pest applications. The Board thanked Mr. Jarratt for his time.

President Brian Duyck called on District Manager Randy Watts to present his managers' report. Mr. Watts began by showing current employees and staffing changes. Mr. Watts continued the slide presentation by updating the landowners on the three Wyoming Water Development Commission (WWDC) project grant applications; H41, North Alkali Creek and Alkali Creek Pick-up. These project applications are being submitted to WWDC.

Subsequent slides, displayed photos of work completed on the Ralston Lateral 15 pipeline project. This project is the first in using 72" steel lined poly pipe in the Big Horn Basin. Due to pipe size and depth requirements, water levels being pumped around the clock.

Mr. Watts continued with discussions on the Rattlesnake Liner. After EA's Executive Summary options were reviewed by the Board, the District manager coordinated with WWDC who agreed to allocate \$18,000 in additional funding to revise the Executive Summary. General landowner concerns and questions continued in regards to funding, maintenance, and addressing the worst sections at the top of the liner. The District manager located a new product to address maintenance concerns while the executive summary is being reworked. It is a polyurea coating to seal cracks, voids and joints on the liner and deliveries throughout the district.

Landowner Kelly Sperring made a motion to buy a plastic coating machine to seal and fix the cracks. Landowner Lyle Evelo seconded this motion. President Brian Duyck asked for discussion; more discussion followed. After discussions all were in favor; motion passed. More meetings were to be had when the executive summary revisions from E.A. were completed.

Mr. Watts continued with a general reminder for landowners to keep waste ditches cleared this coming season. The next topic for the managers' report was an update on the 5th and Final Enlargement of the District, mapping and digitizing currently being conducted in-house. Ms. Shipley discussed progress with ongoing ArcGIS digitizing line work of the district. Mr. Landis Webber interjected and answered questions about direct flow rights and addressed increased CFS due to adjudications.

President Brian Duyck thanked the District Manager for his report. The Board President introduced the District's attorney, Mary Reed who was asked about district liability. Mrs. Reed addressed this concern noting HMID is similar to other government entities covered by the Governmental Claims Act; a section of the state statute that protects districts, having strict requirements for lawsuits and limits the districts liability. The Board of Commissioners thanked the district attorney for her time.

President Brian Duyck asked for any new business. With no new business presented, meeting went to elections.

President Brian Duyck called for the nominations for election of Commissioner for District 3. The president asked for any nominations from the floor. David Johnson moved to nominate Travis Jackson for commissioner of District 3. President Brian Duyck asked for any other nominations or to entertain the motion. Becky Zercher seconded the motion to nominate Travis Jackson for District 3; all in favor to elect Travis Jackson.

Vice President Pat Nelson continued with the elections for commissioner nominations in District 4. Vice President Pat Nelson opened the floor for nominations of District 4. Tak Ogawa entertained the nomination of Brian Duyck. Vice President Pat Nelson asked for any other nominations or to entertain the motion. Gary Fulton seconded the motion; motion passed all in favor to elect Brian Duyck as Commissioner of District 4.

President Brian Duyck adjourned the meeting at 12:06 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Brian Duyck, Board President

ATTEST:

Wix Tyler Weckler, Secretary Treasurer