

Deer Creek Irrigation District

Minutes of the May 17, 2021

Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Monday, May 17, 2021

Time: 5:00 P.M.

Place: Vina Elementary School Auditorium

Directors Present: Keith Bentz, John Edson, Sue Knox, Linda Pitter

Directors Absent: Phil Sunseri

The meeting was called to order by Board president Keith Bentz

The minutes of the April 12, 2021 meeting were presented by District Secretary Susan Edson. Director Pitter moved to approve the minutes. Director Knox seconded. All Directors voted to approve the minutes as read.

The minutes of the May 10, 2021 special board meeting were presented by District Secretary Susan Edson. Director Edson moved to approve the minutes. Director Pitter seconded. All Directors voted to approve the minutes as read.

Treasurer Susan Edson reported that there was \$183,303.55 in the District checking account. President Bentz asked for further comments or questions on the financial information prepared for the meeting, but received none.

President Bentz reported that Department of Fish and Wildlife had requested a pulse flow on Thursday, May 13, 2021 to begin on Friday, May 14, 2021 through Sunday, May 16, 2021. The pulse flows use the entire creek saving about 3 to 4 cfs for livestock. It is unclear whether there will be another pulse flow this coming weekend (May 21, 2021). President Bentz reported that he and the president of Stanford Vina Ranch Irrigation Company sent a proposal to representatives from the State Water Board and fisheries agencies to negotiate acceptable by pass flows and payment terms of behalf of the district and SVRIC. There has been not response as of yet.

President Bentz reported that Trout Unlimited is still working on the wording on the grants for the Headgates and the Facilities improvement so there is no action to be taken at this time.

Director Knox reported that there would be an election in November and the county elections office would be sending to the District Secretary the papers by the end of May. There was a lengthy discussion as to what it would take to be able to seat Jeff Rabo on the DCID board. Currently there is a discrepancy as to whether or not his house resides in the district. The Board

had worked with Senator Jim Nielsen's office to get the rules changed so that you did not have to live in the district to be seated on the board. Due to COVID 19 it was tabled. The next time it can be brought before the California Senate is in 2022.

President Bentz reported that the district was now a member of CSDA and that the board members are able to avail themselves to the services provided by them. President Bentz reported that this is for board members and officers only.

There was a lengthy discussion on prevailing wage and how it relates to DCID. The threshold is \$1,000 and after that prevailing wage must be paid. Attorney Cho said that the rules have become more strict beginning in January 2021. You can not break the projects into chunks in order to prevent paying prevailing wage.

Watermaster Shawn Pike gave to the board a tentative water rotation schedule in the event of water rationing. He said, "This is currently a work in progress."

Ditch tender Melvin Quezada gave a report on repairs that need to be made to the district. He reported that the north main ditch needed about five to six feet of ditch repair. He stated that he would need two to three yards of crushed rock, sand and about 15 square feet of cement. He reported that he had checked with several contractors and they were booked up for quite a while. He stated he would be able to do the work with some additional help. The root bound pipe that delivers water to Gene Amato has been cleared enough to get water through for this irrigation season but definitely needs to be repaired or replaced.

The adoption of a district budget was postponed until the next meeting so that Watermaster Pike can give the board costs for district ditch repairs.

Director Knox presented to the board for their review the subcommittees recommendations to identify the Watermaster responsibilities. No action was taken.

Director Pitter moved for the district to purchase two district laptops. One laptop would be for the Ditch Tender and the other for the District Secretary. Director Knox seconded the motion. All Directors approved the purchase.

Director Knox made a motion for the district to sell the two district dump trucks and a pickup since they are no longer used by the district. Director Edson seconded the motion. All Directors approved the motion. Director Edson stated that he would look into selling the excess equipment at an auction.

Public Meeting Comments

Ellen Stephens requested that establishing District By-Laws be put on the agenda for the next Board meeting. She also shared the results of her Survey Monkey.

With there being no further business before the board the meeting was adjourned.

Susan Edson

Secretary

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