



AGENDA
HUNTLEY PROJECT IRRIGATION DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Main Office

June 12, 2024

7:30 p.m.

- I. Approval of Minutes
- II. Approval of Warrants
- III. Treasurers Report
- IV. Manager's Report



HUNTLEY PROJECT IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 12, 2024

7:30 p.m.

The Huntley Project Irrigation District held the regular board meeting at its main office on June 12, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

Present at the meeting was, President, Cody Kuntz, Vice President, Justin Hein. Commissioners, Mark Fox, and John Mahan. Manager, Travis Kamp, Secretary/Treasurer, Sandra Rush, and Assistant Manager, Mark Strobbe. Also present was Landowner, Kay McCloy and Yellowstone County Commissioner, Mark Morse.

Minutes

Cody called the meeting to order. The meeting minutes from May 8, 2024, were reviewed. With no questions or comments being brought forward, John Mahan motioned to accept the minutes as they were read. Mark Fox 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Warrants & Stockman Bank Debit card.

Warrant numbers 79029633 – 79029716 & the debit card charges on the Stockman Bank account were reviewed. Cody asked why the property insurance went up so much for the year, Sandra said they increased our cyber security on our policy, and this added several thousand to the annual cost but, said that she received an invoice from Marsh McLennan for a \$1,200.00 credit for the removal of 4 vehicles that we sold recently. With no other questions or comments being brought forward, Justin Hein motion to accept the warrants & the Stockman bank debit card purchases. Mark Fox 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report

Sandra presented the monthly budget variance report and said the income shown reflects the latest trial balance received dated 4/30/2024. A total of \$30,107.22 was received in assessments. Interest earned in all accounts combined totals \$12,421.50. Sandra said she deposited a total of \$929,099.55 this month into the O&M Main cash account. \$3,438.05 in the sale of surplus water, \$2,161.50 in payments for pipe &



headgates, \$500k in ARPA funding toward the Riverbank Stabilization Project & \$423,500.00 in encroachment fees collected from Nemont & Spectrum. Sandra said the excess funds need to be transferred out of the O&M Main Cash account but asked the Board to take into consideration the amount of unbudgeted expense the O&M main cash account had absorb towards the projects that these awarded funds were gained. Justin Hein motioned to transfer the \$463,500.00 from encroachment fees & 250k of the 500k from ARPA funding to the Infrastructure account. Mark Fox 2nd the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager's Report

Travis said Spectrum is due to start construction of their fiber optic this coming week. Nemont has been approved through the BOR, so he expects construction to begin with them soon as well. The Engineer working with the Huntley Water Dept contacted Travis wanting to drill some wells. They have contacted BOR.

Travis said he was able to locate the bearings, chains & shafts for the screens locally, and said the cost difference is half of what we are being charged by IWS. Travis said that on average, we are spending anywhere from 40 – 60k every 3-4 years on these screens. There was discussion among the Board and Travis regarding ways to increase the durability of the screens so they will take the debris that comes into the canal, without causing major damage to them. The Board decided to go forward with purchasing the bearings and other materials locally and then take them to Kemble's Creative Welding to have them put together. They all believe that Brad Kembel will beef these up enough to take the debris that runs into our screens. Travis said he had gained several quotes on the spray bar pumps from different businesses and showed the Commissioners several different quotes he had received.

Pumps are doing well; we will pull them out in the fall.

Backhoe needs attention. Approximately 2-3k in parts for repairs needed. Our crew will do the repair work.

Loader needs attention, would like to have BJ Tucker take a look it. Commissioners said that would be fine.

Spraying is going well. Rick & Carlos are out there spraying ditches in the morning and noxious weeds in the afternoon.

Having an issue with more and more fences & structures being placed on our ROW's. Travis said this is making it impossible for the crew to take the necessary equipment down to maintain our laterals when needed. Travis and Sandra think a mass mailout to each water user explaining the Rules & Regs and the requirements of our ROW's would be beneficial. We have so many newcomers out here and they are not being informed by their realtors of the Rules & Regs. Justin asked Sandra is it possible to be able to send a letter out when a new tax ID is noticed or when a property is sold? Sandra said that can be done as we update our database every 3 months with the County but reiterated the need to do a mass mailout now to the current owners. She said she would also send this letter out every 3 months to any new tax ID's and to



any new owners seen on the database. The Commissioners concurred and said to move forward with a mass mailout.

Travis showed the Board a quote for the wench in the pumphouse. Performance Engineering agreed to pay for the wench, and we will do the installation.

Going to need to purchase more culverts as we have been replacing many.

Landowner Issues

Ted Sherman came before the Board and presented a letter stating an issue he has been having with a drain that runs through his property. He stated that in years past, his brother leveled their field and afterwards the sitting Board at that time, requested that a 90° angled turn out be placed on the lateral. He said this turn out washes out when his neighbors are irrigating each and every year and causes water to seep into his place. Travis said this is a drain causing the issues and we are not sure if this drain is our responsibility or not at this time, but he will go out and look at it closer and check to see if this drain has gone through three farm units. Travis told Ted if it has, and this is our responsibility to maintain, then we will schedule this with maintenance and fix it.

With no other issues being brought forward, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes are transcribed and respectfully submitted by:

Sandra Rush - Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By/Title: Cody Kuntz – President

Date: 07/10/2024