**Hermiston Irrigation District**

**Board of Directors**

#### July 11, 2024

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Findley called the July Regular Board Meeting of the Hermiston Irrigation District Board of Directors to order at 4:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Business Manager Nash recorded all in attendance. Present at the meeting were Directors Bryan Allstott, Ian Findley, Steve Wallace, and Bryon Zumwalt; District Manager Annette Kirkpatrick; Field Manager Wyatt Cleaver; Business Manager Sonia Nash; Water Rights Specialist/CSR Karra Van Fossen; and Bureau of Reclamation Umatilla Field Office Manager Chet Sater. Director Jeremy Bolen was not in attendance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**GUESTS:** Umatilla Field Office Manager Chet Sater did not have anything to bring to the Board.

**NEW AGENDA ITEMS TO CONSIDER:** None

**MINUTES:** The Board reviewed the minutes of the June 13, 2024 Regular Board Meeting. Director Zumwalt moved to approve the minutes as presented. Director Allstott seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & VOUCHERS:** The Board reviewed and approved the June 2024 Profit & Loss Report and Check Voucher Report. The Board reviewed and approved the accounts payable receipts and Bank Statements. Business Manager Nash gave a report of the District’s financial standing.

Business Manager Nash advised the Board that collection calls were made today, June 13, 2024 and that there remains approximately $59,253.79 in outstanding account receivables, with $8,254.47 of that remaining from previous years.

Karra Van Fossen arrived at 4:10 p.m.

**FIELD MANAGER’S REPORT:** Field Manager Cleaver reported to the Board that the Field Crew members have been conducting regular maintenance, treating for algae & pond weed, spraying & mowing, responding to patron phone calls and/or issues, piezometers, meter reading, and minor repairs throughout the District.

Field Manager Cleaver reported to the Board that on July 3, 2024 at approximately 6:00 am, Diego Gonzalez received a message about a leak on the R-Line. Gonzalez notified the Field Manager, who notified the District Manager. When we went out to inspect the leak, we found that there was a small hole in the top of the R-Line pipe in Alan Blackburn’s field located near the corner of Ott and Hooker Rds. The water was spraying up and out towards Ottmar’s irrigation pond. Field Manager Cleaver instructed crews to turn down the A-Line and R-Line, mobilize equipment, and prepare to make repairs once the water went down in that line. The line was drained that night and repaired the next morning, July 4th. The boards were removed on July 5th, and the line was restored the morning of July 6th. This line is a 100+ year old concrete pipe. Possible causes of the break are that it is an old pipe that is close to the surface, the pipe may have had repairs made in this location in the past, and/or a farmer disced over the top of the pipe and the pipe needs more cover. There was no damage to crop or property.

District Manager Kirkpatrick reported to the Board that the L-Line roll tub has a brush around it and that part of it was torn off and allowed pond weed and algae to be sucked into and go down the line that was causing a lot of issues for patrons and the District.

District Manager Kirkpatrick asked the Board if they had been hearing anything from patrons in their divisions. Director Zumwalt stated he had 1 patron on the new delivery by the Maxwell Pump Station that stated he wasn’t receiving enough water from the 2” supply line that was placed during the project. District Manager Kirkpatrick and Field Manager Cleaver reported they had spoken to that particular patron and he has been running water, the other two patrons on that same line have not been having issues or contacted the District.

District Manager Kirkpatrick reported to the Board that HID has started a beneficial use program that Water Rights Specialist Karra Van Fossen has begun on the A-Line and will be sending out letters to non-scheduled flood irrigators to assist the District on having better water management.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Nothing to bring to the Board.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**COMMUNITY COUNSELING SOLUTIONS:** District Manager Kirkpatrick reported to the Board that Matt Bergstrom, Chief Operating Officer of Community Counseling Solutions, approached the District to inquire about the possibility of purchasing approximately 10 acres of land from HID. The property, 4N2809 400, is located along Linda Ave and currently is licensed to the City of Hermiston for the Disc Golf Course. The License Agreement with the City of Hermiston expires April 20, 2027. After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that HID is not interested in selling the property at this time. District Manager Kirkpatrick stated she would let Matt Bergstrom know.

**NON-ACTION ITEMS**

**FEMA-MAXWELL PUMP STATION AND PIPELINE PROJECT:** District Manager Kirkpatrick reported to the Board that she has submitted a Reimbursement request to OEM for the Maxwell Pump Station Contract Services in the amount of $2,156,381 and will continue to work through the accounting for FEMA projects. OEM has requested back-up to the IRZ statements. IRZ expects to get that back-up to HID this week.

District Manager Kirkpatrick also reported to the Board that G6 has received the module that will connect the Maxwell Pump Station to the BOR Hydromet system. BOR and OWRD need to have the flow rate from the pump station to accurately account for the water that HID is taking as live flow from the Umatilla River through the Maxwell Diversion. G6 will coordinate with BOR crew members to get this module installed. HID is also requesting that they see if an alarm can be added to the module that will notify an HID manager in the event that the pump station shuts down.

**BANNER BANK EXTENDED LINE OF CREDIT:** District Manager Kirkpatrick reported to the Board that Banner Bank has approved HID’s Line of Credit Extension. The updated termination date is December 31, 2024.

**WATERSHED PLAN-EA NRCS/FCA WORK:** District Manager Kirkpatrick reported to the Board that FCA continues to meet with interested parties, work on cultural resources, and engineering of the B-Line Piping Project.

**CTUIR FEDERAL TRIBAL WATER RIGHT SETTLEMENT:** District Manger Kirkpatrick reported to the Board that HID has requested and is still waiting for the full Draft Settlement Language. Once the full settlement language is received, then HID will proceed with negotiations.

**THEATER LANE LAND SALE:** District Manager Kirkpatrick reported to the Board that there has been no movement on this matter. The sale is scheduled to close on October 26, 2024.

**MANAGER’S REPORT:** District Manager Kirkpatrick went through the calendar of events with the Board as listed on the agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, Director Allstott moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m. Director Zumwalt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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Chairman Recording Secretary