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WICKIUP WATER DISTRICT

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Monthly Board Meeting May 10, 2023

Commissioners Present: James Purdy, Gayle Leino, and Rodney Bloom. Brad Salisbury and Lauren Harms were absent (excused).

Employees Present: Michelle Bolton and Dan Waterbury

Community Members / Guests: Carol Trotter was present. In addition, Knappa High School Students: Aaron Fuller, Everett Rainey, Cody Nicholson, Dakota Nicholson, Savannah Mayes, Isa Simmons, and Seamus Elfering were also present.

The monthly board meeting of Wickiup Water District was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the district office by the president, James Purdy.

Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes:

Jim read the minutes from the April meeting. Gayle made a **Motion** to approve the meeting minutes as written. Rodney seconded the motion. **Vote:** Unanimous in favor; **Motion carried.**

Reports of Accidents, Sickness or Death: None

Financial Report:

Gayle gave the treasurer's report. That report and the list of monthly bills are attached hereto and made part of the permanent record. **Motion** was made by Gayle to pay to the bills as presented; Rodney seconded. **Vote:** Unanimous in favor; **Motion carried.**

District Manager's Report:

Michelle presented the district manager's report, a copy of which is attached. The report summarized the meeting with the engineer from Civil West, as well as reminding everyone of the budget process.

DRC / Maintenance Report:

Dan presented the maintenance report. A copy of the report is attached and made part of the permanent record.

Old Business:

Old business was addressed in either the district manager and/or maintenance supervisor's report.

New Business:

As more fully set forth in the district manager's report, Dan Vaage, an engineer from Civil West Engineers, met with district staff regarding a review of the feasibility study prepared by Curran-McLeod. His report is attached. As indicated in his report, he feels additional resources need to be investigated before formalizing things with Hampton and proceeding with building a 400 ft. dam. His firm is contracted by the Oregon Health Authority to provide circuit rider and engineering assistance. He indicated funds could be requested from the Oregon Health Authority for additional assistance and research and he would be moving forward with that request.

The 2023-2024 budget has been approved by the budget committee. As part of approving the budget, the committee recommended the board consider a rate increase to cover the cost of inflation and rising prices. The budget meeting will take place prior to the board meeting on June 14, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

Public Comment:

The KHS students indicated that a requirement to graduate was that they had to attend a public meeting. There were some discussions about the differences between special districts and other types of water districts, such as associations as well as the need for an additional water source for the district. The board and staff answered any questions the students had.

Carol Trotter asked if it was possible for a leaking faucet to use 10 to 13,000 gallons of water in a month. Dan indicated that it is very possible.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

James Purdy, President

Respectfully submitted:

Lauren Harms, Secretary