

# Minutes of the Regular Meeting held by the Board of Directors Big Lost River Irrigation District, Butte and Custer Counties February 2nd, 2021 at 2:00 P.M.

Board Members Present: Chairman Byron Pehrson; Vice Chair Darrell Lee McDonald; Secretary-Treasurer Mark Roberts; Max Bingham;

Employees: Lucas Yockey, Kristin Johnson

Guests: Mike Telford, Alvin Wheeler, Harvey Walker, Larry Quist, Jay Jensen, Jace Thacker, Steve Hadley, Mark Telford, Ryan Telford, Chris Parkinson, and Craig Parkinson

The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman, Byron Pehrson at 1:55 p.m.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) A motion was made by Darrell Lee McDonald; seconded by Mark Roberts, to approve the minutes of the January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 regular board meeting minute, the January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 special meeting minutes, and the January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 special meeting minutes. Motion passed.
- 2) A motion was made by Mark Roberts; seconded by Max Bingham, to approve the January 2021 check register/deposit detail. Motion passed.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Reservoir: 59.86% compacity, Inflow is 158, Release 98, Gates are shut, Impounding about a 1/3 of a percent a day.
- 2) Tim Axford NWS- Gave monthly winter forecast via phone conference and in-office handout. With last storm system snow/water equivalent went from 55% of normal to 75% of normal.
- 3) Alvin Wheeler was nominated by Max Bingham to be appointed to the BLRID Board of Directors. A motion was made by Max Bingham; seconded by Darrell Lee McDonald, to appoint Alvin Wheeler to the BLRID Board of Directors. Motion passed. Alvin Wheeler took the oath of office, and will serve a one-year term.
- 4) Rotation Credit- An update was given by Lucas Yockey, Byron Pehrson, and Max Bingham on the Rotation Credit Hearing that was held. There will be future hearings on this topic.
- 5) Dam Project Funding- The contract to hire Dave Tuthill was discussed, as well as the need to have a Public Investigation (PI) done in order to be eligible for certain grants. A motion was made by Darrell Lee McDonald; seconded by Max Bingham, to approve and sign the Tuthill contract, and to move forward with the PI. Motion passed.
- 6) ICRMP- Meeting Limitations- Byron Pehrson led a discussion on possible ways to limit the amount of time meeting attendees had to speak in order to shorten meeting length. He listed the suggestions given to him by ICRMP on the matter. Topic was tabled until the next scheduled board meeting.
- 7) Arco Diversion Lateral Pipeline Association Easements- With the Board's permission Mike Telford gave an update on the topics discussed at the meetings the Munsey Users, and the Arco Users have held. A draft of a proposed contract between BLRID and the Arco Diversion Lateral Pipeline Association to line the Eastside, Island, and Arco canals was handed out and discussed. A motion was made by Darrell Lee McDonald; seconded by Max Bingham, to allow the Arco Diversion Lateral Pipeline Association to move forward with the lining of the Eastside, Island, and Arco canals, pending approval of the contract by BLRID, and that BLRID is not obligating itself until said contract is approved. Motion passed.

- 8) Canal Status- All canals are snowed in.
- 9) To-Do List- Ongoing
- 10) Executive Session – Statute 74-206 (1) None

Adjournment: There being no further business for consideration a motion was made to adjourn by Max Bingham; seconded by Darrel Lee McDonald. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m. Next Meeting: March 2nd, 2021. Approved minutes can be downloaded from the website: [www.blrid.com](http://www.blrid.com). All meetings are recorded.

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_ Byron Pehrson, Chairman

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