

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held by the Board of Directors Big Lost River Irrigation District, Butte and Custer Counties April 6th, 2021 at 2:00 P.M.

Board Members Present: Chairman Byron Pehrson; Vice Chair Darrell Lee McDonald; Secretary-Treasurer Mark Roberts; Max Bingham; Alvin Wheeler
Employees: Lucas Yockey, & Kristin Johnson
Guests: Mike Telford, Larry Quist, Craig Parkinson, Chris Parkinson, Jake Jolley, Pinky and James Landon
The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman, Byron Pehrson at 1:50 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) A motion was made by Darrell Lee McDonald; seconded by Alvin Wheeler, to approve the minutes of the March 2nd, 2021 regular board meeting, and March 10th, 2021 special meeting minutes. Motion passed.
- 2) A motion was made by Mark Roberts; seconded by Max Bingham, to approve the March 2021 check register/deposit detail. Motion passed.

Lucas Yockey proposed an amendment to the agenda moving line-item number 1 to item number 13 to allow for time sensitive conference calls.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Link Crawford NWS- Link gave a weather/precipitation forecast via phone conference and in-office handouts. Snow/water equivalent is showing 61% of normal, and 4 SNOTEL sites are showing 55-59% of normal.
- 2) Rick Scott with McMillen Jacobs Associates- Gave a presentation using Teams to discuss and show different options researched by their company to repair the Mackay Dam. His report also included estimated pricing for each option. The BLRID board held off making a decision on which construction option to choose at this time, but will go over all options and information given by Mr. Scott. A special meeting will be called for further discussion and decision making.
- 3) Jesse Fullmer NRCS- Discussion was led by Jesse Fullmer on the importance of having plans and agreements in place before funding is asked for so the projects can be reviewed and the application can be processed smoothly. He stated that doing so would potentially bring more money into the valley for water projects, and would decrease missed opportunities.
- 4) Thresa Landon Trust/James Landon Trustee Opt-out- There was a motion made by Max Bingham; seconded by Mark Roberts, to approve Landon's request to exclude his land from BLRID. Motion passed.
- 5) Marc Babcock- Discussion was held via phone call with Mr. Babcock regarding acreage he is assessed for.
- 6) Jake Jolley- Presented a Canal Modification Agreement on behalf of the Burnett Water Users Association. The agreement will give the Burnett Water User Association permission to modify lined section and pursue canal lining in the Burnett Canal. A motion was made by Darrell Lee McDonald; seconded by Mark Roberts, to approve and sign the Canal Modification Agreement between BLRID and the Burnett Users Association. Vote was as follows: Alvin Wheeler- abstained, Max Bingham- abstained, Darrell Lee McDonald- yes, Mark Roberts- yes, Byron Pehrson- yes. Motion passed.

- 7) Rob Sampson- Byron gave an update on status on funding for hiring Rob Sampson.
 - 8) Jay Jensen Request to Cross Waterway- Motion was made by Max Bingham; seconded by Alvin Wheeler, to approve Jay Jensen's request to cross waterway. Motion passed.
 - 9) Don Baxter Request to Cross Waterway- Motion was made by Max Bingham; seconded by Alvin Wheeler, to approve Don Baxter's request to cross waterway. Motion passed.
 - 10) Rick Mauthe 2 Requests to Cross Waterway- Motion was made by Darrell Lee McDonald; seconded by Max Bingham, to approve both of Rick Mauthe's requests to cross waterways. Motion passed.
 - 11) Abbreviated Reach (Arco Diversion Lateral Pipeline Association Agreement Amendment)- Darrell Lee McDonald voiced some concerns he had with some of the language in the agreement pertaining to the abbreviated reach. Mike Telford also voiced some concerns about wording pertaining to the time frame in which the work will be done. Lucas will submit the new language to Mike Telford so he can present it to the Arco Diversion Lateral Pipeline Association for approval.
 - 12) Terry Pettet Opt-Out- A motion was made by Mark Roberts; seconded by Max Bingham, to approve Terry Pettet's request to exclude his land from BLRID. Motion passed.
 - 13) Reservoir- 72%, Inflow- 158, Release- 108, It is taking just over 7 days to gain 1%. Allocation will need to be done in the next few weeks so the crew can flush canals.
 - 14) Canal Status- Crew is back working, and cleaning canals. Lucas started a discussion on the benefits of installing an automated headgate on the Moore Canal. The cost of doing so was presented to the board. A motion was made by Max Bingham; seconded by Darrell Lee McDonald to approve Lucas's request to install said headgate in Moore. Motion passed.
 - 15) To-Do-List- Lucas updated the BLRID Board on the ongoing to-do-list.
- 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 Darrell Lee McDonald. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m. Next Meeting: May 4th, 2021. Approved minutes can be downloaded from the website: www.blrid.com. All meetings are recorded.

ATTEST:

_____ Byron Pehrson, Chairman

_____ Mark Roberts, Secretary-Treasurer