

# Minutes of the Regular Meeting held by the Board of Directors Big Lost River Irrigation District, Butte and Custer Counties August 3rd, 2021 at 2:00 P.M.

Board Members Present: Chairman Byron Pehrson; Vice Chairman Darrell Lee McDonald; Max Bingham; & Alvin Wheeler  
Employees: Lucas Yockey, & Kristin Johnson  
Guests: Mike Telford, Hadley Clark, Don Cain, Tom Darland, Steve Hadley, Randy Pehrson

The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman, Byron Pehrson at 1:57 p.m.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) A motion was made by Darrell Lee McDonald; seconded by Max Bingham, to approve the minutes of the July 6th, 2021 regular board meeting. Motion passed.
- 2) A motion was made by Max Bingham; seconded by Alvin Wheeler, to approve the July 2021 check register/deposit detail. Motion passed.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Reservoir- 3.72% compacity, Inflow- 146cfs, Release- 143cfs. The gates on the head house will be inspected this fall while they are out of the water and easy to access.
- 2) Canal Status- River was broken from Moore down on 7/26/2021. Active canals are as follows: Sharp, Swauger, Darlington, and Beck. Burnett is off.
- 3) Appoint BLRID Secretary/Treasurer- A motion was made by Darrell Lee McDonald; seconded by Byron Pehrson, to appoint Max Bingham as the BLRID Secretary Treasurer.
- 4) Board of Corrections- Kristin Johnson asked the board when to schedule the Board of Corrections. Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 was the date decided on.
- 5) Josh Felton Request to Cross Waterway- A motion was made by Max Bingham; seconded by Alvin Wheeler, to approve the Request to Cross Waterway for Josh Felton. Motion passed.
- 6) Don Cain Account Issues- Byron Pehrson led a discussion on Don Cain's land. It was determined that the Cain land, which was a rail road right-of-way and not included in the BLRID when it was formed, would have to have the vote of the patrons to annex into the district. It was also stated that decree water could be used in conjunction with a transport agreement, but no storage water could be used.
- 7) Mike Telford River Maintenance- Telford voice concerns he has with the river shrink, and the cleaning of debris out of the river. The BLRID board informed Mr. Telford that we are not permitted to go into the river for any kind of cleaning or debris removal. There are permits through IDWR that can be obtained for such work, but they are difficult to procure. Mr. Telford stated that he would like to research the topic further, and would like it to be placed back on the agenda for September.
- 8) Mike Telford Transport Agreement- Discussion was held on the water rights that are listed in Mike Telford's transport agreement. Mr. Telford stated to the board that all rights are listed as they should be and that no revision was needed. Darrell Lee McDonald stated that the issue was with the diversion rates on the transport agreement and that, regardless of the water rights listed, the amount of water transported would not exceed those diversion rates.

- 9) Storage Water Transfers- A motion was made by Darrell Lee McDonald; seconded by Max Bingham, to approve all Storage Water Transfers. Motion passed.
- 10) To-Do List- Lucas gave an update on the on-going to-do list. Byron Pehrson brought an issue to the Board's attention regarding culverts that have been placed in the Sutter Ditch without permission from BLRID.
- 11) Executive Session – Statute 74-206 (1)- None

Adjournment: There being no further business for consideration a motion was made to adjourn by Darrell Lee McDonald; seconded by Alvin Wheeler. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m. Next Meeting: September 7th, 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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