

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held by the Board of Directors Big Lost River Irrigation District, Butte and Custer Counties September 7th, 2021 at 2:00 P.M.

Board Members Present: Chairman Byron Pehrson; Vice Chairman Darrell Lee McDonald; Secretary/Treasurer Max Bingham; & Alvin Wheeler

Employees: Lucas Yockey, & Kristin Johnson

Guests: Hadley Clark, Tom Darland, Steve Hadley, Craig Parkinson, Jace Thacker

The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman, Byron Pehrson at 2:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) A motion was made by Darrell Lee McDonald; seconded by Max Bingham, to approve the minutes of the August 3rd, 2021 regular board meeting. Motion passed.
- 2) A motion was made by Max Bingham; seconded by Alvin Wheeler, to approve the August 2021 check register/deposit detail. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Reservoir- Holding steady at 3% compacity, Inflow- 116cfs, Release- 122cfs. There was discussion held on the inspection of the bottom gate which is still 2/3 underwater. Lucas voiced concerns about bringing the water level down far enough to get the gate out of the water to inspect. The board supported his decision to withhold inspection on said gate.
- 2) Canal Status/Byron Pehrson End of Darlington Canal- Active canals are still as follows: Sharp, Swauger, Darlington, and Beck. Burnett is off. There is also cleaning being done on the Arco end of canals that are not in use. Byron Pehrson led a discussion on the ending of the Darlington Canal. There are issues pertaining to where the Pivotrac measuring device is placed, where cleaning ends, and that the last user doesn't have a measuring devise. There was a motion made by Darrell Lee McDonald; seconded by Alvin Wheeler, to move the Pivotrac device to below Cole Erb's pond, end cleaning at Cole Erb's pond, and instruct Mr. Erb to place his own measuring devises. Motion passed.
- 3) Canal Fences- When Lucas inspected the stretch of canals included in the lining project the Arco Diversion Lateral Pipeline Association is doing, he noted numerous fences that are directly on the canal in the BLRID easement. These fences will hinder BLRID maintenance and the instillation of the canal liner. Lucas asked the BLRID Board for their support in contacting the owners of said fences, and proposing that BLRID help them remove the fences using the BLRID crew. The BLRID Board members told Lucas that they are in support of his plan.
- 4) Craig Parkinson's Munsey Canal Well- Craig asked the BLRID Board for permission to run an aboveground steel pipe from his well into the canal. He will not be crossing the canal, so it was determined that canal crossing paperwork was not needed. Lucas has inspected where the pipe will be placed, and said that it will not be in the way of maintenance and cleaning. A motion was made by Darrell Lee McDonald; seconded by Max Bingham, to approve the pipeline going from the Parkinson well to the canal. Motion passed.

Also discussed was the Parkinson transport agreement, and if the water right for this new well was included. Lucas had already researched that and determined that that specific water right is not listed in the transport agreement. However, the diversion rate and the acreage of said water right was already included. It was decided that a new transport agreement was not need, but an amendment that would add the new water right to the existing one was. A motion was made by Darrell Lee McDonald; seconded by Alvin Wheeler, to amend the existing transport agreement to add the new water right, but the diversion rate will remain at 9.06. Motion Passed.

- 5) Bruce Sisk Lien and Interest Charges- Mr. Sisk was not in attendance. Issue is tabled pending contact with Mr. Sisk.
- 6) Storage Water Transfers- None
- 7) To-Do-List- Lucas gave an update on on-going to do list. No items were added at this time.
- 8) 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 Max Bingham. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m. Next Meeting: October 5th, 2021. Approved minutes can be downloaded from the website: www.blrid.com. All meetings are recorded.

ATTEST:

_____ Byron Pehrson, Chairman

_____ Max Bingham, Secretary/Treasurer