

# Minutes of the Regular Meeting held by the Board of Directors Big Lost River Irrigation District, Butte and Custer Counties January 4th, 2022 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: Gordan Vaden, Holly Seefried, Bill Seefried, Mark Telford, & Tom Darland

New Board Members: Monica Anderson, Brady Babcock, and Randy Woodbury

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

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) A motion was made by Alvin Wheeler; seconded by Max Bingham, to approve the minutes of the December 7th, 2021 regular board meeting. Motion passed.
- 2) A motion was made by Max Bingham; seconded by Alvin Wheeler, to approve the December 2021 check register/deposit detail. Motion passed.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) At 2:00pm Monica Anderson, Brady Babcock, and Randy Woodbury, each took the oath of office and were sworn in to serve on the BLRID Board of Directors.
- 2) Appointing BLRID Officers-

**Chairman-** A motion was made by Darrell Lee McDonald; seconded by Randy Woodbury, to appoint Byron Pehrson as the BLRID Chairman. Motion passed.

**Vice-Chairman-** A motion was made by Byron Pehrson; seconded by Monica Anderson, to appoint Darrell Lee McDonald as the BLRID Vice-Chairman. Motion passed.

**Secretary/Treasurer-** There was a motion made by Randy Woodbury; seconded by Darrell Lee McDonald, to appoint Monica Anderson as the BLRID Secretary/Treasurer. Motion passed.

There was a motion made by Darrell Lee McDonald; seconded by Monica Anderson, to add Randy Woodbury to the BLRID bank account for the purpose of signing checks. Motion passed.

- 3) Holly Seefried Land Opt-Out- After much discussion between the BLRID Board and Mr. and Mrs. Seefried, there was a motion made by Monica Anderson; seconded by Randy Woodbury to approve the Seefried's land opt-out. The vote was as follows: Monica Anderson- Yes, Randy Woodbury- Yes, Byron Pehrson- No, Darrell Lee McDonald- No, Brady Babcock- No. Motion failed.
- 4) Reservoir: Right now, the reservoir is at 36% compacity. Byron Pehrson gave the new BLRID Board Members a summary on the progress of the Mackay Dam Project.
- 5) Canal Status- All canals are off. There was a motion made by Darrell Lee McDonald; seconded by Brady Babcock, on projects BLRID is currently working on only, that if fences outside of the BLRID easements are removed due to the reshaping of the canals BLRID will pay to replace/move them. Motion passed.
- 6) Proposed Canal Crossing Policy- The BLRID Board discussed the proposed canal crossing policy that states:

If there is already access to the property from other grounds BLRID will not allow a new crossing to be put in our canal.

Culverts will be a minimum of 30 feet long.

Person putting in culvert or bridges is responsible for damage. If ownership of land changes this will carry over to new owner.

The following revisions were made:

Removed: "If there is already access to the property from other grounds BLRID will not allow a new crossing to be put in our canal."

Added: "ensuing" to "Person putting in culvert or bridge is responsible for any ensuing damage."

The revised policy is as follows:

Culverts will be a minimum of 30 feet long.

Person putting in culvert or bridge is responsible for any ensuing damage. If ownership of land changes this will carry over to new owner.

There was a motion made by Byron Pehrson; seconded by Darrell Lee McDonald, to add the revised Canal Crossing Policy to the existing policy named Policy Governing Bridges. Motion passed.

- 7) Opt-Out Policy- Removed from agenda.
- 8) John Durfee Request to Cross Waterway- A motion was made by Darrell Lee McDonald; seconded by Monica Anderson, to approve a bridge crossing for John Durfee. Motion passed.
- 9) Budget- Lucas presented the Board with the proposed 2022 budget, and gave a review of the 2021 budget. Monica Anderson made a motion; seconded by Darrell Lee McDonald, to approve the proposed 2022 budget and to keep the assessment rates unchanged. Motion passed.
- 10) To-Do-List- Lucas gave the Board an update on the ongoing to-do-list.
- 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 Randy Woodbury. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m. Next Meeting: February 1st, 2022. Approved minutes can be downloaded from the website: [www.blrid.com](http://www.blrid.com). All meetings are recorded.

ATTEST:

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Monica Anderson, Secretary/Treasurer