

# Minutes of the Regular Meeting held by the Board of Directors Big Lost River Irrigation District, Butte and Custer Counties April 5th, 2022 at 2:00 P.M.

Board Members Present: Chairman: Byron Pehrson; Vice Chairman: Darrell Lee McDonald; Secretary/Treasurer: Monica Anderson; Randy Woodbury; and Brady Babcock  
Employees: Lucas Yockey, & Kristin Johnson  
Guests: Mike Telford, Hadley Clark, Joel Andersen, Jason Stanger, Jace Thacker, Randy Pehrson

The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman, Byron Pehrson at 2:03 p.m.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) A motion was made by Randy Woodbury; seconded by Monica Anderson, to approve the minutes of the March 1st, 2022 regular board meeting. Motion passed.
- 2) A motion was made by Darrell Lee McDonald; seconded by Brady Babcock, to approve the March 2022 check register/deposit detail. Motion passed.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Reservoir: The reservoir is currently at 57%, inflow is 107 cfs, and release is 72 cfs. It is gaining about 1% every 4-5 days.
- 2) Reservoir Allocation: Lucas led a discussion regarding the different options BLRID has in regards to allocating the reservoir for the 2022 water season. The decision was made that a percentage, that will be determined closer to May 1<sup>st</sup>, will be held back to facilitate a flush to Moore. The remaining amount of storage water will be allocated to the patrons.
- 3) Canal Status: Section of Island Canal that has been lined has been roughly back filled, but is not ready for water yet. Tom Darland has prepped the section of the Arco Canal where lining starts to the Dump Road. He skipped town for now and went to the highway where he is currently working and will continue on to the head of the Arco Canal. Liners are coming the 8<sup>th</sup> of April as of right now.
- 4) Lenn Koontz: Removed from agenda.
- 5) Angela Dickman Opt-Out: Land has no water rights and they own no storage water. A motion was made by Darrell Lee McDonald; seconded by Monica Anderson, to approve the land opt-out after all fees and assessments have been paid. Motion passed.
- 6) Approval of Transport Agreements (Randy Pehrson): There was a motion made by Darrell Lee McDonald; seconded by Monica Anderson to approve Randy Pehrson's Transport Agreement. Motion passed.
- 7) Harry Crawford's Permanent Storage Water Transfer: Harry Crawford was not present at the meeting, so item was skipped.

- 8) Placer Holder Item Proposed Policy for Transport Agreements: In the March BLRID Board Meeting the following policy was proposed by Darrell Lee McDonald:
1. One Transport Agreement for surface water.
  2. One Transport Agreement for groundwater.
  3. No Transport Agreements for water bank water outside of the Water Basin 34.
  4. No Transport Agreements for surface water bank water pumped from a well.
  5. No groundwater originally pumped outside the BLRID will be transported by the BLRID.
  6. Only those waters (ground or surface water) that were originally transported to said lands will be transported (no enlargements).
  7. Any waters that are over the Transport Agreement will not be delivered.
    - A. A \$5000 assessment per day, or termination of Transport Agreement, or both (Board decision).
  8. Only licensed amounts of surface water or groundwater less shrink will be delivered.
  9. All lands will be assessed on total acres, the same as in district lands.
  10. All emergency transfers using BLRID will need to be approved by the Board and a Transport Agreement must accompany the transfer.
  11. This policy shall accompany all Transport Agreements.

Darrell Lee McDonald made the following revisions: Keep items 1 and 2, removed items 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, keep items 9, 10, and 11 with a revision to item number 10 that adds that the BLRID General Manager can temporarily approve such Transport Agreement for emergency transfers until they can be approved by the BLRID Board at the next scheduled board meeting. There was a motion made by Monica Anderson; seconded by Brady Babcock, to approve the revised policy. Motion passed. The approved Transport Agreement Policy is as follows:

1. One Transport Agreement for surface water.
  2. One Transport Agreement for ground water.
  3. All lands will be assessed on total acres, the same as in district land.
  4. All emergency transfers using BLRID will need to be approved by the Board and a Transport Agreement must accompany the transfer. BLRID General Manager can temporarily approve such Transport Agreement for emergency transfers until they can be approved by the BLRID Board at the next scheduled board meeting.
  5. This policy shall accompany all Transport Agreements.
- 9) Mike Telford Transport Agreement- There was a motion made by Darrell Lee McDonald; seconded by Brady Babcock to remove wording from #9 on the Transport Agreement that states; "The charges will be based on calculating one irrigable acre for each 0.02 CFS of the quantity of water listed in the water right", and leaving the rest as written. Motion passed. There was another motion made by Darrell Lee McDonald; seconded by Brady Babcock to approve Mike Telford's Transport agreement for 21.94 cfs and assess for 2223.8 acres of irrigable ag expiring in 5 years. Motion passed.
- 10) Proposed Policy for Pivot Bridges Over Waterways- Byron Pehrson proposed a policy that states; any pivot crossing through a lined canal must use a removable bridged crossing. This will be placed on the May agenda as a placeholder item where it will be voted on.
- 11) To-Do List- Lucas gave an update on the on-going to-do list.
- 12) Executive Session – Statute 74-206 (1)(a)(b) Personnel; At 2:42 p.m. A motion was made by Byron Pehrson; seconded by Darrell Lee McDonald, to enter executive session. Roll call into Executive Session: Brady Babcock, Monica Anderson, Randy Woodbury, Byron Pehrson, Darrell Lee McDonald, and Lucas Yockey.

At 3:10 p.m. roll call out of Executive Session: Brady Babcock, Monica Anderson, Randy Woodbury, Byron Pehrson, Darrell Lee McDonald, and Lucas Yockey.

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 3:53 p.m. Next Meeting: May 3rd, 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