

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

Board Members Present: Chairman: Byron Pehrson; Vice Chairman: Darrell Lee McDonald; Secretary/Treasurer: Monica Anderson, & Randy Woodbury,
Employees: Lucas Yockey, & Kristin Johnson
Guests: Joel Andersen, Mike Telford, Travis Andersen, Joe Wanstrom, Keith Waddoups, Danny Waddoups, Jace Thacker, Trent Smith, Eli Buckwalter, Vernon Roche, Jay Jensen, Brian Adams

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) A motion was made by Randy Woodbury; seconded by Darrell Lee McDonald, to approve the minutes of the July 5th, 2022 regular board meeting, and the July 8th, 2022 special meeting. Motion passed.
- 2) A motion was made by Darrell Lee McDonald; seconded by Randy Woodbury, to approve the July 2022 check register/deposit detail. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Reservoir: Inflow is 138, release is 428, reservoir is at 51.8%.
- 2) Canal Status: All canals are running except the Burnett and part of the Eastside.
- 3) David Hoekema from IDWR gave a water right accounting power point presentation.
- 4) Inskip Pipeline Proposal Vote: Randy Woodbury made a motion; seconded by Darrell Lee McDonald, to approve the following Inskip Pipeline Proposal: Proposal for Inskip Pipeline Lateral Association (proposed on 7/8/2022). Maintenance will be the users' responsibility due to changes to the original plans, which were not approved by the district. District will provide the ditchrider. Changes will be made once/daily at a set time. If user is not present at the set time, valve will be left off or on until the next day at the set time. If the flow meter is not working, users will be notified, and must turn off until flow meter is fixed. All valves must be locked (refer to district policy). A measuring device going into the pond must be in place within 30 days. After the measuring device is in place, the Inskip users can provide a ditchrider. If the measuring device is not installed within the 30 days BLRID will appoint a ditchrider and bill the Inskip users for their services. Motion passed.
- 5) In Canal Rotation Policy Amendments: There was a motion made by Byron Pehrson; seconded by Darrell Lee McDonald, to accept the proposed amendments and add them to the existing In-Canal-Rotation Policy titled "Policy Governing the Rotation of Decree Water in Canals". Motion passed. Amended policy is as follows:

This policy governs the way the Big Lost River Irrigation District addresses how rotation of decree waters between patron in district canals will be implemented.

When two or more patrons agree to rotate or exchange decree waters in any district canal, they are required to have a written request signed by the Watermaster to rotate their decree with other decree holders in any part of the canal systems of BLRID. Any individuals who are interested in rotating decree water must have an approved request on file to the Watermaster and the BLRID. This document must be approved by the Watermaster and a copy given to the ditchrider. A copy must be proved to the Office Manager of the Big Lost River Irrigations District.

Under no circumstances will credit for using rotation water be allowed by the ditchrider without the approval of the watermaster.

In the event that one of the agreeing parties' decrees should terminate, the patron who is supposed to be using that water will be charged accordingly for storage.

Date original was approved by the board: 12/6/2016

Amendments added into this policy:

It must be clear who the rotation is between. (Added 8/2/2022)

Rotation must be within the decree rights for the lands being rotated to & from. (Both rights must be on.) (Added 8/2/2022)

A schedule must be turned into both the ditchrider and the district office. (Added 8/2/2022)

A 48-hour notice is required through a text message to the ditchrider, with a follow up email to both the ditchrider and the office prior to water delivery or changes to water. (Added 8/2/2022)

A phone number or email address from all participants in the rotation will be provided to both the ditchrider and the office. (Added 8/2/2022)

If the decree is not sufficient, another source must make up the difference, storage or ground water; no enlargement of water rights. (Added 8/2/2022)

No rotation of water outside of the District into the District. (Added 8/2/2022)

No rotation of water inside of the District to outside of the District. (Added 8/2/2022)

If the in-canal rotation guidelines are not followed by a participant, rotation will end immediately for that participant for the remainder of the water season. (Added 8/2/2022)

- 6) Brady Babcock Ditchrider: not present
- 7) Seasonal Storage Water Transfers: Randy Woodbury made a motion; seconded by Monica Anderson, to approve all submitted seasonal transfers. Motion passed.
- 8) In Canal Rotation Requests: Randy Woodbury made a motion; seconded by Monica Anderson to table until next month. Motion passed.
- 9) To-Do-List: Lucas gave an update on the on-going to-do list.
- 10) Executive Session – Statute 74-206 (1)(f)- At 3:55 pm Darrell Lee McDonald made a motion to enter into executive session. It was seconded by Monica Anderson. Motion passed. Roll call into executive session: Monica Anderson, Randy Woodbury, Byron Pehrson, Darrell Lee McDonald, Lucas Yockey.

At 4:15 p.m. Roll call out of executive session: 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 4:16 p.m. Next Meeting: September 6th, 2022. Approved minutes can be downloaded from the website: www.blrid.com. All meetings are recorded.

ATTEST:

_____ Byron Pehrson, Chairman

_____ Monica Anderson, Secretary/Treasurer