

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

July 20, 2022, 1:00 p.m. NBWA Conference Room & Zoom

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The meeting was called to order at 1:02 pm by Chairman Handler. Director Wilson, and Director Hickey were present in the conference room. Director Sims was excused. Director Nicholson was absent.

Also present in the conference room was Manager Bruce Halverson, and Executive Assistant Keri Scott.

There were no members of the public present in the conference room and no members of the public joined the zoom meeting.

MINUTES

Director Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2022 budget hearing and regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Hickey and passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Director Wilson made a motion to approve the financial report for the month ending May 30th, 2022. The motion was seconded by Director Hickey and passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MANAGER'S REPORT

Irrigation Season: With the weather finally cooperating, we are irrigating Cowan's fields as well as some of our own. We are hoping to continue with this level of irrigation and keep up with the flows that are coming in.

River Levee Maintenance: DSL once again rejected the application that was last submitted. This time, the reason for rejection was the need for the names of the property owners affected by the work area and some other mumbo jumbo nit-picky stuff about tide calculation. Kennedy Jenks had used a more conservative measurement which DSL didn't agree with but from what I understand, a phone call was all that was needed to resolve those issues. We do have to submit the application again, so, we will revisit this issue in another 60-90 days.

River Gauge: We have received a bill from the USGS, however, the gauge has yet to be installed. The Port is reaching out to the USGS to investigate and we will report at the next meeting.

NPDES Permit Renewal: We spoke with Rob and Dana from Kennedy Jenks and discussed the upcoming permit renewal. They have already started on the application. We also discussed the possibility of asking DEQ if we could change our pumping into the river parameters from a timeframe of November to May to a year-round flow measurement. This year, halfway through June, we had river flows from Foss that would have permitted us to pump legally into the river. We are not sure if DEQ will be receptive to the suggestion but it never hurts to ask. We had 9.5" of rain from the middle of May to the middle of June. The application is due September 23rd. The permit is up in March of 2023.

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Wheeler North Pump Station/Force Main Project: We had a field visit from two engineers from Kennedy Jenks. We took them to Wheeler North pump station and they have started on the preliminary work for the Force Main. They recorded the length, location, etc. because there are three creeks that are involved in the area along Highway 101, the marsh area next to the pump station, and around Old Wheeler Highway/Mohler Road. We may have to involve more agencies. We also discussed the increasing prices of materials. We may need to split the project into two phases. Phase one would be the pump station and phase two would be the Force Main. The ballpark estimation for the entire project came in at just over \$900,000.

BOARD COMMENTS

SDAO is hosting a conference in the Summer on September 15th, 2022. Director Sims and Executive Assistant Scott will be attending.

Director Wilson will be absent for the August meeting. Chairman Handler will be absent from the September meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no members of the public present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Handler called for the public to exit the meeting. The zoom meeting was closed.

Director Wilson made a motion to enter Executive Session at 1:15 pm, the motion was seconded by Director Hickey. The motion carried.

Director Wilson made a motion to return to regular session at 1.55 pm, the motion was seconded by Director Hickey. The motion carried.

The Board made a recommendation to place the Field Supervisor on probation for sixty days, during this time the Field Supervisor will need to complete classes for: communication, leadership, and transitioning to a supervisor. At the end of the probation, the Field Supervisor will be evaluated for remaining in the Field Supervisor position or returning to System Worker II at System Worker II pay.

The System Worker II will return to work on July 25th, ending the 10-day suspension and entering a sixty-day probation, during this time the System Worker II will participate in counseling and mediation and receive a formal write-up.

The entire field crew will participate in communication training, counseling, and exercises, on an on-going basis.

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Director Wilson made motion to approve the recommendation and Director Hickey seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There being no further business, Chairman Handler adjourned the meeting at 1:57 pm

John Handler, Chairmen

Bruce Halverson, Manager