

EMIGRATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2021

111 E BROADWAY, 11TH FLOOR
SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84111

AND ZOOM

REGULAR MEETING

Board Members in Attendance: Mike Hughes – Chair, Brent Tippetts – Co-Chair, David Bradford – Secretary/Clerk

Ex Officio: Eric Hawkes—District Manager, Jeremy Cook—Legal Counsel, Don Barnett -- Barnett Intermountain Consulting

Chair Hughes called the meeting to order at 7: 11 p.m.

1. Consent Approval - Minutes for October 14, 2021

MOTION: David Bradford made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2021, Trustee Meeting as written. Brent Tippetts seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.

2. Financial Considerations & Report

Mr. Hawkes gave a summary of the monthly financial considerations and reports. There was a conversation about how much in the positive the legal category may be once the accounts are settled (estimated around \$15,000 to the positive).

3. Canyon Septic System Concerns—Sustainability Alliance

The Sustainability Alliance thanked the Board for their support of the watershed event. Mindy McAnulty presented the idea of a hotline that residents could use if they need help with septic issues. The Board members were in favor of such a thing but were uncertain that residents would use it. Residents who need help are generally hesitant to admit the problem to the Board. After discussion, it was suggested that the Sustainability Alliance host the hotline, but that the Board provide timely expertise and help to resolve issues. It was agreed to revisit the issue in the future.

Chair Hughes shared that he was contacted by a Professor Lenart at the University of Utah who is having his engineering students look at water quality issues in the canyon. They will investigate social, political, engineering, and water quality elements. There are various groups to address each of those issues. These engineering students will synthesize the data and will come back with a report next month. This will give the EID Board resources to use in producing a working document.

4. General Election Canvassing and Results –Tuesday, November 16th Via Zoom at 7:00 p.m.

The official results of the general election will be canvassed on Tuesday, November 16th through a Zoom call.

5. FY2022 Budget Review

The Board reviewed the proposed FY2022 budget as presented by Mr. Hawkes. There was discussion about the expected revenue for 2022. The projected revenue is similar to last year. There are some issues that need to be addressed, such as telemetry, capital improvements, and maintenance. There may be a need to increase revenue for some of these projects. Mr. Tippetts stated that it would be helpful to compare the EID's rates to other water districts of similar size. There was talk about raising rates and decided that Mr. Bradford would do an analysis on a rate increase. The Board may need to be less generous on the leak credit now that the District is able to catch leaks much sooner (due to the new meters). Chair Hughes has asked Aqua Engineering

to look at a plan for providing water to Upper Pinecrest and Sunnydale. He would like to know how much more source water the District would need, and what it would cost to put in a system for those two areas of the canyon.

MOTION: David Bradford made a motion to move \$20,000 from the capital improvements budget to the maintenance budget. Brent Tippetts seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.

6. Water System Report

System Consumption Report

Don Barnett presented data that showed that the water usage dropped by more than half from September to October. Total water usage has not increased despite the fact that there are more connections now. Dividing the total water usage by connections, October set a new record for per-connection water usage, even including two water leaks. The behavior of the residents has shifted dramatically.

Mr. Barnett then updated the Board on water conditions in the state. Red Butte Creek had one fifth the normal water flow. He spoke about soil moisture levels, and how that has come more into focus in recent years. Currently, the soil moisture levels are high.

7. Maintenance and Repairs

Mr. Hawkes reported on a leak repair on Skycrest Lane.

Chair Hughes authorized Aqua Environmental to do a cost assessment, which may cost around \$3,000. Feeling time was of the essence to procure available grant money, he authorized that and would like the Board's approval. There is money in the hydrology/engineering budget available to pay for it.

MOTION: Board Member David Bradford made a motion to authorize the funds spent on the report due from Aqua Environmental. Brent Tippetts seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.

8. Any items for discussion from Board and/or from visiting public, dismiss public.

There were no comments from the public.

9. Closed Session – Pending Litigation

MOTION: Board Member David Bradford made a motion to convene in closed session to discuss pending and imminent litigation or purchase/lease of real property. Brent Tippets seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.

The Board of Trustees met in closed session from 8:35 p.m. to 9:05 p.m. Those present included the Board of Trustees, Eric Hawkes, Don Barnett, and Jeremy Cook.

MOTION: Board Member David Bradford made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Hughes seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.

The regular meeting of the Emigration Improvement District adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Minutes Approved

