

EMIGRATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16TH, 2022

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 7:04 p.m.

1. Consent Approval - Minutes for January 19, 2022

MOTION: David Bradford made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2022, 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. Chair Hughes asked about the certified delinquent accounts. Mr. Hawkes summarized the process and said that occasionally they can collect on them, after a certain time period has elapsed.

3. Water Smart Grant Application –Update/Discussion

Willy Stokman spoke to the Board about the Water Smart Grant application. She urged them to apply for the grant to help pay for the new water meters. She also encouraged them to increase the project—such as buying pressure reducing valves or giving a rebate to private well users for purchasing water meters. The meters could enable residents with private wells to know how much water they are using, and alert them if they get a leak. Projects of this kind would help with the public perception of the EID. Ms. Stokman spoke about what she learned regarding applying for the grant and she offered to help with the application. There are also large grants up to two million dollars that could be used for a new well if it helps increase the reliability of water sources. These can be combined with projects that have environmental impacts. Mr. Hawkes has been getting applications in place to be able to apply for grants. He did have a conversation with Dave Snyder who said that it is beneficial for EID to start with the project--those are the kinds of projects they like to fund. However, the odds of obtaining a grant are very low because there are not very many of them and they are open nationwide. There was some debate about if the grant would cover projects retroactively. The deadline to apply is approaching.

4. District Water Rate Increase Discussion/Update

Dave Bradford said that he will model out the water rate increase and have that ready by the next meeting. They will have to post two notices and host a public hearing. Mr. Barnett agreed to get the information on Coleville and Powder Mountain because they are similar in size to EID (with different geography, however).

5. Water System Report

Mr. Barnett reported that water usage was at an all-time low for January. February was close to it, but not an all-time low. All the water usage was from the Upper Freeze Creek Well. The water supply outlook is still dismal, although the storms this month have made a difference. Since March 1st, the precipitation at Lookout Peak has helped with the snow-water equivalent.

6. Maintenance Report

Mr. Hawkes reported on the progress of installing the new Badger meters. Installing the meters with lids is going to be dependent on the weather but hopefully by mid-April he can have that done. If they can get the meters uploading the data, then they will not have to manually read them. There was talk about moving to monthly billing. April is usually the biggest bill because it includes six months of water usage. Mr. Tippetts asked how to roll the new meters out to the residents so that they know how to access and read their usage data. The District discussed putting the information in the billing. One third of the homes on the system will be using these meters.

Pressure monitoring meters from Badger Meters are finally available. These meters regulate pressure and temperature. The pressure cannot be adjusted, only monitored. This would be extremely valuable to the District as a water provider. It would provide excellent data for the EID and allow them to see what is happening in various zones. They are more expensive, probably around \$500. It could be very helpful to put fifteen or twenty of these in specific locations in the water system.

On February 3rd there was a frozen meter, which led to a leak. The repair was difficult, so they had to shut down the system for a bit.

7. Any Items for Discussion from Board and/or from Visiting Public, Dismiss Public

Mayor Smolka told the Board that the Township is going to be paving four roads this summer and reminded them about a moratorium on cuts. Mr. Hawkes said he will check the valves before the paving, as well as finish one repair up Pinecrest. There was a brief discussion on who is paying for the rings, or if they need to have risers on them.

8. Closed Session – Pending Litigation

MOTION: Board Member David Bradford made a motion to convene in closed session to discuss pending and imminent litigation. Brent Tippetts seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.

The Board of Trustees met in closed session from 8:18 to 8:38 p.m. Those present included the Board of Trustees, Eric Hawkes, Don Barnett, 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 8:38 p.m.

Minutes Approved