

EMIGRATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY JANUARY 14, 2021
ELECTRONIC MEETING

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 7:00 p.m.

1. Consent Approval - Minutes for December 15, 2020

MOTION: David Bradford made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2020 Trustee Meeting as written. Brent Tippetts seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.

2. Financial Considerations & Report

Mr. Hawkes gave the FY2020 4th Quarter Transparency Report. There were no questions or concerns.

Mr. Hawkes reported on the FY2020 actuals. The District received more in tax collections than projected. Paul Brown from the audience asked about the fees, to which Mr. Hawkes responded that many of the fees are impact fees that the homeowner finances, so they come under a different budget category.

MOTION: David Bradford made a motion to amend the FY2020 budgets to the actuals. Brent Tippetts seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mr. Hawkes gave a summary of the monthly financial considerations and reports. There were no further questions or comments.

3. Approval of Trustee Offices for 2021

MOTION: David Bradford moved to keep the trustee offices as currently held. Brent Tippetts seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.

4. December 2020 Lead and Copper Testing Results

In routine home tests in 2019, EID had lead and copper results that were over the EPA limit. As a result, the District is on an accelerated schedule for testing sample homes throughout the service area--instead of testing 10 homes every 3 years, the District must test 20 homes every 6 months. Mr. Hawkes reported on the results from the December testing. One sample exceeded lead (barely) and one exceeded copper, but the overall sampling was under the EPA testing. They will do more testing in June. There has been no lead or copper in the District's source wells that exceeds the EPA limits. The test results of the source wells are either non-detect or only trace amounts. They have also done tests throughout the water system and all the results have all come under the EPA limits. Thus far the District is unsure what is causing the results in the testing of the homes. It is most likely linked to the plumbing in the homes, but the cause is still undetermined. The results are trending in a positive direction so EID may not have to do a study. However, they must have a plan in place for a study in case the results do change.

5. Water System Report

System Consumption Report

Mr. Barnett gave the water system report. The water outlook is bleak due to the extremely dry winter. The canyon (and UT in general) has received very little precipitation. The stream flow forecast is 63% of normal. The District briefly discussed putting something in their billing to alert residents of the need to conserve water this year.

6. Maintenance Report

The Board was informed that Well 2 and UFC Well are both having mechanical issues. Well 2 is pulling gravel and the production for the Upper Freeze Creek Well is down. Petersen Drilling will pull the pump and production pipe on Well 2 and run a camera on it to diagnose the problem. The Board would like to address UFC first, but because of the winter weather they are unable to access it. The Board members agreed to order several lengths of production pipe to have ready when UFC is accessible. The District would like to make the repairs as quickly as possible.

Update on Badger Pilot Meter Project

Mr. Hawkes reported that he was able to install the meters. All the meters are reading right now, even though they were placed at homes that had more difficult service areas. Hopefully, the canyon will get more snow and the District will be able to see how they read with two or three feet of snow on them.

Discussion on Generator –Backup Power Source for Well(s)

The Board continued the discussion on a backup power source for the wells. SKM gave the initial cost of \$80,000 but it is dependent on if the generator is a trailer unit or a stand-alone unit. A diesel generator has drawbacks (including the need to be exercised every month and the need to store fuel) but in the case of an emergency there may not be natural gas. The Board agreed that it is a phased plan and will need to do more research. Because of the repairs on Well 2 and UFC Well, the Board acknowledged that the generator may have to wait. Don Barnett said that he would talk to Paulina Flint with White City Water to see what kind of generator they use.

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

Mark Tracy addressed Mr. Cook about an upcoming hearing, but due to the nature of pending litigation the Board members and Mr. Cook did not respond.

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 Tippets seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.

The Board of Trustees met in closed session from 7:56 to 8:26p.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 8:26 p.m.

Minutes Approved

