

EMIGRATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2019

EMIGRATION CANYON FIRE STATION  
5025 EMIGRATION CANYON ROAD  
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

**Regular Meeting**

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

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

Chair Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**1. Consent Approval - Minutes for April 23, 2019**

MOTION: David Bradford made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2019 Trustee Meeting as written. Brent Tippets seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.

The District's recommended 2019 Certified Tax Rate is .000781. It would maintain revenues close to what they are.

MOTION: David Bradford made a motion to approve the certified tax rate. Chair Hughes 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.

### **3. Internal and External Financial Audit Updates**

David Bradford reported on the internal audit. He found no discrepancies and was impressed with Mr. Hawkes's meticulous records. The external audit should have their report submitted soon; the report is due at the end of the month. They will present on that in an upcoming meeting.

### **4. LocalScapes – Landscape Class Report**

Mr. Tippets reported that the landscape class with a representative from Jordan Valley Water Conservancy went well. There were about 15 people in attendance, and they gave positive feedback on the class. Cynthia Bee, who taught the class, does these classes as part of her job. She teaches other classes as well that the District could look at doing in the future. Brent Tippets said he would reach out to Red Butte to see if they have any resources to offer. There was a question from Ms. Stokeman from the audience about if the District can share their email database. Because of privacy laws, the District cannot share the list without resident's permission. If it is an email list that people sign up for, all canyon entities could have it. Discussion held about how to assemble a canyon email database. The District agreed that they could put in the water bills a note to encourage residents to sign up to be on a canyon email list. If there is an issue that affects the District, the Sustainability Alliance could pass it along to Mr. Hawkes and he could disseminate it through the EID email list.

### **5. Private Well Water Testing Update**

Mr. Barnett updated the Board on various options and costs of doing private well testing in the canyon. The Board discussed which lab to use and what to test for, as well as the logistics of collecting the samples, keeping them cold, and delivering them to the lab in a timely manner. There was some discussion about how to preserve the privacy of each resident. The District would like to preserve the anonymity of the data results. There was debate on that point, as Mr. Tippets would like to establish a baseline through the canyon and be able to monitor to see where the problems go and change. The Board discussed the possibility of proceeding now without tracking any data, and next time having residents sign a consent form that would allow the EID to collect the data. For now, they could split the canyon into zones and people can put a number on their sample. When the results are finished, the District would mail out the results and the person would find their number to see their results. The District may ask people that if they test

positive to contact EID and the District may be able to help. Mr. Cook will draft a consent paragraph for when the District does more comprehensive testing. The Board would like to work with an engineering firm to get a mapped summary report, but that would be too cost prohibitive. The Board members evaluated the best time of year to do this testing. The Board decided to complete the testing in July.

## **6. Water Levels Report**

The water usage for May, per connection, set an all-time low for May. People are being responsive to the wet weather. Well #2 was the biggest supplier. Mr. Hawkes measured Upper Freeze Creek manually and he got that it was at 700 feet. It generally doesn't change even 10 feet, so a change of 200 feet is unusual, but is remarkable if accurate. The transducer is giving a similar reading. The other wells are up, they have been artesian for two or three months, but they're in a different aquifer.

Chair Hughes asked about the status of improving the telemetry situation. Mr. Hawkes stated that he received a quote from Campbell Scientific that the District needs to go to a titanium transducer. The Board evaluated if it is just the transducers or the software as well. Chair Hughes would like to bring in someone to have a completely different look at it as quickly as possible. Don Barnett said he will ask around about who would they recommend, including asking Jordan Valley who they use. Mr. Hawkes will also investigate. Mr. Barnett bought a 1000-foot probe that he can bring up to measure the levels if needed.

## **7. Maintenance Report**

Well 1 has been repaired. There was some debris and rock, so they put a screen on top of the shroud as an extra precaution. It's back online.

The District is doing PRV and hydrant valves checks on the main canyon road. Aqua Environmental has been checking all the hydrant valves. They will test all the PRV valves (there are 12) the first of July. Mr. Hawkes explained the process of what they will be doing. There may be small interruptions of service.

## **8. Any Items for Discussion from Board and/or from Visiting Public, Dismiss Public**

Willy Stokeman gave an update from the Sustainability Alliance. The UGS study proposal has been released. The next step is to procure funding for the study. UGS agreed to fund half of it, around \$100,000. She mentioned various other potential sources of funding. The purpose of the study is to promote sustainability by getting a baseline on how the groundwater system and the streamflow work together. From a hydrogeologic perspective, they want to make a map of the

entire area to increase understanding on how it all works together. They would like Don Barnett to look at the study to see what has already been done, etc. Mr. Barnett agreed to look at the study and then get back to them. Chair Hughes encouraged them to be very careful about who is partnering with the study. Salt Lake City has very different objectives regarding the water in the canyon. Conversation held on what the District has done to clean up the creek. The District had to spend years fighting a SLCo plan to put in a very expensive, canyon-wide sewer system. They outlined the studies they have completed to show what they were going to do to clean up the creek, including the plan to implement cluster systems. The County is currently wanting the District to present one big proposal, but first there must be buy-in from the residents. They would like to aid those with failing septic systems, which is why they are working toward implementing a test cluster system. The Board expressed gratitude to the Sustainability Alliance for their help.

## **9. Closed Session**

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 8:50 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Those present included the Board of Trustees, Eric Hawkes, Don Barnett, Joe Smolka.

MOTION: Board Member 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 10:00 p.m.

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Minutes Approved

