

EMIGRATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2020
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 7:08 p.m.

1. Consent Approval - Minutes for November 12, 2020

MOTION: David Bradford made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2020 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.

3. FY2021 Budget Hearing and Approval

The Board reviewed the proposed FY2021 budget as presented by Mr. Hawkes. Many items are relatively consistent from year to year, with the exception of the maintenance category and the legal fees. The 2021 budget proposed \$80,000 to pay for half of the radio read meters and make some telemetry upgrades. Chair Hughes opened the public budget hearing. Mr. Tracy asked several questions, but legal counsel advised Mr. Tracy that he could make comments but that the Board members would not respond due to pending litigation with Mr. Tracy. There were no other comments from the public. Chair Hughes closed the public budget hearing.

MOTION: David Bradford made a motion to adopt the FY2021 budget as written. Brent Tippetts seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.

4. Board Meeting Schedule for 2021 and Approval

The Board agreed to continue with their existing meeting schedule in 2021.

5. Water System Report

System Consumption Report

Mr. Barnett gave the water system report. Usage was lower than normal. Per connection usage continues to trend in positive directions of people using less water. He reported that the snowpack is at 58% of normal thus far.

6. Maintenance Report

Mr. Hawkes gave an update on the pilot meters. He received the lids and has been able to install eight of the meters. They are all registering. He had to change a few of the originally planned ten meters due to depth as he was not able to access the meter. Some of the meters are placed so deep that they will require excavation. Mr. Hawkes will meet with hydro specialties to see if the app is an option for the pilot meters and to learn how they communicate with the software.

VFD for Well#2 and Electrical Upgrades at Well #2 – Generator Back-up

Mr. Hawkes reported that Mark Jeppsen from SKM is putting together an estimate on the cost to take the VFD out of UFC to move it to Well 2. Mr. Hawkes is still waiting for the estimate. They also discussed having a backup source of energy for the wells. The Board was in favor of having back-up power for the wells and held a conversation about how to best accomplish that. They discussed various generators and the pros and cons of having a portable generator versus a fixed generator. They also discussed which well would be the best choice for a back-up generator. Board members agreed to do more research and revisit the topic the following month.

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

Mark Tracy asked questions about copper and lead testing. Mr. Hawkes stated that the EID is in the process of waiting for the results and is in review with the state. After comments from Mr. Tracy, the Board moved to other members of the visiting public. Gary Bowan asked for permission to reach out to the UFA and see what they recommend regarding generators. The Board would appreciate that. Willy Stokman expressed excitement about the new radio meters. She wondered if the meters could be installed on private wells. She stated that it is important for homeowners to have feedback on their own water use. Conservation is important for every resident of the canyon and the Sustainability Alliance would love to help promote the radio read meters. Homeowners would be able to monitor their water use and discover when they have a leak which would not just save water but also extend the life of their well pump. The Board stated they would also like to have an idea of how much water is being taken out of the aquifers. Regarding cluster systems, Ms. Stokman asked if the 30-year loan on the cluster system would be attached to the property or the owner. Mr. Cook responded that the loan can be structured many ways. The expense would be split between the homes on the cluster system and compared to the cost of the house it is minimal. Because land purchase for a septic system is one of the most expensive pieces, Ms. Stokman asked if the EID is able to lease land or get an easement instead of buying the land. Mr. Hughes said that they have a lot of options and would pursue it as inexpensively as they can.

Mr. Bradford asked a follow-up question about installing radio read meters in the home. Mr. Hawkes said that there are manufactures that make meters that can be easily installed in the plumbing of a home. These are different from the District's radio read meters.

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 8:01 to 9:00 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 9:00 p.m.

Minutes Approved