

EMIGRATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2022

111 E BROADWAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84111

AND ZOOM

**Regular Meeting**

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

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

Chair Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

**1. Consent Approval - Minutes for November 16, 2022**

MOTION: Chair Hughes made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2022, Trustee Meeting as written. Brent Tippetts seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.

**2. Financial Considerations & Report**

Monthly Financial Report

Mr. Hawkes gave the monthly financial report. After brief conversation and clarifying questions on the budget, Mr. Hawkes reported that he anticipates being close to breaking even by the end of the year.

### **3. FY2023 Budget Hearing**

Mr. Hawkes gave an overview of the FY2023 budget. On the revenue side, the biggest change is the water usage revenue because the water rates have increased. On the expenses side, the District plans to finish installing the new meters and will hopefully implement monthly billing in June. Other costs include getting a VFD (variable frequency drive) for Well #2 and possibly a backup generator. The largest unknown cost depends on what the District decides to do with the Brigham Fork Well.

Chair Hughes opened the Budget Hearing. He asked the general public if there were any comments or questions, which there were none. Mr. Hughes closed the Budget Hearing.

MOTION: Chair Hughes made a motion to adopt the FY2023 budget as written. Mr. Bradford seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.

### **4. Water System Report – System Consumption Report**

Don Barnett gave the water system report. There have been no new connections in the past few months. September and October reported more total water usage. Total water usage was above the long-term median, but per-connection it was right on the median. Mr. Bradford asked if there is data that shows statewide water acquisition. Don Barnett agreed to look at ways to gather that information.

Monitor Wells

Mr. Barnett reported the levels of the monitor wells. The Barker Wells have both started to come back up. This is typical—these wells usually start to recover by mid-December. The Smolka Well has started to recover significantly. The Church Bedrock Well is too buried in the snow and Mr. Hawkes was unable to access it. The Bunnell Well has not started to recover yet. Because it is the lowest in the canyon, it typically recovers last.

Mr. Barnett reported on the snowpack. We are still above normal, but there is still a great need for consistent precipitation throughout the winter. The soil moisture level is quite a bit below normal. He explained how they measure snowpack as well as collect soil moisture levels.

## **5. Maintenance and Repairs**

Badger Meter Installation—Mr. Hawkes was able to install eleven new meters before snow made it difficult to install the rest.

### Back-up Generator for Water System

The District had a discussion about a back-up generator for the water system. There was some debate on which well would be the best placement for such a generator, as well as what kind of generator would be best. Mr. Hawkes was in favor of using Well 1. Because the District would not have to change anything, it would be the easiest well to set up for a generator. There is already a lot of pieces in place that would make it quite easy. However, Mr. Hughes was very reticent about using Well 1. Historically that well has been unreliable. Mr. Cook made the point that first the Board needs to decide what type of emergency they are preparing for. There are generators that the EID could rent in the case of a canyon-isolated event, for example. The Board would like to approach the Metro Township to see if they are interested in sharing the cost of a backup generator. The Board will continue to discuss the issue.

### Service Line Installations at 5811 Twin Creek Rd and 696 Freeze Creek Cir

The EID had two new service line installations. The first one at 5811 Twin Creek Road had an existing service line but they needed to get a bigger line because they are putting in fire sprinklers. At 696 Freeze Creek Circle, Mr. Hawkes was not able to find the existing line. Fortunately, they were able to get hot asphalt and got the needed patches done.

Brigham Fork Well Repair Discussion--Don Barnett will reconvene the group when he gets back in town.

## **6. Appointment of Trustee to Fill Vacancy for Remaining Term**

After 23 years with the District, Chairman Mike Hughes is retiring from the EID. The Board needs to appoint someone to fill his position until his term expires in November 2023. The District posted notices in the canyon at various locations and on the website, and they have canvassed people who might fit that role. No one came forward; however, Mike Hughes put Mark Stevens forward to take his role until the election. Mark Stevens, who served previously for several terms, said he would like to take the position. Steve Hook asked who would step into the chair role; that will be decided in the January meeting. Mr. Hughes stated that he will still be in the canyon--able and willing to offer help if needed. Those present thanked Mr. Hughes for his many years of excellent service with the EID, and thanked Mr. Stevens for being willing to take the position.

MOTION: Brent Tippetts made a motion to accept Mark Stevens as a trustee until the November election. Mr. Bradford seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.

Jeremy Cook swore in Mark Stevens as a new trustee.

## **7. Meeting Schedule for 2023**

The Board discussed what they would like their meeting schedule to be for 2023. They decided to meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month at the fire station, except for next month, when they will meet on January 12<sup>th</sup>.

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

Mindy McAnulty asked for an update on the Busse system. Mr. Hughes is going to inspect it Friday. Thus far, the system is operating well and the District is very happy with it. Ms. McAnulty asked what the next step is. The Board members responded that they are in the process of getting the rules changed with the Division of Water Quality. There is also an upcoming meeting with various entities about how to proceed with funding and tracking how the

system is helping our stream flow quality. Busse will monitor every system, including collecting and analyzing the data. In addition, Mr. Tippets expressed interest in the EID collecting this data for our own use. Board members would like to prove that the system works effectively and may potentially contract with Aqua Engineering to monitor these systems so that we have arguably good data.

## **9. Closed Session – Pending Litigation**

MOTION: Board Chairman Mike Hughes made a motion to convene in closed session to discuss pending litigation. Brent Tippets seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.

The Board of Trustees met in closed session from 8:19 - 8:30 p.m. Those present included Mike Hughes, Brent Tippets, David Bradford, Eric Hawkes, Jeremy Cook, Don Barnett, Joe Smolka.

MOTION: Board Member Brent Tippets 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 8:30 p.m.

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Minutes Approved

