

EMIGRATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19TH, 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 December 9, 2021

MOTION: David Bradford made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2021, 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. Steve Hook from the audience had several questions and comments. He asked if the Board had projects in mind for the money in the maintenance category and commended the EID for keeping up on their infrastructure maintenance. He asked for some clarification on some items.

Mr. Hawkes gave the FY2021 Year End Report.

3. Appointment of Offices for 2022

MOTION: David Bradford made a motion to maintain the current offices. Brent Tippetts seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.

4. Meeting Schedule Consideration for 2022

The Board decided to change their meetings to the third Wednesday of each month.

5. Discussion on Water Rate Increase and Revenues

There was a lengthy discussion about a water rate increase. To be fair and in line with rates from other water systems, the Board members looked at the rates of other systems. Don Barnett presented a chart comparing the rates of several other systems which showed that EID is in the bottom or middle of the range. Park City had extremely high rates. Mr. Tippetts requested that Mr. Barnett procure the rate from Coalville and Powder Mountain because they are similar in size to the EID. They talked about Salt Lake City's rates and agreed with a comment from Gary Bowen to look at the rates from Emigration Place. The EID base rate starts lower than almost every other system that they could find data on (EID is \$30 versus others that start at \$70), but then the rates increase significantly depending on water usage. This discourages high water usage and has had great conservation results within the canyon. The trustees discussed raising the base rate and then keep the same tiered rate schedule as usage increases. The curve would look the same, just start at a slightly higher point. The rate increase could be a tradeoff—the base rate may go up from \$30 to \$60, but it would include a free number of gallons. Mayor Smolka suggested a 3% increase to keep up with cost-of-living increases. There was a conversation about how to present any decision to the public. The Board may come up with a few options and then get input from the public. They decided to continue to gather data and revisit the issue in the future.

6. Water System Report System consumption report

Don Barnett reported that October, November, and December all had the lowest per-connection usage in the last twenty years. As of January, the snowpack was at 120% of normal. The stream flow forecast was looking positive, albeit a very early indicator. The bad news is that the moisture has stopped. The water supply and stream flow will be very dependent on the storms that finish out the winter.

7. Maintenance and Repairs

Mr. Hawkes reported that they are still waiting for lids to arrive for the new meters. It will not take long to put the lids on when they arrive and then they can start transmitting the data.

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

There were no comments from the visiting public.

Transparency Report –Mr. Hawkes said that he will email the transparency report to the Board members, and they will just need to email back that they have received it and reviewed it. Then he will post it to the website.

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 8:16 to 8:50 p.m. Those present included the Board of Trustees, Eric Hawkes, Don Barnett, Jeremy Cook, Joe Smolka.

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 8:50 p.m.

Minutes Approved