

EMIGRATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 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 – 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 October 19, 2022

MOTION: Chair Hughes made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 19, 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. Mr. Hook from the audience asked if the capital improvements category was likely to stay at that low level. Mr. Hawkes stated that a large portion of that is to pay for the new meters, but he has not yet received all the bills for them.

3. FY2023 Budget Review

The Board reviewed the proposed budget for FY2023. First, the Board looked at the current year-to-date and discussed the amounts left in various categories that has been set aside for repairs and the rest of the new meters. Next, Mr. Hawkes went through the various categories for 2023, explaining his reasoning behind the anticipated costs and revenues.

The conversation shifted to Brigham Fork, as the Board discussed how much money they would need to fund potential repairs on the well. Don Barnett stated that he has had conversations with Lang, and they are confident that they can repair the well. They are also willing to give the District a fixed price estimate for each step of the process. Mr. Barnett described a process called overwashing. After overwashing, they would do zone testing, after which if everything had gone well, they would do the treatment for iron bacteria. Doing that treatment would be infinitely easier at that point because it would be a clean well to work with. This followed with a discussion about possible funding sources and various bond options. The Board agreed to move money over to start the process.

The Board then discussed emergency preparedness and how to use generators to keep the wells pumping in the case of a disaster. Even a small generator would run the computer and the PLC, which would be sufficient power to communicate with the well. Board members discussed storage issues, fuel issues, and which well would be best to put the generator on. Further discussion on this topic is planned for January. Mr. Hook made a clarifying comment about the budget item ‘transfer between reserves.’ That is the cash generated by operations for 2023.

MOTION: Mr. Bradford made a motion to approve the proposed budget for FY2023 and to set the public hearing date for the budget as December 14th, 2022. Chair Hughes seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.

4. Water System Report – System Consumption Report

Don Barnett gave the water system report. He presented a graph which showed that average summer usage has dropped. Outdoor usage has been the cause of most of the decrease in water consumption; indoor use has been more stable through the years, with only a slight decrease. The District has also done a lot of repairs, so they are losing less water. October gross usage was above average, but per connection it was right on the median and below the average. He also reported that the snowpack level is very good for this time of year.

5. Maintenance and Repairs

Badger Meter Installation

Mr. Hawkes has received approximately 90 meters, but only 60 lids and endpoints. He hopes to install them quickly, depending on the weather.

Well #2 VFD Installation / Update

Electricians pulled the VFD out of the Upper Freeze Creek well, and on closer look it does not accommodate to Well #2. Now they are looking for a VFD which will fit. Mr. Hawkes hopes to have it done before summer.

Lead and Copper Testing Results for 2022

The EID passed the lead and copper testing for 2022.

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

Steve Hook asked if the EID has any new litigation. Jeremy Cook briefly summarized the various cases—they have all been dismissed or ruled in favor of the EID. One small case is still awaiting a decision.

8. 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 8:26 –8:34 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 8:34 p.m.

Minutes Approved