EMIGRATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2025

EMIGRATION CANYON FIRE STATION

5025 EMIGRATION CANYON ROAD

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

AND ZOOM

 **Regular Meeting**

Board Members in Attendance: David Bradford – Chair, Brent Tippets – Co-Chair, Mark Stevens – Co-Chair

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

David Bradford called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**1. Consent Approval - Minutes for December 12, 2024**

MOTION: Brent Tippets made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2024, Trustee Meeting as written. Mark Stevens seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.

**2. Financial Considerations and Report**

Mr. Hawkes presented the final 2024 budget along with the year-end actuals. The expenses for the year were in line with expectations, while revenue exceeded projections.

MOTION: Brent Tippets made a motion to adopt the FY2024 year-end actuals as written. Mark Stevens seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mr. Hawkes presented the monthly financial considerations and report. There were no further questions or concerns.

2024 4th Quarter Transparency Report

The Board had no issues with the transparency report. Mr. Hawkes will post it on the State Auditor’s Transparency Website.

**3. Approval of Mt Olivet Settlement Agreement over Water Right Dispute with SLC Public Utilities and UT State Parks—Jeremy Cook**

Jeremy Cook stated that a settlement has been reached regarding the Mt. Olivet dispute with Salt Lake City. Historically, Mt. Olivet has diverted water at the zoo and returned it at Red Butte; under the new agreement, these diversions will cease. The City of Salt Lake intends to provide water directly to Mt. Olivet and allow the water in Emigration Creek to flow to Liberty Park. Additionally, SLC will provide the water for Mt. Olivet free of charge. The agreement is nearly finalized, pending approval from all parties involved.

MOTION: Brent Tippets made a motion to approve the settlement agreement. Mark Stevens seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.

**4. Water System Report—System Consumption Report—Don Barnett**

1. Monitor Well Level Report

Don reported that there have been no new connections in the last half of the year. Surprisingly, December water usage was higher than expected, possibly due to two leaks, marking the highest December usage since the system's creation. The stream flow forecast is at 79%, with the snow water equivalent at Lookout Peak being about average and 97% of the median at Louis Meadow.

Regarding the wells, the two Barker Wells have started to recover after a decline in the summer, while other wells continue to drop, as it takes time for water to move through the aquifers. Eric mentioned that the annual report to the Division of Water Rights has been submitted.

**5. Maintenance & Repairs**

A leak was identified and repaired at 6402 E Emigration Canyon Road, with a temporary patch applied.

**6. Update on the Brigham Fork Well**

Mr. Barnett provided the Board with an update on discussions with Alan Lang regarding the repair of the Brigham Fork Well. While Alan Lang is interested, he has not yet committed to the project. Lang, who has extensive experience, presented various options for the well. Some of the options include abandoning the well, or cementing it at the spear and retaining only the top 200 feet or attempting to remove the spear and liner and doing testing. The next steps involve providing Mr. Lang with additional information, outlining specific requests, and scheduling a Board meeting. Discussion followed regarding the various options and what is known about the well, including its substantial water yield but poor water quality. If the well can be maintained with only the steel casing, it could be easier to treat. The plan is to have Mr. Lang present to the Board within the next month or two. The Board expressed caution about attempting to remove the tool, given that Peterson Drilling was unable to do so. However, Mr. Lang has a bigger rig with a rotary tool, which is an asset that Peterson Drilling did not have.

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

There were no comments for discussion from the visiting public.

**8. CLOSED SESSION—Pending Litigation and Real Property Acquisition**

MOTION: Board Chairman David Bradford 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 7:50 — 8:09 p.m. Those present included David Bradford, Brent Tippets, Mark Stevens, Eric Hawkes, Jeremy Cook, Don Barnett.

MOTION: Board Member Brent Tippets made a motion to adjourn the meeting. David Bradford seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.

The regular meeting of the Emigration Improvement District adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

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