

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of The Bitter Root Irrigation District held at the District office at 1182 Lazy J Lane, Corvallis MT on September 8, 2020.

Commissioners present: John Schmiedeke, Matt Pendergast, Bill Posten, Steve Bauman and Dave Golay

Also present: Manager John Crowley, Secretary LeeAnn Scheffer, Russ Cleveland, Charlie Olmsted, Caroline Mielke and the foreman for the Olmsted ranch.

Chairman Schmiedeke called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

The minutes of the regular August board meeting were mailed to the Board. There were no other additions or corrections. The August 2020 minutes will stand approved.

Appointments:

Charlie Olmsted presented paperwork to request putting his Burnt Fork Creek water into the BRID canal and retrieve it approximately 500 yards downstream. Attached is the paperwork documenting his proposal. Discussion was tabled until a later date so that BRID can contact there lawyer for further advisement.

Reports:

Water; Lake elevation 4211.7, last year was 4206.3. approximately 5.4’ above where we were last year. Final date of water should be September 18th.

Rebecca Lord is splitting a 10 acre parcel in the Home Acres area in Dave Golay’s division. Both of these lots are located in Parcel #383520 Home Acres Orchard No. 1 S23, T08N, R20 W Acres 10 Lot 24 Block 12.

Lot 23-A will be allocated 3.5 irrigated acres
Lot 24-A will be allocated 3.5 irrigated acres
New parcel numbers will be determined.

Dave Golay made the motion to approve the subdivision contingent upon BRID’s stipulations. John Schmiedeke seconded it. All in favor, motion carried.

Robert Jackson; requesting water to be reallocated .

Robert Jackson, Parcel A	15.879 acres with 12 irrigated acres attached
George Jackson, Parcel B	15.854 acres with 12 irrigated acres attached
Jeffrey R Jackson, Parcel C	15.752 acres with 12 irrigated acres attached
Carol L Ross, Parcel D	12.069 acres with 12 irrigated acres attached
Sheryl K Pond, Parcel E	15.515 acres with 12 irrigated acres attached

Parcel #'s to be assigned at a later date.

Matt Pendergast made a motion to approve the water allocation contingent upon if the land is ever sold or divided any further water easements, meters and valves will have to be installed as BRID's operating policy. Steve Bauman seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Jim Lamphear: would like to change out his point of diversion. The new point of diversion is close to 300' of liner. We expected Jim to be at the meeting and he was not present. Board tabled discussion until further information can be obtained.

Siphon pipe; John Crowley was checking on prices of replacement siphon pipe. Northwest pipe is a spiral weld, Montana Fabrication Works is a butt weld.

Northwest pipe bid

66" ID steel pipe 0.20" 40' length	\$52,400.00
72" ID steel pipe 0.250" 40' length	55,400.00
Total	\$107,800.00

Montana Fabrication Works

66" ID steel pipe 0.250" 40' length	\$19,358.00
72" ID steel pipe 0.250" 40' length	21,144.00
Total	\$40,502.00
Difference	\$67,298.00

Looking at the possibility of purchasing a couple pieces of pipe to have on hand in case of an emergency.

Operating Policy; Decision on the changes to the operating policy was tabled until the October meeting.

John Wimple; still interested in the old pipe we have stored at the pit.

Motion was made by Matt to pay the bills and adjourn the meeting and seconded by Steve. All in favor; motion passed.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:30 a.m.

CHAIRMAN _____

SECRETARY _____