

August 4, 2022

The Board of Directors of the Pathfinder Irrigation District met in their office in Mitchell, NE on Thursday, August 4, 2022.

Those present were: Mick Lookabill, President, Jeff Jenkins, Monty Reisig, Alan Fenning, Randy Hoff, Directors, Rick Miller, Manager, Margaret Harriger, Sec.-Treas. Absent: Harry Howell.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. with reference being made to the "Open Meetings Act" as posted in the Boardroom.

The reading of the minutes was dispensed with as the minutes had been given to the Directors for prior review. A motion was made by Lookabill second by Reisig to approve the minutes as presented: A roll call vote was taken with Jenkins, Reisig, Fenning, Hoff and Lookabill voting yes. Absent: Howell. Motion Carried.

Payroll and bills in the amount of \$328,341.77 were approved on a motion by Jenkins second by Hoff. A roll call vote was taken with Reisig, Fenning, Hoff, Lookabill, and Jenkins voting yes. Absent: Howell. Motion Carried.

Howell arrived at 9:05 a.m.

The financial statement was approved on a motion by Hoff second by Reisig. A roll call vote was taken with Fenning, Hoff, Lookabill, Howell, Jenkins and Reisig voting yes. Motion Carried.

Water conditions/allocations were discussed. The allocation has been increased from a foot forty (1.40) to a foot fifty(1.50) acre feet for the season.

As of July 27, 2022 the Pathfinder Irrigation account stood at 183,036-acre feet.

Timothy E. Bartel and Susan S. Bartel has filed a claim against the District for damage that occurred due to the canal break. The claim has been forwarded to the Attorney handling the case.

The Manager has met with a representative from the Scotts Bluff County Roads Department over the flooding at the intersection of Co. Rd. H and Co Rd 27. Currently there is very little the District or the County can do about the flooding that happens because of the amount of ground that drains into this area. The District is willing to work with the County to try and minimize the flooding issue if they can come up with a solution.

A motion was made by Lookabill second by Hoff to order a bridge kit for the High Line Canal to replace the bridge that separates the Schmaltz property, which was burned during the spring season. The Board stated that a 17ft wide bridge will be installed. If the Schmaltz's want a wider span bridge they will be required to pay the difference between the cost of a 17 ft. bridge kit and that of a wider one. A roll call vote was taken with all being in favor. Motion Carried.

The 3rd quarter budget was presented to the Board for their review. It was reported that the District has remained within the budget through the third quarter.

No one appeared during the time set aside for public comment.

The Manager's report was given as follows:

**PATHFINDER IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MANAGER'S REPORT
August 4, 2022**

➤ **Wyoming State Senator**

I contacted Cheri Steinmetz, the Wyoming State Senator, to inform her that a claim has been made with our insurance company, and all claims need to be sent to Sean Scoggin.

➤ **Claims From Canal Breach**

I met with Sean Scoggin, the attorney representing us for our insurance company. Our attorney Steve Smith was with me in the meeting. We discussed how to move forward regarding any claims that may come in from the breached canal in Wyoming.

➤ **Silt Run**

The silt run began on July 11. The silt was heavy for the first few days and provided an early seal. As the run continued, the silt became lighter and maintained the early seal's benefits. The color of the silt changed from dark brown to grey color. The gray color silt doesn't seem to have the sealing benefit that the darker color silt does. We did, however, gain inflows into Lake Alice. Inflows went from 97 cfs to 180 cfs. We will maintain the flow in the Main Canal to keep a good inflow into Lake Alice.

➤ **Received The 772G Motor Grader**

We received the 772G motor grader for the Minatare division on July 25. Murphy Tractor sent representatives to go over all the features of the motor grader with the individuals that will be operating this machine. I will encourage this machine to have one operator running it at all times unless in an emergency.

➤ **Mountain Peaks Gate Automation**

Matt with Mountain Peaks has spent a couple of days working on the automation again. It seems he is gaining ground, but we are waiting for parts for ten lateral and number 4 gauge. Some of the issues we have been having with the automation are due to loose wires or repeater issues.

The Board decided that they would like to meet towards the end of August to discuss the shutdown of the Main Canal

Harry Howell announced his resignation from the Board of Directors due to health issues.

The tentative date for the next regular meeting has been set for Thursday, September 8, 2022, at the District office located at 140624 10th Street, Mitchell, NE and will convene at 9:00 a.m.

There being further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m. on a motion by Hoff second by Reisig. All in favor voted yes. Meeting adjourned.

Mick Lookabill, President

Margaret Harriger, Sec.-Treas.