

December 5, 2018

The Board of Directors of the Pathfinder Irrigation District met in their office on Wednesday December 5, 2018.

Those present were: Harry Howell, Burdette Kister, Alan Fenning, Randy Hoff, and Mick Lookabill, Directors, Monty Reisig, President, Margaret Harriger, Sec.-Treas. and Dennis Strauch, Manager.

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 Kister to approve the minutes as presented. A roll call vote was taken with Howell, Kister, Reisig, Fenning, Hoff and Lookabill voting yes. Motion Carried.

Payroll and bills in the amount of \$231,602.10 were approved on a motion by Kister second by Lookabill. A roll call vote was taken with Kister, Reisig, Fenning, Hoff, Lookabill and Howell voting yes. Motion carried.

The Financial Statement was approved on a motion by Lookabill second by Reisig. A roll call vote was taken with Reisig, Fenning, Hoff, Lookabill, Howell, and Kister voting yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Fenning second by Hoff to authorize the President of the Board to sign the Lookabill License Agreement. A roll call vote was taken with Fenning, Hoff, Lookabill, Howell, Kister and Reisig voting yes. Motion Carried.

Matt Wells of the Bureau of Reclamation was unable to meet with the Board but had given us the figures for November. Pathfinder Ownership was at 476,921 acre-feet and the Inland Lakes stood at 18,711 acre feet of storage.

The final closeout and report on the WaterSmart Grant Project, Contract #R17AP00135 had been completed. We estimate that the water saved on Lateral 21A through this project was approximately 1,200 acre feet of water this past season.

Modifications to the Agreement with the City of Mitchell on crossing Dry Spotted Tail Creek were discussed. The District has no problem with the modification as proposed.

The Four States Irrigation Council Conference will be held in Ft. Collins, CO. on January 9th, 10th and 11th. Those planning to attend at this time are Fenning, Kister, Howell, Strauch and Miller.

We have not heard back on the comments that were submitted on the Draft Reclamation Manual Directives and Standards regarding the substantial changes on Transferred Works (CMP 10-05).

Inland Lakes Accounting issues are being discussed by the North Platte Decree Committee. A sub-committee meeting is scheduled for January 30, 2019.

Potential Legislative changes to allow for CREP (Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program) lands to renew for longer than 15 years was discussed.

The qualifications for hiring someone for the position of Cost Clerk were presented to the Board for their approval.

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

The Manager's report was given as follows:

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MANAGER'S REPORT
December 5, 2018**

➤ **WaterSmart Grant Project.**

The final reports have been submitted to Reclamation. After their review we should be notified of the closeout of the project.

➤ **Senate Bill S.2563; Water Supply Infrastructure and Drought Resiliency Act of 2018.**

Nothing has happened with this bill or the discussions for amending the bill since the mid-term elections have taken center stage in Washington.

➤ **Becker Bridge Issue.**

The District has not heard from the Becker family in regards to the District's offer to provide access to their property above the Low Line Canal via the downstream bridge.

➤ **Repairs to damaged property due to the breach of the Low Line Canal in June.**

The insurance company has settled with George Liakos for the damages to his property. District staff have started to fill the washout on the Korell property and we are now waiting for the contractor to move the silt from the bottom of the Korell and Rafferty properties into the washout. Once that is completed District staff will finish filling and leveling the affected area. Now that the crops have been harvested on the Korell property, the insurance company will settle the crop loss claim.

➤ **Pipeline Projects.**

We have completed a short pipeline on Lateral 1 that eliminated a short ditch and flume across Lateral 1, north of Henry. We also replaced the flume across the Tristate canal west of Morrill with an under the canal pipeline. The old flume was attached to a bridge that was being removed. We have started the installation of pipe on the Lateral 10EA(Craig) project, once completed we will move to the Lateral 22AA project north of Scottsbluff.

The tentative date for the next meeting has been set for Friday, January 4, 2019, at the District office in Mitchell, NE located at 140624 10th Street and will convene at 9:00 a.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Monty Reisig, President

Margaret Harriger, Sec.-Treas.