

March 7, 2023

The Board of Directors of the Pathfinder Irrigation District met in their office in Mitchell, NE on Tuesday, March 7, 2023.

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

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

There being no further business to come before the Board the present Board was dissolved and the organization meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m.

A motion was made by Fenning second by Howell to elect Mick Lookabill to serve as President for the ensuing year. A roll call vote was taken with Jenkins, Fenning, Hoff, Lookabill and Howell voting yes. Absent Reisig, Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Fenning second by Howell to elect Jeff Jenkins as Vice-President. A roll call vote was taken with Fenning, Hoff, Lookabill, Howell, and Jenkins voting yes. Absent Reisig. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Lookabill second by Fenning to appoint Margaret Harriger as Sec.-Treas., Assessor, and Election Commissioner and also to select the Star-Herald as the official newspaper and Pinnacle Bank, Mitchell as the official depository for District funds. A roll call vote was taken with Hoff, Lookabill, Howell, Jenkins and Fenning voting yes. Absent Reisig. Motion Carried.

The reorganization meeting was adjourned at 9:22 a.m. and the regular meeting was called to order with reference being made to the "Open Meetings Act" as posted in the Boardroom.

Payroll and bills in the amount of \$199,419.87 were approved on a motion by Jenkins second by Hoff. A roll call vote was taken with Lookabill, Howell, Jenkins, Fenning and Hoff voting yes. Absent: Reisig. Motion Carried.

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

Matt Wells of the Bureau of Reclamation met with the Board and reported that the Irrigation Account, as of March 6, 2023, stood at 268,186 acre- feet. The Upper Platte is at 128% of normal and the Lower Platte stands at 127% of normal.

Cathy Johnston and Brad Cannon of the Bureau of Reclamation, by way of Video Conferencing, presented the Reserved Works budget for 2023.

The Turnkey Telecom Solutions proposed fiber installation north of Scottsbluff was discussed.

The District's 2023 Chemical needs for weed control was discussed.

Position openings throughout the District and the attempt to fill them were discussed.

The Yonts Water Conference is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, for those wishing to attend.

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
March 7, 2023**

➤ **The District's Employees on the second lateral division are hauling on 21 lateral.**

The Mitchell district continues to haul clay to seal the bottom of a portion of 21 lateral that we believe is leaking a significant amount of water. They are breaking the clay up and packing it as they haul it into the bottom of the lateral.

➤ **Duck Labs, LLC vs. Pathfinder Irrigation District**

The District's attorney Steve Smith has been working on getting the O&M figured out by the Parcel: Wilkinson, Serial 1500-00, 74 acres E1/2SW1/4, 27/24/58 Sioux County. The total payoff as of 2/28/23 is \$25,142.35 in back O&M. It appears this issue is close to being resolved.

➤ **High Line Main Gates.**

The District's employees continue to do maintenance work on laterals because of the lack of pipelines this year. One project being addressed is the main gates on the High Line Canal on the third lateral division. These are large gates that have needed some maintenance for a few years. This will be a great item to get repaired.

➤ **Hard Pan on the Main Canal.**

The first lateral division continues to haul clay to reshape the main canal in areas that are too wide.

➤ **Meister Tile Line**

The Mister tile line is scheduled to be installed this month. The cold temperatures and blown snow have prevented the District's employees from removing the old cement ditch and installing the new pipeline.

➤ **Pipe for general maintenance**

We have received the truckload of pipe the District ordered last month for general maintenance. Having a little pipe back in our inventory for those unknown emergencies will be nice.

The tentative date for the next regular meeting has been set for Thursday, April 6, 2023, at the District office located at 140624 10th Street, Mitchell, NE and will convene at 9:00 a.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Mick Lookabill, President

Margaret Harriger, Sec.-Treas.