

November 6, 2018

The Board of Directors of the Pathfinder Irrigation District met in their office on Tuesday, November 6, 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 Reisig 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 \$235,177.36 were approved on a motion by Lookabill second by Kister. 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 Lookabill second by Fenning to authorize the President to sign the Bowlin Farms and Lowe Investment agreements. A roll call vote was taken with Fenning, Hoff, Lookabill, Howell, Kister and Reisig voting yes. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Hoff second by Kister to allow the Mick Lookabill request to cross under the Low Line Canal with a water pipeline. A roll call vote was taken with Hoff, Howell, Kister, Reisig and Fenning voting yes. Abstained Lookabill. Motion Carried.

The NSIA, NWRA Joint Conference which is to be held on November 18-20, 2018, at Kearney, NE was discussed. Those planning on attending are Dennis Strauch, Manager, Mick Lookabill and Alan Fenning Directors.

A draft of the Reclamation Manual Directives and Standards regarding Substantial Changes on Transferred Works (CMP 10-05) was discussed. The Manager has sent in his comments on the draft. The Board is not in favor of the changes as outlined in the draft.

The Manager met with the North Platte Decree Committee to discuss the Inland Lakes Accounting Issue. A sub-committee will be chosen to further discuss the issue.

Staff Changes were discussed. Deanna Sisneros who was the Cost Clerk, since 1971, retired on October 15, 2018. A replacement was discussed and will be decided on at a future date.

Matt Wells of the Bureau of Reclamation met with the Board on routine business. He reported that as of November 5, 2018, the irrigation account stood at 461,707- acre feet. The Inland Lakes account stood at 11,088- acre ft.

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

The Manager's report was given as follows:

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➤ **WaterSmart Grant Project.**

Development of the final reports required under the grant are underway and should be provided well in advance of the deadline.

➤ **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.

➤ **CNPPID/Republican River NRD's application for a trans-basin transfer water right from the Platte River to the Republican River.**

CNPPID and the Republican NRD's have filed to have the objectors that have filed in opposition denied standing in the hearing process. No ruling has been issued by DNR on their filing.

➤ **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.

➤ **Stuart Maintenance Issues Raised at the September Meeting.**

Low Line Canal low flow delivery issue: After evaluating the GPS survey conducted on the Low Line Canal and Lateral 88 Pipeline turnout we decided to install a check below Lateral 88 instead of lowering Lateral 88 turnout. The check will allow for early water deliveries into Lateral 88 and upstream where other gates have difficulty discharging under low flows. The new check has been installed and will be functional for the upcoming irrigation season. We will reevaluate after next season to see if additional checks will be required.

Silt issue Low Line Canal breach: I have provided the insurance adjuster with the names of a couple of contractors that can do the dirt work to move the silt that was deposited on the lower ends of the Korell and Rafferty properties into the washout from the Low Line breach back in June. Once the material is moved the District will begin filling the washout this fall and winter.

➤ **Fall Maintenance Work.**

O&M crews have worked this fall repairing and replacing several head-gates and weirs. Morrill Division has reworked/refaced several drop/check structures on the upper reaches of Lateral #10. Staff are also replacing several county road crossings that have rusted out.

The last two years the excavators have spent most of their Fall sloping on the Main Canal and High Line Canal. This year we focused on the Low Line Canal and have sloped several miles utilizing both excavators. Starting in November we will start installing the pipeline projects that have been approved.

The tentative date for the next meeting has been set for Wednesday, December 5, 2018, 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 11:00 a.m.

Monty Reisig, President

Margaret Harriger, Sec.-Treas.