EMIGRATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2020

ELECTRONIC MEETING

**Regular Meeting**

Board Members in Attendance: Mike Hughes – Chair, Brent Tippets – Co-Chair, David Bradford – Secretary/Clerk

Ex Officio: Eric Hawkes—District Manager, Jeremy Cook—Legal Counsel, Don Barnett-- Barnett Intermountain Consulting

Chair Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**1. Consent Approval - Minutes for September 10, 2020**

MOTION: David Bradford made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2020 Trustee Meeting as written. Brent Tippets seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.

**2. Financial Considerations & Report**

Mr. Hawkes gave a summary of the monthly financial considerations and reports. There were no other questions or comments.

Mr. Hawkes gave the 3rd Quarter Transparency Report. The Board members had no concerns.

**3. Ammend 2020 Maintenance Budgets Through December 31st**

Mr. Hawkes proposed that the Board members move more money into the maintenance category. There have been significant maintenance expenses this year (including well 2 repairs and leaks) and the category is short on funds. The Board agreed to move $50,000 into the maintenance category from the capital improvements category.

**4. Annual External Audit Report – Osbourne, Robbins, and Buhler CPA—Ian Robbins**

Mr. Ian Robbins gave the external audit report. He stated that there were no exceptions or discrepancies. He also reported that he was pleased to see how well EID scored on the fraud risk assessment. The audit found no results that needed to be brought to the Board.

**5. Water Levels Report**

Mr. Barnett reported on the water levels. August usage was high and that continued into September. Per connection usage was right in line with median value.

The water supply was satisfactory until April. However, precipitation during the summer was about 40% of normal. The canyon had a normal winter snowpack, but the summer did not receive the expected and needed precipitation.

**6. Maintenance Report**

There was a leak at 70 N Pioneer Fork Rd. Mr. Hawkes described the repairs that were made. The repairs took two days to complete.

Mr. Hawkes then gave an update on the radio read meters. Three meters have been installed. He is still waiting for the proper lids to arrive so he can install the others. Mr. Hawkes spent time getting familiar with the system software. He noted that Badger Meters did complete the drive test of the canyon to collect cellular data, but the results are still pending. Responding to a question from the Board, Mr. Hawkes stated that the meters do not take long to install.

**7.** **Any Items for Discussion from Board and/or from Visiting Public, Dismiss Public**

Chair Hughes and the Sustainability Alliance discussed how to proceed with the results of the survey. Because of privacy issues, Mr. Hughes is cautious about using addresses without permission from the residents. Mr. Hawkes has reached out to Aqua Environmental to get the needed addresses, and from there he will send a letter to those who expressed interest in the cluster systems. Ms. Stokman wanted to continue pursuing group septic pump rates, along with following up on some of the recommendations that came through the survey. She also urged the Board to be present at a stakeholder meeting in November. If they have agenda items, they can send them to Sandy Wingert.

Paul Brown encouraged everyone to check their water heater anode rod.

**9. Closed Session – Pending Litigation**

MOTION: Board Member David Bradford made a motion to convene in closed session to discuss pending and imminent litigation. Brent Tippets seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.

The Board of Trustees met in closed session from 7:41 to 7:53 p.m. Those present included the Board of Trustees, Eric Hawkes, Don Barnett, Jeremy Cook.

MOTION: Board Member Bradford made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Hughes seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.

The regular meeting of the Emigration Improvement District adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

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