**MEDFORD IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**January 8th, 2025 @ 1:30 pm**

Present: Matt Borman, Tom Brookins, Sean Naumes, Dennis O’Donoghue, Joe Demaggio, and Jack Friend: Manager/Secretary

**Call meeting to order:** Chairman Borman called the meeting to order at 1:54 p.m.

**Minutes:** The regular board meeting minutes on December 18th, 2024, were reviewed. Chairman Borman asks if there are any comments or corrections to the minutes. Motion: Chairman Brookins called for a motion to approve the regular board meeting minutes as amended for December 18th, 2024. Director Brookins motions to approve the December 18th, 2024, minutes, Director O’Donoghue seconds the motion, and the motion carries.

**Financials:** The financial reports for December 2024 were reviewed. Chairman Borman called for a motion to approve the financial reports presented for December 2024. Director Naumes motions to approve the December 2024 financials, Director Brookins seconds the motion, and the motion carries.

**Delinquent Accounts:** Flanakin: We haven’t had a lot of activity this month. One patron Flores came in and paid her past and current dues.

**Administration:** Friend: It has only been 3 weeks since our last Board meeting and the holidays were busy, so the time went by fast. In the meantime, the water supply made some major changes for this time of year. As you can see from the attached graphs for the Northern and Southern supplies, we have seen significant increases in the reservoir levels since our last meeting. There was a series of significant precipitation that caused major flooding in the valley and the reservoirs reacted because of lower elevation snowmelt just above the reservoir level. Fortunately, the higher-elevation snowpack held steady with the fluctuating snow levels and heavy precipitation. As of today, Fourmile Snotel site SWE is 173% of the average with 55” of snowpack. Billy Creek SWE is 190% of the average with 42: of snowpack. Fish lake is at 81% with 12: of snowpack. Fish lake being the lower elevation of the three sites paints a pretty good picture. Howard Prairie is at 89% of the average with 2.4”

The Northern supply graph shows Fish Lake and Fourmile combined storage is at 9,337 A/F or 39% of full pool. That is 85% of the average for this time of year and 2,449 A/F higher than this time last year. The majority of this supply is in Fish lake, and we may see it fill this year. The majority of this supply is in Fish lake, and we may see it fill this year for the first time in over a decade. Fourmile is recovering nicely and if the snowpack continues, we should see a very solid late-spring replenishment.

The southern supply shows the combined storage of Howard Prairie, Hyatt, and Emigrant is 52,226 A/F and 45% of full pool. That is 88% of the average for this date and up 18,113 A/F from this time last year. That is a substantial jump for this time of year, but you can see that the snowpack at HP was just below the snow level during that Heavy precipitation event so there was a lot of runoffs. The south fork collection system will still provide runoff to help bring the lakes up in the spring, but it would be very nice to see the HP snotel site start to pick up a solid snowpack again through the next two months. As is, we are looking at the most solid season we have forecasted in years, but it would be nice to get the reservoirs back into a two-year cycle for forecasting the irrigation season.

The flooding here in SW Medford was substantial and the creeks and storm drains were not able to hand le all the water. Dan and I spent a lot of time responding to calls, cleaning trash racks, and sandbagging creeks to keep water out of our laterals. I have some photos and videos of the areas to share. Daisy, Jackson and Griffin Creek were coming out of the banks and causing a lot of property flooding. Our canal was full even though we were fully winterized, and diversions were closed. There were a few laterals that overflowed causing flooding on private property even though they were shut off. I made sure to document the event and confirm there was nothing more we could do on our end to help mitigate the stormwater issue.

I have provided an email from FCA with the proposed direction to pursue funding for the canal above RRVID’s pipeline. I plan to get back to them later today and let them know we would like them to proceed with a statement of work and budget for the Board to review. If there are any concerns or discussion that we need to have, we can move this to old business.

**Transfers:** Friend: We do have one transfer off that just came through, I spoke with Ken Parducci from the City of Medford, he has been the project lead for me on the foothill rd. project. We squared away all the impacts to customers that we knew of the map shows a small parcel that access to the irrigation water is no longer available. The City of Medford piped that section and didn’t allow access to the irrigation water. The only option was to access through the neighbor’s yard; however, the patron doesn’t use the water and just wants to quitclaim back to the district and the City of Medford is paying for it since they missed that customer.

Chairman Borman: Do we have a motion to approve the transfer off for Michael Squire? Director O’Donoghue motions to approve the transfer off, Director Brookins seconds the motion, motion carries.

**New Business**: Flanakin: At last months meeting you had questions about the other districts in the valley and what their sick benefit accrued hours are. RRVID has a cap of 480 hours of sick time and TID is currently revising their employee handbook as well and Wanda let me know that she is proposing the 480 max sick time accruals as well.

Director O’Donoghue: We had it at 480, right?

Flanakin: Yes

Director O’Donoghue: I say we stay consistent.

Director Naumes: I guess if we are going to stay in line with everyone else.

Chairman Borman: If there isn’t anymore discussion, do we have a motion to approve the Employee Handbook resolution 2025-02? Director O’Donoghue moves to approve the employee handbook, Director Brookins seconds the motion, motion carries.

**Public Comment:** Director Brookins: Have we made any progress on the above ground storage tanks?

Friend: I received information from Kraw data and Tammi put on a couple others as well. I wasn’t able to get prices from anyone as of yet. I can try and get a discount for the patrons as if we were purchasing them.

Director Brookins: Through the last couple of years, we have frost protection water and in need of storing what extra water that makes it down the line for beneficial usage.

**Adjourn:** 2:41 pm

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Matt Borman – Chairman Jack Friend – District Manager/Secretary