

**Casper Alcova Irrigation District
Regular Board Meeting
January 11, 2024
City of Mills Large Hall Community Center**

The Casper Alcova Irrigation District (CAID) board meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Ron Richner. Ron announced that no outbursts will be tolerated, and any comments or questions will be allowed one at a time during the public comment period.

Joan called roll. Those in attendance were commissioners Ron Richner (President), Ric Herman (Vice-President), Len Camp, Dan Robinett and John Bentley.

Also, present were Joan McGraw (District Manager) and Tony Jensen (Field Manager). Guest attending Patrick Lewallen, Attorney. Korry Lewis, Attorney attended the meeting via Zoom. Members of the public attending, please see the attached sign-in sheet.

There was a brief discussion regarding nominations for Secretary/Treasurer. John moved to appoint Len as Secretary/Treasurer. Ric 2nd. A vote was taken. Motion carried.

Patrick Lewallen gave a presentation regarding the map and the commissioner's subdistrict areas 4 and 5. The current areas 4 and 5 were flipped in the early 1970's and have been used for the last 53 years, but never filed with the court. There was a discussion regarding the area boundaries and the options of keeping the current map or switching back to the map from the early 1960's. Kelly Burch requested the board to poll the landowners in attendance and move forward with a petition to keep the current areas or switch back. Dan moved to maintain the current area boundaries for 4 and 5. Len 2nd. Ric recused himself. A vote was taken. Motion carried. Patrick will start the court petition process.

Minutes:

The commissioners reviewed the minutes for the December 14, 2023, board meeting. Ric moved to approve the minutes as presented. Dan 2nd. A vote was taken. Motion carried.

Financials:

Joan presented the January financial statement. Len moved to accept the January financial statement as presented. Dan 2nd. A vote was taken. Motion carried.

Joan presented the January voucher. Dan moved to accept the January voucher as presented. Len 2nd. A vote was taken. Motion carried.

Committee Report:

Jason Gutierrez gave an update on the status of by-laws. After a lengthy discussion with the landowners and committee alternates, it was decided that the committee and the commissioners will have a work session to review the bylaws together. The work session is scheduled for Tuesday, January 16, at 4:00 at the CAID office.

Old Business:

256 Drop Structure Level III:

Joan presented an extension request from WWC regarding the 256 Drop Structure be extended until December 2025. John moved to extend the request. Dan 2nd. A vote was taken. Motion carried.

Automation Upgrade:

Tony requested the commissioner’s approval to move forward with Stage 3 of the automation upgrades. This request will need to be presented to the NCCD next week. John moved to approve the request. Dan 2nd. Ric recused himself. A vote was taken. Motion carried. Tony presented a three-year water use comparison showing the projects that have been implemented are having a positive impact on the system.

Annual Meeting and Election:

There was a brief discussion regarding the annual meeting and election. Len moved to table the discussion until the next board meeting. Dan 2nd. A vote was taken. Motion carried.

New Business:

Conflict Waiver Request:

Korry presented to the commissioners a request from Burron Law Firm to waive any conflicts allowing him to work with the City of Cheyenne on a possible water use agreement. Ric moved to approve the request. Len 2nd. A vote was taken. Motion carried.

Water Use Agreement:

Korry presented to the commissioners a Binding Consent and Water Use Agreement between CAID and the Sinclair Refinery at Casper. This consent is to ensure that water is available for industrial operations in the event of a 2024 allocation administration. The term of the consent shall be from its execution to April 20, 2024. Ric move to approve the Sinclair water use agreement. John 2nd. A vote was taken. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Public comment included questions to Jason and lack of communication from the committee including why there was no representation from area 3 to participate amending the bylaws. Further discussion regarding the constitution and the right for privacy as well as state statutes; questions regarding the Sinclair agreement; comments on the water use comparison.

Len moved to adjourn the meeting. Ric 2nd. A vote was taken. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at the Casper Alcove Irrigation District office.

Respectfully recorded by Joan McGraw.

Signature 

Date 2-8-24

Signature John Bentley

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Signature Patrick Herman

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