

**Casper Alcova Irrigation District
Regular Board Meeting
November 9, 2023**

The Casper Alcova Irrigation District (CAID) board meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Ron Richner. Those in attendance were commissioners Ric Herman (Vice-Chairman), Brad Olson (Secretary/Treasurer), and members Len Camp, and Dan Robinett. Also present were Joan McGraw (District Manager) and Tony Jensen (Field Manager). Guest attending Garrett Zimmer, WWC. Members of the public attending, please see the attached sign-in sheet.

Minutes:

The commissioners reviewed the minutes for the October 12, 2023, board meeting. Ric moved to approve the minutes as presented. Dan 2nd. A vote was taken. Motion carried.

The commissioners reviewed the minutes for the October 24, 2023, special board meeting. Brad recused himself from the meeting via email. Ric moved to approve the minutes as presented. Dan 2nd. A vote was taken. Motion carried.

Financials:

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

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

256 Drop Structure Level III Guest Attending:

Garrett Zimmer with WWC presented a summary of the 256 Drop Structure Level III project schedule. The current plans for the drop structure design are anticipated in mid-November. There will be a 90% design meeting later this month. Garrett asked to highlight CAID/WWC projects on social media.

Committee Report:

Jason Gutierrez gave an update on the committee. Jason presented a draft of the Third Amended Bylaws of Casper-Alcova Irrigation District for the board's review. There was a discussion regarding the need for another comment period for the bylaws and presenting the bylaws and policies and procedures at the annual meeting.

Manager's Reports:

Joan gave an update on grants that she is working on including small waters and WWNRT. She has a meeting with FEMA to discuss aging infrastructure funding possibilities.

Tony gave an update on the projects that he and his crew have been working on including a presentation showing before and after videos. The projects included cleaning ditches 147/120 and 256/740; tree and slash pile removal from last year on 256/830; tree removal and chipping along various ditches; clean check structures; work on Bucknam washout, dyke, and culvert; install culvert on Poison Spider Creek; blading roads and removing sandbars. Agua Systems 2000 will be installing a sensor on the 256 headgate and measure to figure flow calculations; update the panel on the 328 headgate and install a sensor at that weir; and install a sensor at the Fish Trap. BOR will be inspecting three siphons on November 29. All three siphons are cleaned out. In addition, the Poison Spider siphon is clean. Herrick siphon is about half finished and Iron Creek will be next. Tony anticipates all siphons will be completed next week.

District Commissioner Reports:

District 1: Ron checked the 57 lateral. Discussion regarding the issues and repairs.

District 2: Len had nothing to report.

District 3: Brad mentioned the meeting with landowners after last month's meeting to discuss the 256/830 ditch issues. Possibility applying for small waters funding for a pipe system.

District 4: Dan mentioned compliments received regarding some of the work Tony has been doing.

District 5: Ric followed up with the 256/380, maybe investigate spraying, and the 328 lateral request for headgate repairs and replacement. Tony will be addressing the 328 lateral. Further discussion regarding ongoing projects.

Old Business

Joan informed the board the water totals report was not received until after the meeting was called to order. She will prepare a 5-year comparison for next month's meeting.

There was a brief discussion regarding the NCW&P Weed Eradication MOU. A tour has not been scheduled yet.

New Business

Joan informed the board of an opportunity Korry Lewis presented to the district regarding the sale of water to the City of Cheyenne to help conserve water in the Colorado River system. This is a pilot program and would be funded by the USBR. The Cheyenne BOPU would enter into an agreement with CAID to source water from Seminoe in 2024, instead of the Snake River. This water would come out of CAID's storage. This is a one-year deal and would not affect our existing contract with rPlus. The board will follow up with Korry for more information.

Cathy Becker approached the board with concerns she has with damage and debris piles left over from ditch cleaning work. Ric has been trying to get a hold of the landowner for a year to discuss their concerns. Tony will see what needs to be done.

Joan presented a project contract between Natrona County Conservation District and CAID for automation projects. There was further discussion regarding the equipment, fuel, and labor rate sheet. The board updated the rate sheet. Dan moved to accept the contract with changes. Brad 2nd. Ric abstained. A vote was taken. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Jason Gutierrez commented on Tony's presentation. Further discussion regarding areas where trees are a concern along the ditches. Follow up on records request for Joan and which reports he is still needing. Jason also expressed concerns to WWC regarding the 256 Drop Structure deadlines, timing of bids, and confirmation of the project deadline.

Executive Session:

At 4:03, Ric moved to go into executive session to discuss the election lawsuit. Len 2nd. Brad recused himself from the meeting. A vote was taken. Motion carried. At 5:12, the board came out of executive session. No action was taken.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. at the Casper Alcove Irrigation District office.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15.

Respectfully recorded by Joan McGraw.

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Date 12-14-23

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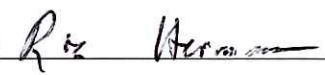
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