

Casper Alcova Irrigation District Monthly Board Meeting – May 11, 2023

On May 11, 2023 at 2:04 pm the regular board meeting was called to order by Ric Herman, Vice President. Board Members present were Ric Herman Dan Robinette, & Brad Olson. The Field Manager, Tony Jensen and Melanie Peterson, Treasury/Secretary, were also in attendance. Please see the sign-in attachment for public attendance.

Review of the Previous Minutes:

The board reviewed all previously approved minutes with the corrections. Ric made the motion to approve April 27, April 13, March 23, March 31 of 2023. Dan seconded the motion. All board members were in favor. The corrected minutes were passed.

Dan made a motion to accept the minutes for April 27, 2023, with identified corrections. Brad seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed to accept the minutes.

Treasurer Report:

Melanie submitted the current account statements, previous month's balances, and identified any differences between this year vs. the last.

Notice of a discrepancy on the fuel costs was red flagged. Decision to table the approval of the treasury report until the discrepancy is determined. Discrepancy was determined not to exist.

Dan motioned to accept the treasurer report as presented. Brad seconded the motion. All were in favor, so the motion was carried.

Committee Report:

Committee was currently working on the policies and procedures. Jason asked for previous policies and procedures to review.

The committee was working through how water waste should be addressed. The committee identified that tailings should not cause damage to offset properties. Ric suggested that there is a Wyoming statute that also may already address that.

The bylaws are approximately 90% finished. The goal is to have the bylaws finished prior to the budget being submitted for the following year.

Managers' Report:

Trees were cut along 328 and still working on cutting more. Wier on 174 was regraded and compacted, 128-170 was cleared of rocks. 218 ditch cleaned by check structure cleaned. There were multiple other projects identified that the crews had performed across the CAID district. Top con was installed on the 210 and several employees went out with a trainer to learn how to utilize it.

Plans to bill out service/equipment rendered tied to selenium was addressed and in process.



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District reports:

Dan took a tour into the field. Smith has interest to have a ditch lined. 60' headgate olong Ditch 256.

New Business:

The next meeting, May 25th will have WWDC will be at CAIDs office to kick off the Level 1 study.

May 19th CAID will be in Cheyenne for a meeting with RPlus and the City of Cheyenne. Time to be determined for the meeting.

Old Business:

256-15ft weir replacement was in process. Tony has been talking to several companies to get potential proposals.

Public Comments:

Jason:

Jason is working with Melanie to get the minutes current on the website. He was also interested knowing in what the policy is for members to review financials. Jason would have liked to see the water in the ditch on May 1st. Jason was concerned that the lack of water coming down sooner could damage crop output. He would like a conversation the following year to address getting it started on time. The water was turned on the 4th of May, 2023 by CAID. CAID's current policy requires so much acre/ft being ordered by users because BOR does not approve of CAID shutting down once it is turned on.

Connie Williams:

Connie would like to present \$10,000 to the board for the purpose of legal assistance.. The board was able to accept the cash. The cash was being donated to CAID a group of anonymous members to help support CAID with the litigation that was brought by John Bentley.

Randy:

Check was washing on the sides on 33 Mile. Randy was wondering if we are still searching for a District Manager. The answer is yes. He also wanted to know if we are getting 3 acre/ft of water. The answer was yes. Randy asked if we lose our supplemental water. The answer is yes. Randy was concerned that with excess water there could be substantially more waste water. Randy requests that the Board asks CAID's lawyer for input about potential repercussions.

Randy also wanted to address the May 1st delivery. Randy suggested to initiate the ditches water load on slowly so irrigation is manageable.

Don Pavack:



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Don would like to know if a pipe on his property is going to get plugged, because it appeared to have a leak. It is above the overflow. Tony identified that the flow came out of the overflow and the pipe is not damaged. The pipe was moved all the way down to the overflow. The pipeline will be monitored for the year to see if the shift was successful to improve water flow. Pipe does have to be covered for the purpose of protection to the pipe.

Ric motioned to Adjourn at 4:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ric Herman, Vice President

Melanie Peterson Treasurer/Secretary