

**Casper Alcova Irrigation District
Regular Board Meeting
September 14, 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-President), Brad Olson (Secretary/Treasurer), Len Camp, and Dan Robinett. Also present were Joan McGraw (District Manager), Tony Jensen (Field Manager), and Korry Lewis (Attorney). Guest attending John Lauletta, Asset Guard Lining. Members of the public attending, please see attached sign-in sheet.

Korry Lewis informed the public attending that the CAID commissioners will not be discussing the lawsuit. Any discussion about the litigation needs to take place in a formal mediation that's protected by Rule 408 under the Rules of Evidence. The public can make comments during the public comment section of the meeting. If the plaintiff or anyone associated with the plaintiff makes a statement, that statement can be used against him or her at the hearing. There is a packet of materials that was handed out by Mr. and Mrs. Cook. This packet was not sanctioned by the board nor the district. It mentions "findings" at the top. The court has not issued a court order or made any findings in this litigation. These are opinions about the case.

John Lauletta with Asset Guard Lining gave an informative presentation on ditch linings. He left samples of the linings, and his presentation will be at the CAID office for anyone who may be interested.

The commissioners reviewed the minutes from the August 28, 2023, board meeting. Dan moved to approve the minutes with corrections as noted. Ric 2nd. A vote was taken. Motion carried.

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

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

Committee Update: Jason Gutierrez informed the board that draft bylaws were sent to committee members. They will be meeting soon to review with hopes to conclude the bylaw portion. Joan will start attending those meetings. There was a discussion regarding prior bylaws including livestock water having precedence versus current bylaws having beneficial use. Stock water is beneficial use. Further discussion regarding policies and bylaws and if the committee were addressing the elections. The elections are in the bylaws and are being addressed. Bylaws are voted on by the board after public comment is complete. Korry informed policies and bylaws are not enforceable until they have gone through the Administrative Procedures Act public comment period. The commissioner's election follows State Statue 41-7-713, it does not detail procedures. The board is governed by state statues.

District Manager Update: Joan has been working on better financial reporting. There are several grants that she's currently working on. They are not for any specific project, but more

for planning once projects have been identified. Brief discussion regarding timing and deadlines of the grants.

Field Manager Update: The field crew spent a lot of time on the 256-830 lateral removing trees and willows. The section between Taucher and Mortimer is almost complete. Would like to continue all the way to the tree farm so CAID can monitor the whole ditch. The culvert has been installed in Poison Spider Creek. The turbo went out on the 210. It was ordered and showed up yesterday, but it is not installed yet. As soon as it's installed, they can finish backfilling. A culvert washed out on 147 by the toilet bowl last Friday. Found 2 pieces of 27" PVC pipe but the gaskets are rotted out. Trying to find new gaskets or another pipe, hoping to get it done tomorrow. Cleaned a bunch of weeds out of the end of 328 and a bunch of weeds on the bottom of Dry Creek. 210 continues to be a big weed problem. Hauled a load of rock out to Bucknum to use for riprap on the project when we get to it.

Mike Rodgers recognized Tony for all the hard work he has done these past months. Ben Taucher agreed.

District 1: Ron did not have anything to report.

District 2: Len did not have anything to report.

District 3: Brad confirmed the board went and looked at the flooding issue on the 256 lateral after the last board meeting. He has been in communication with Tony regarding the progress.

District 4: Dan has had a lot of little questions and phone calls, but nothing to report on.

District 5: Ric's last contact was Randy regarding the leaky canal between his place and Bryce. Jason mentioned a leaky syphon which Tony knows about it. The Johnson's on lateral 328 have two or three headgates that need fixed. They are wondering if they could do the work if CAID furnished the supplies.

Old Business

Joan informed the board that she has not received an update from WWDC nor WWC regarding the Level I Study. They should be sending an update once a month.

Joan directed the board to their meeting packets to review a letter received from the Board of Control regarding the Foley Stock Reservoir permits. The board voted to grant the permits conditionally. They are waiting for permits from the State Engineer's Office.

New Business

There was a discussion regarding the Daily Reservoir Totals report that was provided by the BOR. It was determined the report did not have the detailed breakdown the commissioners would like to see. Joan will find the correct report.

Joan informed the board that there is a special district certification training required by the Department of Audit for all board members and all staff that handles any financial part of the business. This certification needs to be completed by July 1, 2024. Jason mentioned a training that is scheduled in October and will send Joan the information.

Public Comment:


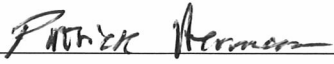



Jerry Cook requested the metes and bounds, legal descriptions and boundary lines for all district boundaries, and audio and written minutes of this meeting.

Jerry Cook presented a packet of "summary of findings". Copies were provided to the commissioners and the public. The packet contained two different voting credential reports, examples of three landowner's voting credentials showing discrepancies; maps of the district areas; election guidelines for the voting/proxy process; sample of two ballots showing the landowner's vote; and a letter from Tracy Good, Natrona County Clerk. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the validity of the contents provided in the packet and a comparison to prior election procedures.

Ric moved to adjourn the meeting. Len 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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

Respectfully recorded by Joan McGraw.

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