



**Casper Alcova Irrigation District
Special Board Meeting – April 27, 2023**

On April 27, 2023 at 2:00 pm the special meeting was called to order by Ron Richner – President. Board Members present were Ron Richner, Len Camp, Dan Robinette, Ric Herman, & 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:

Dan makes a motion to accept the minutes for April 13, 2023, with identified corrections. Len seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Public Comments:

Connie Williams:

Would like to thank the Board for their work and for standing firm. Connie identified that she thinks that negating the vote might have other ramifications for CAID. Connie identified that she has \$6000.00 from multiple donors to give to CAID in support of the legal fees. Connie expressed that peoples' votes should not be taken away from them.

Jerry Cook:

Jerry identified that he was not happy that Brad's name was on the ballot.

More discussion ensued pertaining to the validity of District 3's elections that took place in February.

Jerry Cook:

Asked what the plan for the overflow on his property. He wants CAID to rectify it.

Dave asked if a pipeline could be put to the bottom of the overflow. A concrete ditch and a diffuser was recommended from Mr. Bentley. Mr. Bentley identified that several pieces of CAID ditchers were on his property. Dan identified that several other CAID properties were on several old Board members properties. Jerry requested that the spill might be near the road. CAID identified some of the preferred options are currently cost inhibitive.

Dave has identified that there is a spot on his property that is leaking and requested that a liner be put in. There is a concrete section that the water leaks around. He also stated that there is a ditch going to Mills that is leaking pretty bad. It is in an area where CAID had previously been repoured concrete, but appears to still be leaking.

Jerry currently has two 18" culverts that are CAIDs on his property. Tony would like to go recover the equipment pieces and get them within CAIDs property. John has a big ditcher on his property that is also CAIDs.



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Jason asked what the timeframe is to have the water turned on. Ric and Tony responded that several ditches/canals that are still at risk for flooding from being filled with snow in several places. Tony and the Board will continue checking the ditches to determine if/when they can turn them on.

Committee Report:

They are currently focused on Bylaws and plan to move into the policies and procedures in the next several weeks. Jason gave a quick preview of the thoughts/new laws, including new elections. Jason identified there is a different process for irrigation districts in comparison to county commissioners or other votes. The new laws would like to give voters information on the roles for the seats as well as what proxies definitions are and what they mean. Jason suggested to have the acre values for the people on their blank ballots. Jason gave great detail on the elections protocol. Canvassing board must be appointed that includes the Secretary and two other members. The State statutes identify what the specifics are for the canvassing board.

Tony requested that the committee create the proxy and ballot template so those templates are the only ones being used for future voting.

The committee has had lengthy discussion on the easements/right of ways. The emphasis has been focused on protection of the landowners.

Robert's rules of order has been discussed for conduct.

Term limits have come up that there be only 3, unless no other person wants to run. Conflicts of interest rules have come up where if a board member wants to bid on a project they can, but must recuse themselves for the vote.

Ben had several questions for Jason/Board. Ben identified that the process should be able to be evenly dispersed (ie consistent for all). Ben wanted to know how the current process occurs to get on the workorder requests. Tony identified that he would like to resurrect the work orders to help efficiency. Ben wanted to know if CAID would be interested in putting the public comments at the end of the meeting vs. the beginning.

Mr. Price: Mr. Price expressed that he believed wastewater is not saving water and he has concerns that people could lose water rights if they are wasting. Connie identified that there may be statute about it the responsible party of wastewater indicating the developer/landowner is responsible. Mr. Price identified that adjacent properties can flood neighbors out and he has concerns about the consequences. Mr. Williams interjected that original maps have ditches that were planned for water in and water out. Several of the ditches were never completed by the BOR (originators). Mr. and Mrs. Williams asked if CAID plans to finish those to mitigate flooding.

Tony and the Board expressed their desire to mitigate the excess drainage and that it will take time.

Ric identified that CAID has a workorder sheet for all to submit to CAID to track future work.



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CAID asked Mrs. Williams to hold the money that she brought forward because CAID was unsure if they were legally allowed to accept the money.

Managers' Report:

Overflow on Sweet Creek and Buck Creek Road has been completed. Mr. Price suggested a screen. Tony will look into putting one on it. 59 headwall section was broken up and river rock was put in as well as rock checks to fix system. 218 ditch cleaning has been performed. There is a new screen that has been built. Poison Spider dump check was cleaned. Aqua Systems took a look at a system that is in need of update. They will be getting a quote. Various other projects were also described that the hands are working on as well.

New Business:

Another CAN was requested for replacement in District 1, but Tony identified that the CAN might not be CAID's property.

Brad is planning on a field trip to take a look at several jobs within his district.

Dan has a project that he would like to go out with Tony on several projects.

Mr. William Davis would like his culvert and lateral to be cleaned out.

There is a pipe that goes under 8 mile near Bentley's that is in need of cleaning because it is plugged.

Grooms and Harkins will no longer be able to perform the yearly audits. Tony has been researching new companies and should have some options in the coming next meetings.

Tony/Board need to initiate the budget for the 2023/2024.

256 Drop structure engineers: WWDC petition has been signed/completed. Engineering bids can be collected. Tony will get bid from Western Heritage.

256 head gate has significant issues with Russian olives and infrastructure failure. There is a potential small grant that CAID could try to obtain to assist with it. The grant is for small specific projects.

Rick recommended obtaining mats for continued work through the summer.

Ric made a motion to raise our 2 acreft/acre to 3 acreft/acre. Discussion occurred on benefit vs cost. Len seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business:

147 pipeline was surveyed and calculations are being made to move the readjusted the pipeline.

Ron motions to Adjourn at 5:05 pm



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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "R. Richner", written over a horizontal line.

Ron Richner, President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Melanie Peterson", written over a horizontal line.

Melanie Peterson, Treasurer/Secretary