

## Casper Alcova Irrigation District Monthly Board Meeting – June 8, 2023

On June 8, 2023 at 2:03 pm the regular board meeting was called to order by Ron Richner, President. Board Members present were Ron Richner, Dan Robinette, Ric Herman Len Camp & 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 the edited minutes/finalization of April 27<sup>th</sup>, April 13<sup>th</sup>, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, March 31<sup>st</sup> of 2023. Dan seconded the motion. All board members were in favor. The corrected minutes were passed.

The board reviewed the May 11, 2023 and the May 25, 2023 minutes. Ric made a motion to accept the minutes for May 11, 2023 as corrected. Dan seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion to approve the minutes was approved. The board reviewed the Special Meeting minutes of May 3, 3023. Ric made the motion to approve the minutes. Len seconded the motion to accept the minutes. All were in favor. The motion was carried. Dan made a motion to accept the May 25, 2023 minutes. Ric seconded the motion, with identified corrections. Ric made the motion to accept the minutes for the June 2, 2023 meeting minutes. Dan 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.

Len motioned to accept the treasurer report. Dan seconded the motion. 4-5 in favor, so the motion was carried. Ric opposed.

## Committee Report:

Jason Gutterrez:

No report since the last meeting.

Connie Williams: Had a request to eliminate a paragraph that the committee was considering to put in that could give a candidate the capability to review the votes. The concerns are that the rule could allow a candidate to poke holes in whether the election is fair. Connie raised concerns that giving a five person board the power to negate a vote could be unethical and illegal.

Jason: The consensus was to leave the Board the capability to the board to potentially determine if there was a true grievance.

Discussions transpired on what the right outcome could be for the paragraph.

#### Managers' Report:



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District reports:		
None		

CAID needed to determine whether to tie a <u>drop structure</u> to the property for Dave North or if it should be filed in CAIDs assignments. Discussions occurred to determine best option. Legal description would be required for Dave North to file the drop structure at the County. Dave will be assuming responsibility for the drop structure that he put into the Oregon Trail drainage.

Tony has a quote for PLCs and other automation system parts from Aqua System. Cost share from the conservation district will likely be utilized to acquire the system. The system can be put in in late June.

Ric made a motion to move forward with the automation system. Brad seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

## **New Business:**

Old Business:

Auditor engagement: Tony acquired quotes from several auditors that can potentially be utilized.

Ric made the motion to approve Atlas CPAs for the audits, Len seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was passed unanimously.

### Paula:

Identified a program that is built for retirement program. The cost is \$190.00/person for contributing. It has several programs for the compensation plan. Paula identified that the 457 retirement plan could be incentivizing for obtaining new employees and maintaining current staff.

## Public Comments:

### Cody:

AB Cattle Company has two parcels. Cody received only one assessment covering both parcels and paid the assessment. He was then sent another assessment for 119 acres. He is coming to show documentation that he has previously paid the assessment in total and believes they are being charged for an excess of 64 acres. Cody may have been overpaying for acreage potentially since 2005.

Cody also stated that his flow ends up being fairly inconsistent, causing issues with Cody's irrigation. His turnout area is also cumbersome to get 2 ft. He wondered if a new culvert would enhance. Tony will come out to look at the issue.



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Paula will be modifying the acreage to be correct within their Rimrock program. Storm appears to be accurate in total.

Ric motioned to Adjourn Dan Seconded at 4:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Richner, President

Melanie Peterson, Treasurer/Secretary