

EMIGRATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, 2021

111 E BROADWAY, 11TH FLOOR
SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84111

AND ZOOM

Regular Meeting

Board Members in Attendance: Mike Hughes – Chair, Brent Tippetts – Co-Chair, David Bradford – Secretary/Clerk

Ex Officio: Eric Hawkes—District Manager, Jeremy Cook—Legal Counsel, Don Barnett--Barnett Intermountain Consulting

Chair Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:21 p.m.

1. Consent Approval - Minutes for November 11, 2021

MOTION: David Bradford made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2021, Trustee Meeting as written. Brent Tippetts seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.

2. Financial Considerations & Report

Mr. Hawkes gave a summary of the monthly financial considerations and reports. He explained why there are two treasury accounts. There were several clarifying questions from Steve Hook. One was about how the legal category will end by the end of the year (they estimate it will be about even). Mr. Hawkes will modify the debt payments category in the new year.

3. FY2022 Budget Hearing and Approval

Chair Hughes opened the public budget hearing. The Board reviewed the proposed FY2022 budget as presented by Mr. Hawkes. Mr. Hook from the audience recommended that the debt depreciation line should be updated, which Mr. Hawkes will do. The Board discussed the need to revamp the telemetry. There was discussion on how much it might cost and if the Board could afford it. This shifted talk into the District's water rates. Mr. Barnett agreed to research water rates from around the states, especially for water districts of similar size. Ultimately, though, the rates of other districts are somewhat irrelevant because the canyon has unique challenges. Water is more expensive to produce in the canyon. The District is anxious to not overcharge, but at the same time, they may need to raise rates to meet the cost of producing water in the canyon. Mr. Bradford agreed to do a rate analysis. Mr. Hook mentioned again that the depreciation schedule needs to add the capitol improvements. In addition, the debt payment schedule should be figured in actual what the principal is for next year. The Board agreed to change the principal bond payment amount--it can be amended next year before they submit it to the state. Chair Hughes closed the public budget hearing.

MOTION: David Bradford made a motion to adopt the FY2022 budget as written. Brent Tippetts seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.

4. Water System Report

System Consumption Report

Mr. Barnett gave the water system report. The water usage in November was a new all-time low since the expansion of the system in 2009. In 2021, the months of January, March, October, and November were all all-time lows. No month except April was above the median for the respective months.

Monitor Well Level Report

The monitor wells have started back up already, due to the wet October. The Church Well isn't following the form of the other wells; it is somewhat akin to where it was the past two years. In general, the levels are very consistent with where we were last year. The graph showing

snowpack and soil moisture levels are bleak. November was a terrible year from a water supply standpoint.

5. Maintenance Report

All one hundred of the new meters are installed, but they are waiting on lids for eighty-five of those meters. When the lids arrive, they hopefully will be able to put on the lids if snow is not too deep.

6. Board Meeting Schedule for 2022 and Approval

The Board agreed to continue with their existing meeting schedule in 2022.

7. Any Items for Discussion from Board and/or from Visiting Public, Dismiss Public

Steve Hook asked about the results of the last election. Mr. Tippets won with 202 votes out of 368.

8. Closed Session – Pending Litigation

MOTION: Board Member David Bradford made a motion to convene in closed session to discuss pending and imminent litigation. Brent Tippets seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.

The Board of Trustees met in closed session from 8:16 to 8:50 p.m. Those present included the Board of Trustees, Eric Hawkes, Don Barnett, Jeremy Cook.

MOTION: Board Member David Bradford made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Hughes seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.

The regular meeting of the Emigration Improvement District adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Minutes Approved