

EMIGRATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

111 E BROADWAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84111

AND ZOOM

**REGULAR MEETING**

Board Members in Attendance: Mike Hughes – Chair, Brent Tippets – 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 7:05 p.m.

**1. Consent Approval - Minutes for August 19, 2021**

MOTION: David Bradford made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2021, Trustee Meeting as written. Brent Tippets 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. Chair Hughes asked about the certified delinquent list. Mr. Hawkes commented that the District may need to amend the maintenance and repair budget in the upcoming months.

### **3. Sustainability Alliance—Watershed Event**

Wily Stokman updated the Board on the upcoming Watershed Celebration event. The Sustainability Alliance will present information on drought in Utah, upcoming meetings by Eric McCully, and information on beaver dam analogs. At the event she hopes to sign up more homeowners for the septic maintenance program. She asked EID if they would like to speak about what they are doing to improve water issues in the canyon. Mr. Hawkes will be presenting information about the new meters. She outlined various organizations that will be present with information, booths, face painting, music, or food.

### **4. Badger Meter – Pilot Program and Moving Forward**

Mr. Hawkes continued last month's discussion about installing radio read meters. He is hopeful that they could install 100 meters (which is about one third of the current EID water users) before winter. The cost would be between \$40,000--\$50,000. He is anticipating that it would come out of the capitol improvement budget. There was some discussion about the logistics of putting in the meters and which homes to start with. Ultimately, the Board decided to proceed with ordering the meters. The Sustainability Alliance mentioned that there may be a Watersmart grant that may help pay for the meters. They would be happy to help EID pursue that in the spring.

### **5. Water System Report**

#### System Consumption Report

Don Barnett was impressed with how much the canyon residents were able to reduce their water use, even without restrictions being imposed. The residents knew it was an extremely dry year and responded accordingly. He showed a report detailing the downward trend in water usage per connection.

#### Monitor Well Level Report

Mr. Barnett showed that the levels of the monitor wells are down, but they are not historically low. Overall, he was reassured with the levels considering the extremely dry year. The levels also show there is no groundwater mining happening. The District has not had reports of wells going dry, although Ms. Stokman heard of one going dry.

#### Well Level Report

Mr. Hawkes reported on the well levels. Currently, Well 1 is at 150 feet, Well 2 is at 210 feet, Upper Freeze Creek is at 905 feet, and Brigham Fork is artesianing. There was a discussion about whether the discharge from the Brigham Fork Well could be used for in-stream flow.

### **6. Maintenance and Repairs**

The District used goats to clean up around the Well 1 Storage Building.

Mr. Hawkes reported on the maintenance and repairs in the system, including repairing some hydrant valve stems. There is one more to do up Pinecrest, which will be done before the road is paved. The District is also in the process of repairing a fire hydrant on Pioneer Ridge Road.

### **7. Any items for discussion from Board and/or from visiting public, dismiss public.**

There were no comments or questions.

### **8. Closed Session – Pending Litigation**

MOTION: Board Member David Bradford made a motion to convene in closed session to discuss pending and imminent litigation or purchase/lease of real property. Brent Tippets seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.

The Board of Trustees met in closed session from 8:05 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. Those present included the Board of Trustees, Eric Hawkes, Don Barnett, and 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 9:15 p.m.

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Minutes Approved