

EMIGRATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2021
ELECTRONIC MEETING

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

Chair Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

1. Consent Approval - Minutes for May 13, 2021

MOTION: David Bradford made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 13, 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. Steve Hook asked about a couple of typos and Mr. Hawkes said he would adjust them. Everything has been paid for on the Upper Freeze Creek repairs.

3. Candidate Filings for November General Election

One office is up for election. Brent Tippetts filed to run for re-election and one more candidate filed to run, Steve Newton.

4. Sustainability Alliance

Wily Stokman followed up with Mike Hughes to see if he had talked to Press B Environmental. He has not but he has reached out to an engineering contact; he will have a full report at the next meeting. Ms. Stokman has talked to Rob Beers from the State about a cluster system that he indicated would be fairly easy to get approval for. She reiterated why she is interested in the system. The Board members responded that about seven years ago the State required that the EID put in both a primary and secondary leech field up front, as well as requiring that the system be large enough to accommodate every possible connection. Ms. Stokman stated she is still gathering information. She has heard about a system that was installed in Park City that she is looking into. Mr. Hughes said he knows those people well and he will ask them for her. The discussion shifted briefly to whether the State or the County gives approval for these systems and who does the inspections.

The Watershed Plan will be ready hopefully by April next year. Ms. Stokman is also hopeful that they will have a plan ready for at least one cluster system and other grant applications. Part of the watershed grant is to come up with 1300-1400 hours of community involvement. To help with that, the Sustainability Alliance would like to do a watershed community event this summer. It is still in the pre-planning stage. The idea is to have an event with tables to provide information from all the organizations that are already active in our canyon. They would also invite local groups, have kid events, provide music, etc. to make it a fun way to engage and educate the community. Wily Stokman asked the EID to prepare a table. Chair Hughes said they would talk further when he gets back to her after hearing from his engineering contact.

Steve Hook asked if EID is still the body politic over the septic systems. Septic systems must be permitted which means it goes through the County and the State. They both have sets of rules, but you must have a sponsoring body politic to approach them. The body politic then operates it and implements it. The cluster system in the Oaks is the only cluster system in the canyon.

5. Continued Discussion of Brigham Fork Well Repair or Alternate Sources of Funding

The EID is still trying to decide if they are going to repair Brigham Fork or look at new water sources. A lot of this discussion must be in the closed session for obvious reasons.

6. Water System Report

Well 1 is at 134 feet, Well 2 is at 267 feet, Upper Freeze Creek is at 892 feet, and Brigham Fork is still artesianing. Upper Freeze Creek has been inoperative since the winter, so the District has relied on Well 1 and Well 2 for the past several months. Upper Freeze Creek is repaired and went back into use on Wednesday last week. There were holes in the production pipe and in the pump cups, probably caused by gravel. They replaced the pump, kept the motor because it is still in good shape, and replaced five sections of pipe. Fortunately, Mr. Hawkes anticipated the need for pipe and had five sections on hand. However, the well needed eight sections so they are waiting to be able to get the last three sections. When that is procured, they will put those three lengths in as well. It was urgent to get Upper Freeze Creek repaired and running quickly. The Board members agreed that it is imperative to get more redundancy in the system. Ms. McAnulty asked if the District expects to get holes in the pipes again. Mr. Hawkes said it has been about three years since they had holes in the pipes, which is not common. Mr. Hughes reviewed the things the District has done to try to mitigate this. They suspect it has something to do with the electrical charge in the ground. Mr. Hook asked if the level of Upper Freeze Creek was better or worse than before, to which Mr. Hawkes responded that it is better. He also asked if the District is considering more storage or another source of water, to which Chair Hughes responded that they are considering another water source.

7. Maintenance Report

Mr. Hawkes reported that they repaired a fire hydrant on Pioneer Ridge Road. They have located the hydrant valves and need to repair one before the road is paved on Killyon's Lane. Mayor Smolka said the bids are out for that paving project. Mindy McAnulty expressed concern that there are not fire hydrants up Pinecrest adequate to put out a house fire. The Board responded that they have had little or no traction in the Pinecrest community to address that problem. To afford financing to run the pipe from those sources the EID needs to have buy-in from the people making connections. Brent Tippetts mentioned that the subject came up at the open house meeting within the last two years and the Pinecrest residents were quite opposed to it. Chair Hughes said that they could ask again. There was a brief mention of the algae in John Walsh's pond. Hughes responded that the algae is not in any way affecting the water supply of Pinecrest.

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

There were no discussion items from the visiting public.

9. Board Member Training and Open Meetings Act

In compliance with audit policies, Jeremy Cook gave routine training to the Board on the Open Meetings Act. He reviewed that all District meetings need to be open to the public--anytime board members are discussing district business, it needs to be noticed and open to public. They may discuss issues with Eric Hawkes or Jeremy Cook who may then relay it to the Board. Operational issues for smaller districts are typically outside the act, but discussing policy or decisions need to be in public meeting. He reviewed the topics that are legal for closed meetings and those that are prohibited. He reminded the Board that a violation of the closed meetings act is a potential criminal penalty. They discussed what constitutes a work session—people are allowed to listen and minutes need to be kept, but people cannot participate except to listen. The District is not required to allow participation by the public in most of their meetings except in a few instances such as budget hearings.

10. 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 7:56 to 8:40 p.m. Those present included the Board of Trustees, Eric Hawkes, Jeremy Cook, Joe Smolka.

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 8:40 p.m.

Minutes Approved