

EMIGRATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2019

EMIGRATION CANYON FIRE STATION  
5025 EMIGRATION CANYON ROAD  
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

**Regular Meeting**

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

Ex Officio: Eric Hawkes—District Manager, Don Barnett – Barnett Intermountain Consulting

David Bradford called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**1. Consent Approval - Minutes for June 13, 2019**

MOTION: Brent Tippets made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2019 Trustee Meeting as written. David Bradford seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.

The Board looked at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2019 Transparency Report.

MOTION: David Bradford made a motion to approve the transparency report 2019 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter. Chair Hughes 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. There was discussion about the need to increase the budget to cover legal fees. The Board agreed to have

the discussion in closed session (when discussing the pending litigation) before making any amendments. The bond payment went through for the first two loans.

### **3. Sustainability Alliance—Willy Stokman**

Willy Stokman would like to form a committee to work on the issue of defunct septic systems and discuss her desire to have a management on-site district. She suggested that the committee could include the Department of Water Quality, the Sustainability Alliance, someone from EID, etc. The Board Members assured Ms. Stokman that this is what the EID has been doing for the past few years: meetings with DWQ, the health department, the city, county, and state. In addition, they have been researching how other Districts in the country have resolved similar issues (faulty septic systems with no room for drain fields). They have also hired an engineering firm to outline 4-5 potential cluster sites. Ms. Stokman would like to have something to present to the community and get the input from residents. She and the Board agree that the canyon residents want the facts and they want to be involved. Before they can take it to the public, they need to have more solutions to offer and more of the funding options in place. One of the biggest difficulties is that those with failing systems are generally those who do not have the resources to fix the issue. There was discussion about funding and how to arrange the funding. Ms. Stokman would like to get canyon residents involved in fundraising. Ms. Stokman and the Board agreed that education will play a big role in getting the broken septic systems taken care of. Homeowners need to know what to look for and what the solutions are to fix a failing system. In addition to the education element, is the need to gain public support. The District would like to begin plans to move ahead with a pilot system. Ms. Stokman would like to push the State or the Health Dept to approve other types of systems or options. Another option Chair Hughes mentioned was Orenco's AdvanTex system. More information will be presented on this option at the next meeting. The District mentioned that Salt Lake City is not always our best ally because they have competing interests in our water and its management. The District expressed their eagerness to have Ms. Stokman's help in the process but would like to keep it within the canyon. Mr. Bradford asked her to put together a draft of the educational part of this.

### **4. Private Well Water Testing Update**

The District is ready to move on private well water testing. The cost for samples will be \$17 each. There will be anonymity for those participating, if they want it. The resident will fill out a form, Mr. Hawkes will take the sample and then deliver it to the lab the next morning. The lab will mail the results directly the people. The District will ask residents to share their results, but it will be optional. The lab will give a summary report to the district. When Mr. Hawkes schedules the time to collect the sample, he will ask for permission if they're willing to share the

results to benefit research in the canyon. If they do, the District will get their results. The Board talked about the various logistics of scheduling and collecting the samples.

## **5. Water Levels Report**

Mr. Hawkes reported on the water levels, which reflect great numbers for July. Well 2 has been the primary well. The EID is resting Upper Freeze Creek. For the past three months in a row, the per-connection usage is at an all time low.

Mr. Barnett reported that he met with Ms. Stokman and Mindy McAnulty regarding the UGS study. He found the UGS study too glossy and lacking new data. Without new data it will be just rewriting old numbers. They discussed the option of pumping water from the Brigham Fork well to supplement stream flow. The goal would be to maintain minimum stream flow in July, August, and September. The Board was skeptical that the water would make it to the creek. Other potential issues to resolve: it could cost \$3,000 a month in electricity, it would possibly need to be piped, and there may be environmental concerns.

## **6. Maintenance Report**

The District relocated a meter and box on Burnt Fork Rd and installed a meter box on 792 Pioneer Fork Rd. They will do PRV system checks along the main canyon road on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Hawkes had a meeting with Aqua Environmental and SKM to discuss the telemetry issue. They went over everything. He will come out again to test the reliability of the radio system. He thinks part of the radio may be causing some of the problem. There is talk about providing some redundancy with that. There are some advantages to going to cellular—they could potentially monitor the PRV valves. He is working on getting more data. Initially SKM put the system in. Mr. Hawkes asked them to give the District the best, most robust telemetry there is. There is a possibility of using UT Broadband. More information to come on that. Repairs are needed on cement collars around valves in the Emigration Oaks, Pinecrest, and Killyons. On the main road, it's in the contract to do all of them.

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

The Board rescheduled the August meeting for August 15<sup>th</sup>. Paul Brown, from Emigration Oaks, asked to have more notice before EID turns off the water. Mr. Hawkes responded that it was a last-minute situation that was very quick.

Brent Tippetts said there are some plans to put in a public toilet near Pinecrest. He asked if EID would be able to provide water for the restroom and drinking fountain for the canyon. Chair Hughes wasn't sure if that would be possible because there is nowhere to put the wastewater. If the engineer can find a place for the wastewater, the District may be able to provide the water. Joe Smolka discouraged it because of maintenance--who would winterize it? The Board was agreed in concept, pending the resolutions of the questions.

## **8. Closed Session**

MOTION: Board Member David Bradford made a motion to convene in closed session to discuss pending and imminent litigation and discussion of competency of character. Brent Tippetts seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.

The Board of Trustees met in closed session from 8:55 p.m. to 9:09 p.m. Those present included the Board of Trustees, Eric Hawkes, Don Barnett, Joe Smolka.

## **9. Update Agreement for General Manager Services**

MOTION: Board Member Bradford made a motion to adopt the contract. Mike Hughes seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion

MOTION: Board Member 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 9:09 p.m.

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Minutes Approved

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