EMIGRATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2023

EMIGRATION CANYON FIRE STATION

5025 EMIGRATION CANYON ROAD

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

AND ZOOM

 **Regular Meeting**

Board Members in Attendance: David Bradford – Chair, Brent Tippets – Co-Chair, Mark Stevens – Co-Chair

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

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

**1. Consent Approval - Minutes for January 18, 2024**

MOTION: Brent Tippets made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2024, Trustee Meeting as written. David Bradford seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.

**2. Financial Considerations and Report**

Mr. Hawkes presented the monthly financial considerations and report. There were no issues or concerns with the monthly financials.

**3. SL County Dept of Health Settlement for Busse System on Sunnydale Lane**

Jeremy Cook gave an update on the SLCo Health Department settlement for the Busse system on Sunnydale Lane. The Health Department is fining the EID over the Busse system, despite years of cooperation between the two entities. The District agreed to pay the fine because it is cheaper to pay the County than to pay legal fees to fight it; however, they have written an email to the Health Department expressing their frustration with the absurd fees. The Board would also like to write a letter to the Mayor, raising her awareness of the issue happening in one of her departments. The EID has come up with a remarkable solution to clean up Emigration Creek, and the Health Department is blocking the solution, instead of solving it themselves.

**4. Water System Report – System Consumption Report**

Don Barnett is discouraged with the recent legislation that is inconsistent and extremely difficult for water districts to implement.

Water usage for the EID subscribers continues to be very conservative. In total water usage, the District is below the long-term median, even with more connections.

Mr. Barnett stated that the water supply has been good thus far. He showed various data that forecast the stream flow will be 160% of normal.

**5. Maintenance & Repairs**

 **A. Report on Costs for Pump & Supplies for UFC Well**

 **B. Brigham Fork Well Repair**

1. Report on Costs for Pump & Supplies for UFC Well

Mr. Hawkes updated the Board members on prices for a spare pump and other supplies for the Upper Freeze Creek Well. The Board discussed which supplies to purchase to have on hand.

1. Brigham Fork Well Repair

Don Barnett presented his findings about options for the Brigham Fork Well and the pricing of potentially repairing it or drilling a new well. One of the biggest problems with the Brigham Fork Well is the water quality. The Board is hesitant to try to merely repair the well. Drilling a new well in the same area could have the same water quality issues; in addition, it is unknown whether a vertical well would produce the same water production. The Board is not interested in drilling another directional well because of the many difficulties of maintaining the well that they have encountered with the Brigham Fork Well. The conversation centered around how to maximize water quality with water production and which areas of the canyon the EID could explore for a new well. They discussed if they would be able to use the Brigham Fork Well as a backup or try to reclaim at least some of the water it produces. The District agreed to visit some of the sites in person when the snow has melted a little more.

**6. Any items for Discussion from Board and/or from visiting public, Dismiss public.**

Eric Hawkes updated the Board on the new meters. There are fewer than fifty left to install and most of those are in difficult locations that may require hand digging. Once the ground warms up it will be easier to do that digging. Mr. Hawkes will begin educating residents soon through email blasts and the water bills. In addition, there was a suggestion to use Firewise as an opportunity to educate the residents on how to read the data from the new meters.

**7. Closed Session – Pending Litigation**

MOTION: Board Chairman David Bradford made a motion to convene in closed session to discuss purchase, lease, and exchange of real property. Brent Tippets seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.

The Board of Trustees met in closed session from 8:12 — 8:27 p.m. Those present included David Bradford, Brent Tippets, Mark Stevens, Eric Hawkes, Jeremy Cook, and Don Barnett.

MOTION: Board Member Brent Tippets made a motion to adjourn the meeting. David Bradford seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.

The regular meeting of the Emigration Improvement District adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

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