EMIGRATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 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 7:03 p.m.

**1. Consent Approval - Minutes for July 20, 2023**

MOTION: Brent Tippets made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2023, Trustee Meeting as written. David Bradford seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.

**2. Conversation with Boart Longyear Regarding the Brigham Fork Well**

Scott Krug, from Boart Longyear, was present at the meeting and gave his recommendation that the District abandon plans to repair the Brigham Fork Well and instead focus on drilling a new well. As one of the drillers who drilled the Brigham Fork Well, Mr. Krug has extra insight into the construction of the well and the potential costs to repair it. Mr. Krug gave his reasons for why it would be extremely difficult and cost prohibitive to try to fix the well. His estimation was that it would cost as much to fix the well as it would to drill a new well. There is the added benefit that in drilling a new well, the EID would end up with a well with far superior water quality than Brigham Fork. This shifted the conversation to where and how the District would drill a new well. Don Barnett and Board members discussed the options of drilling a new well, including locations and what type of well would be best. Steve Hook asked if it would be feasible to do another well near the Brigham Fork Well, similar to what oil drillers do. It is clearly a long, ongoing discussion and Board members asked legal counsel what the rules are on meeting together to work through some of these decisions. Mr. Cook stated that they could have a work meeting, which would still need to be noticed, recorded, and have minutes taken. Board members could discuss land acquisition in a closed meeting setting.

**3. Financial Considerations and Report**

Mr. Hawkes gave the monthly financial report. Steve Hook observed that the water usage category appears to be low compared to the budget. They discussed the District’s borrowing limit.

**4. Streamline Website Updates**

There will be a meeting with Streamline on Monday. Hopefully, in four to six weeks the District will have a new website.

**5. Bureau of Reclamation – WaterSmart Grant Update & Public Outreach for Online Portal Access**

Mr. Hawkes updated the Board members that he has received the bulk of the new meters and he will get them installed. Next month he will begin putting out information about the meters to the system subscribers.

**6. Water System Report –System Consumption Report**

Mr. Barnett presented on the water system report. Everything appears normal.

Mr. Hawkes measured the monitor wells. They have not dropped much. The current levels, even after summer months, are about the same as the Spring of 2022, which shows how much higher the water is due to the snowfall last winter. The benefit of measuring these wells is to collect data, which to-date proves that the EID is not dewatering the canyon. It also shows that canyon residents are not overtaxing the resource.

**7. Busse Waste Treatment System Update – MBR’s State Approval as an Alternative System & Permit w/ SLCo Dept of Health**

The District continues to work with the County to get the Busse system approved. There is still some conflict about what the State rule is regarding placement of the system. Mr. Hawkes stated that they may have to go to the County to ask for a variance to leave the system in the basement. There is not much to update on the situation.

**8. Maintenance and Repairs**

Mr. Hawkes reported on service line installations for 1228 Killyons Lane & 6025 Emigration Canyon Rd.

There was a meter leak repair at 5653 Pioneer Fork Rd.

Miller Paving is extremely busy; however, they anticipate being in the canyon next week to complete various projects: 918 Pinecrest Canyon Rd, 1050 Redhill Lane, 696 Freeze Creek and 6249 Brigham Fork Circle.

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

There were no comments from the visiting public.

**11. Closed Session – Pending Litigation**

There was no closed session.

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 8:33 p.m.

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