

MINUTES

KENNEWICK IRRIGATION DISTRICT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS CARL W. PETERSEN BOARD ROOM

January 15, 2008, 9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Ryan Pratt. Doug Grover, Secretary/Manager, took roll call as follows:

PRESENT: Ryan Pratt, President; John Pringle, Vice President; William “Bill” Kinsel, Director; John Jaksch, Director; Dale Walter, Director; Brian Iller, Legal Counsel

STAFF GUESTS: Margo Hines, Deputy Manager Business Administration; Frank Corpuz, Deputy Manager Engineering and Operations; Scott Revell, Planning; Joetta Rupert, Realty; Doris Fiske, Executive Assistant.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Manager Grover asked to add discussion of the Chandler Pump Pipe to District Business and to add an Executive Session to discuss with legal counsel threatened legal action on personnel matters concerning the Wellenbrock case. Director Kinsel asked to move discussion of the Outside Employment or Business Activity Requests for Doug Grover and Scott Revell from the consent agenda to District Business. **Director Kinsel moved to modify the agenda as discussed. Director Jaksch seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

II. CONSENT AGENDA: **Vice President Pringle moved to approve the consent agenda and Director Jaksch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

III. SCHEDULED VISITORS: (None)

IV. UNSCHEDULED VISITORS: (None)

V. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Interim Chair: Brian Iller, Interim Chair, took control of the meeting at 9:05.

B. Oath of Office: Director Walter was sworn in by Mr. Iller.

C. Election of Board Officers:

1. Board President: Director Jaksch nominated Director Kinsel. Director Pringle nominated Director Jaksch. Directors Kinsel and Jaksch voted for Director Kinsel. Directors Walter, Pratt and Pringle voted for Director Jaksch. Director Jaksch is Board President.
2. Vice President: Director Pratt nominated Director Kinsel. The vote was unanimous. Director Kinsel is Board Vice President.

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D. Interim Chair excused: President Jaksch took control of the meeting and excused Interim Chair Iller at 9:09 a.m.

E. Appointment of Committee Members: Discussion ensued. President Jaksch made the following appointments to Committees:

1. Finance Committee: Director Pringle, Chair, and Director Walter
2. Realty Committee: Vice President Kinsel, Chair, and Director Pratt
3. Operations and Engineering Committee: Vice President Kinsel, Chair, and President Jaksch
4. Planning Committee: Shall consist of all Board members, and members of staff, as appointed.

VI. DISTRICT BUSINESS:

A. Executive

1. **LID 1000:** Discussion ensued. **No action was taken.**
2. **Policy & Procedure 1.1, “Conflict of Interest – Board Members/District Officers”:** The Policy and Procedure were reviewed with new Board Member, Director Walter.
3. **Policy & Procedure 1.8, “Conflict of Interest –District Employees”:** Discussion ensued. Manager Grover suggested Procedure item 9 include “Employees who have any employment outside the district shall report it to their immediate supervisor.” Discussion continued. Vice President Kinsel noted that Manager Grover’s outside employment was a condition of his employment so it is already approved. The Outside Employment request by Scott Revell needs to be signed by the Board President. **Vice-President Kinsel moved to approve Policy & Procedure 1.8, “Conflict of Interest – District Employees,” with the change discussed. (Procedure item 9 to include “Employees who have any employment outside the district shall report it to their immediate supervisor.”) Director Pringle seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**
4. **Procedure 1.4 “Board Meetings”:** Discussion ensued. **Vice President Kinsel moved to add Realty as item 2.6 after District Business and before Other Business and to approve Procedure 1.4, “Board Meetings,” as so amended. Director Pringle seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**
5. **Policy & Procedure 3.1-14, “Whistleblower”:** Discussion ensued. The Board directed Mr. Iller to review the Policy and Procedure and make changes per the discussion for review at the next Board Meeting. **Vice President Kinsel moved to table further discussion and approval of Policy & Procedure 3.1-14, “Whistleblower,” until the next Board Meeting. Director Walter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

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6. **Department of Ecology - Permit Application:** Manager Grover reported on meetings with Governor Gregoire and Benton County Commissioner Leo Bowman. Discussion ensued concerning the pending application to the Department of Ecology. **Director Pringle moved to respond to Department of Ecology with a letter drafted by President Jaksch and Mr. Iller in a positive manner, stating that the Board is favorably disposed and looking forward to meeting with DOE to continue discussions. Director Pratt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.** Discussion continued. **President Jaksch formed an ad hoc committee, consisting of Director Pringle and President Jaksch, to meet with Benton County Commissioner, Leo Bowman, on January 15, 2008 at 1:30 at the Justice Center in Kennewick.**

7. **Red Mountain Report to Petitioners:** Staff requested instructions from the Board regarding release of findings of feasibility study. Discussion ensued. **President Jaksch instructed staff to schedule a meeting on Thursday, February 7, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. for staff to present report on Red Mountain and to hear discussion. Staff is instructed to invite Red Mountain Petitioners, Board Members and Mr. Iller.**

8. **Chandler Pump Pipe:** Discussion ensued. **Director Pratt moved to take up to \$25,000 from unallocated reserves for inspection of the underwater pipeline at the Chandler Pump Station. Director Pringle seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

VII. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Board instructed staff to include the explanation of the \$3000 discrepancy on the January 15, 2008 vouchers at the next Board Meeting.

B. Manager Grover stated that the LID 1000 estimated cost of \$31,000 may be out of reserves or possibly funded through the regular budget.

C. Director Pringle requested the board to schedule an Executive Session at the February 5, 2008 regular Board Meeting for the 90-day evaluation for Manager Grover.

The meeting broke for recess from 11:58 a.m. until 11:10 a.m.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board recessed to Executive Session at 11:10 a.m. for approximately thirty minutes to discuss with legal counsel threatened legal action on a personnel matter regarding Wellenbrock. Director Walter recused himself from this session.

The meeting returned to Open Public Session at 11:37 a.m.

Vice President Kinsel moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m. Director Pratt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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ATTEST:

John A. Jaksch, Board President

WITNESS:

Doug L. Grover, Secretary