MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING-NOVEMBER 2, 2024
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
YAKIMA-TIETON IRRIGATION DISTRICT

The special board meeting was called to order by President Ron Smith at 1:15 p.m. Present were Directors Dan Keller, Jim Milton, Chuck Turner (via conference call), Secretary-Manager Travis Okelberry, Assistant Manager Brian Boyd, Project Coordinator Josh Akehurst, H.R. Safety Manager Mandy Burkett and Administrative Assistant Laurie Beth Hood. Jason Bolin and Todd Hunziker of Jacobs were also present.

The purpose of the meeting was to review the future canal alternatives for replacement or maintenance before the WSWRA Meeting. This information would allow the Manager to formulate his request to Jennifer Carrington with the Bureau of Reclamation during this

Todd Hunziker gave an update on progress involving the various canal projects undertaken after the Rimrock Retreat Fire:

1. The clearing out from under the three pipe bridges is near completion. Pipe Bridge Site #1 @ Milepost .8, was unable to be cleared underneath as planned due to excessive rock at this site. It was the consensus of the Board that the crew continue to work in this area using micro-blasting. Todd Hunziker will check with the Contractor on site regarding their de-mobilization schedule as we may require their services to remove the newly blasted material.
2. Jacobs is still preparing the cost estimate to purchase a spare pipe bridge.
3. 5000 lineal feet of canal cover has been installed. This work will continue as long as the weather permits.
4. Jacobs is working on the installation of the final Rubicon site at the French Canyon Dam. The canal automation will be ready for testing once irrigation water is in the canal in Spring of 2025.
5. The D.N.R. is installing a real time rain gauge that will allow YTID to obtain current rainfall information.

Todd Hunziker reviewed Task Order 21 – 5 options for Canal rehabilitation:

1. Line the canal invert with cement mortar. Install additional canal covers.
2. Line the canal with Aqualastic. Install additional canal covers.
3. Replace the upper canal with box culverts.
4. Slip line the existing canal with a new steel pipe.
5. Construct a new gravity tunnel (lower canal)

After the presentation, the Board members discussed these options, as well as the Wapatox alternative. The main issue with the Wapatox option continues to be the cost of power rates for pumping irrigation water to the French Canyon Dam. It was the consensus of the Board that the preferred alternative should be the gravity tunnel with a retrofit on the top half of the canal. There was some discussion as to which retrofit option would be most viable. Due to the costs involved with these options for Canal rehabilitation, the Board requested that the Manager and Todd Hunziker review Task order 19 in regard to public outreach.

At approximately 3:20 p.m., President Smith declared that the Board would go into executive session per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (b) to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price; The duration of the executive session would be 10 minutes. The Executive session would be concluded or extended by public announcement at the conclusion of the 10-minute period, which began at 3:20 p.m. At 3:30 p.m. the executive session was extended by public announcement an additional 5 minutes to 3:35 p.m. The Executive session ended at approximately 3:35 p.m.

Todd Hunziker and President Ron Smith left the meeting at approximately 3:40 p.m.

The Manager then outlined the points that he will highlight in the meeting with Jennifer Carrington of the B.O.R. during WSWRA:

1. Update on the Rimrock Retreat Fire
2. Discuss the possible long-term solutions and alternatives for canal replacement and/or maintenance
3. Request that the B.O.R. prioritize the YTID canal with permitting and financing solutions

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m. by Vice-President Keller.

RON SMITH, PRESIDENT

TRAVIS OKELBERRY, SEC. MANAGER

DAN KELLER, VICE PRESIDENT