

King Hill Irrigation District
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

75 E First Ave, Glens Ferry, ID
February 9, 2023 – 2:00 pm

MINUTES

1. **Call meeting to order.**
2. **Roll call** – Jeff Blanksma, Phil Acord, Jared Zito, Justin Wootan and Walter Trail present.
Also in attendance John Hafen, manager and Wendy Parker, Secretary/Treasurer
3. **Approve 02/09/2023 Agenda.** Approved with amendment to add Executive Session to agenda. Zito 1st, Trail 2nd, all approve.
4. **Approve 01/11/2023 Minutes.** Approved. Acord 1st, Zito 2nd, all approve.
5. **Reports:**
 - **Accounts Payable Disbursements/Budget 01/2023.** Trail 1st, Wootan 2nd, all approve.
 - **Secretary/Treasurer Report**
 - Board had a few questions regarding some budget items. Board discussed Sprinkler Shop invoicing and payment.
 - Secretary collects signatures for CD account.
 - **Manager Report**
 - Manager reports the projects the KHID crew is working on in preparation for the April 10th water start-up date. Emphasis on a screen that needs to be put up and burning the ditches.
 - Group discussion regarding priorities and methods.
 - Manager reports the progress of the Hammett Pump and Pipe Project.
 - Hafen answers questions regarding the Hammett Pump and Pipe Project regarding where and what size pipe going in the ground and the quality of The Sprinkler Shop's work.
 - Hafen tells the Board that we have hired two new employees. Russ Shenk to run the King Hill ditch and Chuy Dueñas to join the maintenance crew.
 - Manager reports that meters are to be ordered in the week.
6. **Public comment – non agenda items***** No public comment.
7. **Bruce Morrison & Mike Main to address the Board regarding new ponds and existing ponds on their properties.** Bruce came to plead his case for moving his pond again. Blanksma tells him that after consulting with legal counsel, the Board is going to reverse its decision. KHID is responsible to deliver water to the point of diversion. Morrison is responsible for his property and how he manages his water after that. Water users are held to account for the responsible use and proper amount of use.

Morrison read a statement regarding his displeasure with KHID first refusing his request to move his pond and with his treatment by some at KHID and some on the Board. Blanksma apologizes for the confusion, and states that the Board is working within their knowledge of Idaho Code and Regulations. After digging deeper into the issue KHID saw that their decision was not correct and they have changed the decision in Morrison's favor.

Mike Main was not able to attend, his wife, Nanette, spoke in his stead. She tells the Board she is displeased with the management of the ditch in her area due to spillage at her end of the ditch. Hafen tells her KHID is working on the root cause of the issue and trying to remedy it. He further explains what KHID will be doing to specifically address the issues the Mains are facing on their property.

- 8. Connie Tharp to address the Board regarding the application process for 2023 and steps to take so that KHID can participate.** Tharp recommends to the Board that KHID should become a participant in the EQIP program significant sum in share cost program. She discusses the EQIP program and explains that April 7, 2023 is the deadline. Wootan says KHID will have it by the March 9, 2023 meeting.

Tharp says there is a shortfall on the cement but she is working with someone who might be able to help make up the shortfall.

- 9. City of Glenns Ferry Carriage Agreement.** No need for discussion at this time. Pushed.
- 10. Set start-up date.** 2023 irrigation start up date proposed for April 10, 2023—weather and conditions permitting. Wootan 1st, Trail 2nd, all approve.
- 11. Move Board Meeting time to 7:00 pm during water season.** Board meetings to be scheduled for 7:00 pm beginning with March 2023 meeting. Trail 1st, Acord 2nd, all approve.
- 12. Executive Session: Title 74-206(b)** Wootan 1st, Zito 2nd, all approve. Roll call: Jeff Blanksma, Phil Acord, Jared Zito, Justin Wootan and Walter Trail.
- 13. Adjourn.** Acord 1st, Zito 2nd