

King Hill Irrigation District
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

75 E First Ave, Glens Ferry, ID
March 9, 2023 – 7:00 pm

MINUTES

1. **Call meeting to order.**
2. **Roll call** – Jeff Blanksma, Jared Zito, Phil Acord, Justin Wootan and Walter Trail present.
Also in attendance: John Hafen, Manager and Wendy Parker, Secretary/Treasurer
3. **Approve 03/09/2023 Agenda.** Zito 1st, Acord 2nd, all approve.
4. **Approve 02/09/2023 Minutes.** Wootan 1st, Zito 2nd, all approve.
5. **Reports:**
 - **Accounts Payable Disbursements/Budget 02/2023.** Payables approved with additional approval to pay The Sprinkler Shop \$500,000. Acord 1st, Zito 2nd, all approve.
 - **Secretary/Treasurer Report – Temporary water transfers.** Parker presented two water transfers for approval.
 - **Heath to Heath. Approved pending payment of Small Tract Delivery Fee for property one acre or less.** Approved.
 - **Universal School of Equine Dentistry to Ismael Garcia.** Approved.
 - **Manager Report**
 - Hafen reports on the status of District equipment and explains the needs for repair.
 - He looked into a gas tank for the District to have onsite. He explained that he wants to secure fuel cards to claim our tax-exempt status. Group discussion follows.
 - Hafen explains which pumps still need to be installed before start-up.
 - Tells the Board about a mishap while installing a pump. Group discussion about how it happened and which pump should be purchased to replace it. Parker tells the Board she has already turned in an insurance claim. The Board recommends hiring someone outside of the company to install the rest of the pumps.
 - Burning on the canal continues, they are about one third complete.
 - A new Ford Ranger was added to the District's fleet.
 - The manager has repaired Bruce Morrison's headgate and swapped out 6" to 3" pipe.
6. **Public comment – non-agenda items.** No public comment.
7. **Doug Cameron to address the Board regarding water meters.**

Cameron shared his frustration at not being able to vote during our last election due to being in the hospital and KHID does not allow proxy, nor absentee voting at this time.

Blanksma tells him that he has contacted our legal counsel and looked for a way to be more accommodating. According to State statutes, we cannot have proxy voting in irrigation district elections. But we could possibly begin allowing absentee voting. Blanksma recommends going that direction in future elections.

Cameron addressed the process for hooking up to the Hammett Pump and Pipe Project and what would be required. He says he was told he would need a new meter, but he already has a meter that he recently bought at KHID's request. He doesn't want to buy a new meter again.

Blanksma explains meter recommendations and tells Cameron he can keep his current meter. But, if/when his current meter goes out, KHID requests that he purchases our recommended meter so that it can be read remotely.

Group discussion about meters, cost of meters and installation of meters.

Cameron questions who is going to read the meters and what will be done about those who do not comply and install meters.

Hafen tells Cameron the meters do get read and the new meters will be read remotely. He is addressing those who have not installed their meters yet.

Cameron wanted to discuss the Idaho Power PEAK Rewards program. Blanksma asks if we can push that issue to Item 12 when Tim Fenwick addresses the Board about the program. Cameron agrees.

Cameron ends his address to the Board by asking if our office is handicap compliant. He is told he can get in and out of the building, but our bathroom is not big enough. Cameron is not concerned about the bathroom and is satisfied to be able to attend meetings.

8. Shannon Wootan to address the Board regarding canal screen near property.

Wootan explains that she requested a bigger screen on/near her property after the death of their family dog last season. KHID has installed an improved screen, but Wootan does not feel that it will fix the issue of safety. She would like it be wider and more stable. (Wootan shows the Board pictures of what was installed, where it does not look stable, and a picture of a KHID screen that was installed somewhere else—which is more to her expectation for safety purposes.)

Group discusses what can be done to improve it for safety purposes and still be functional for KHID.

The Board gives the manager some ideas of how to proceed. They would like it to be all the way across and more secured. Blanksma asks that he make the change as quickly as possible to make sure it is safe for the public and the KHID staff.

9. Harry Knox temporary/permanent water transfer.

Knox presents a temporary water transfer to transfer water from one of his properties to another that does not currently have irrigation water. Knox claims that he can use an easement that used to belong to Crane.

Trail asks, "Who owns the line?" He points out that if we do not know who owns it, we should table this issue until it is found out who owns it.

Group discussion about who owns the pipe.

Wootan asks whether KHID can even deliver water to that location. Group discussion.

It is decided that the issue will be tabled until it is proven who owns the pipe.

10. Hammett Pump & Pipe infrastructure improvement update.

- Hafen provides an update on the progress of the new pump deck. He says The Sprinkler Shop has started backfilling and work on the control shop has started.
- Jeff Harper shares his concern about a washout possibility. Group discusses the possibilities and solutions.
- Harper also shares praises for his ditchrider, Eric Marx, and says his ditch has never been better.

11. Start-up date progress update.

- Hafen informs the Board that KHID should be ready to start by April 10th. He states that we may not have all the burning down, but we should be ready.

12. Tim Fenwick to address the Board regarding Idaho Power Peak Rewards participation.

Fenwick says that the program is basically the same. He adds that Idaho Power is open to adding the Hammett pump deck when it is ready, if we want to.

Group discussion about the Peak Rewards program, weighing the pros and cons of participating.

Blanksma asks if KHID can include the Hammett pump deck? KHID and its users would be manual so no one has to purchase the \$500 device? And Each individual manual user would also get a credit? Fenwick says, "yes" to all questions.

Group discusses concerns about not having a big window to turn off pumps. Fenwick explains that this year the time window to turn off can shift, it won't always be 4-8 or 3-7. Fenwick recommends KHID nominate the minimal amount and participate as much as we can.

13. Discuss Idaho Power Peak Rewards agreement.

- Proposed Participation (pump by pump): Hammett-100%, Glens Ferry-65%, Bliss/Wiley-100%, King Hill-100%, Black Mesa-50%.
- Motion to participate. Acord 1st, Trail 2nd, Rollcall vote: Walter Trail-yes, Justin Wootan-yes, Jared Zito-no, Phil Acord-yes, Jeff Blanksma-no
- Group discussion about concerns of those who voted no.
- 2nd Proposed Participation (pump by pump): Hammett-100% (later tabled), Glens Ferry, Bliss/Wiley, King Hill, Black Mesa-all to be largest pump only. Zito 1st, Wootan 2nd, all approve.

- 14. Discuss and sign Idaho Power Credit agreement.** Blanksma reads out load the agreement. Credit agreement now includes 5 pumping stations. Group discussion about when we get the credit. It is agreed that KHID will sign the agreement. Wootan 1st, Zito 2nd, all approve.
- 15. Formerly sign IWRB loan contract.** Motion made to sign the IWRB loan contract. Wootan 1st, Zito 2nd, all approve.
- 16. Discuss and finalize City of Glens Ferry carriage agreement.** Issue is tabled. Trail 1st, Wootan 2nd, all approve.
- 17. Executive Session: Title 74-206(b)**** Rollcall: Justin Wootan, Walter Trail, Jared Zito, Phil Acord, Jeff Blanksma.
- 18. Adjourn.** Acord 1st, Zito 2nd, all approve.