

The Board of Directors of the Left Hand Water District, meeting as the Board of the District and of the Left Hand Water Activity Enterprise, held their regular meeting on August 20, 2015 at the District offices, 6800 Nimbus Road, Longmont, Colorado. The meeting was called to order by President Corey Heil at 9:05a.m.

Directors Present: Corey Heil, President
Bo Shaffer, Vice President
Julie Trumpler, Secretary
John Brunner, Treasurer
Mark Hochhauser, Director
Paul Schlagel, Director
Dan Lisco, Director

Staff and Consultants: Chris Smith, General Manager
Vicki Santos, Finance Manager
Darwin Williams, District Engineer
Scott Holwick, Attorney
Meghan Connolly, Engineer I
Lilah Imes, Assistant Secretary, Board of Directors

Public Present: Mr. Wallace Clark-6943 Fairways Dr
Dr. Charles Van Hook-5975 Sunrise Ranch Dr

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING HELD 7/16/2015

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the July 16, 2015, Board meeting were submitted prior to the meeting.

MSP: *Director Schlagel moved to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2015 meeting. Motion seconded by Director Hochhauser. Motion carried unanimously.*

SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING & COMMENT

MSP: *Vice President Shaffer moved to officially open the public hearing to discuss Policy No. 18: System Connection / Disconnection / Abandonment. Motion seconded by Director Lisco. Motion carried unanimously. Public hearing opened at 9:10am.*

In July, staff began the process of identifying taps that have had no usage for a period of ten years. In accordance to Policy No. 18, staff sent out letters to 20 owners of record requesting information regarding intent of future use for the taps on their properties. Eight homeowners responded, seven requesting

tap retention and one requesting tap abandonment with a potential refund. Two owners attended the meeting to discuss their particular land situation. Discussion.

MSP: *Vice President Shaffer moved to officially close the public hearing. Motion seconded by Treasurer Brunner. Motion carried unanimously. Public hearing closed at 9:58.*

MSP: *Director Schlagel moved to accept the responses from the seven tap owners as evidence that there is intent to utilize the tap in the future. Motion seconded by Director Lisco. Motion carried unanimously.*

MSP: *Director Schlagel moved to grant an extension to the conditions of Policy No. 18, for all seven tap holders, to ten years from the date of this meeting. Motion seconded by Director Lisco. Motion passed with six ayes. Secretary Trumpler abstained.*

MSP: *Director Schlagel moved to abandon account #1031.01, 23 SCE B02 L13, and issue a refund the current owner 80% of the original purchase price in accordance with Policy 10.4 Refunds. Motion seconded by Director Lisco. Motion carried unanimously.*

SUBJECT: FINANCIAL REPORTS

Monthly Financial Statements

Vicki Santos presented the financial reports and payables for the month of August 2015. Discussion.

Bills and Appropriations

A listing of monthly bills and appropriations was presented for review prior to the meeting. The total payables equaled \$2,650,161.59.

SUBJECT: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NISP Public Hearings

The two public meetings held by the Army Corp of Engineers were well attended. Everyone that addressed the public and supported this project, had credentials. The comment period will end September 3, 2015. There is still time for Board members to submit a letter stating their support of NISP. After September 3, 2015, the Army Corp will catalog and respond to written and/or oral comments they have received. Northern is anticipating a Final EIS and Record of Decision by end of 2016 and 2017 respectively. The city of Fort Collins will be discussing the project at their council meeting on September 1, 2015. Chris will be in attendance to observe and comment if asked to do so. Discussion.

SUBJECT: NEW BUSINESS

Meadow Vale Farms – Transfer from Master Meter Community to Dual System

Meadow Vale Farms has been part of our District since the 1990s. Their potable water runs on a master meter system. Their HOA is responsible for billing, water lines and everything associated with providing water to the 88 homes in their subdivision. This has been a strain on the HOA due to the fact that they use volunteers to read the meters and really do not have the time to run a water district. Since the HOA does not have government immunity, this opens the door for many issues, for both parties. As far as the District's disadvantage, we are responsible for water quality, etc, without firsthand knowledge and or access to their water lines. This subdivision uses raw water to irrigate, which also creates concerns regarding cross connection. After being contacted by their HOA to transition from a master meter system, to a dual system, staff presented a worksheet of estimated cost during the July Board of Director's meeting. Chris will be meeting with the HOA and their management at a Board meeting the night of September 21, 2015 so he would like to ensure that the Board would be supportive of the estimate that he provided to PML, Inc., the HOA's management company. Discussion.

Lease of CBT Water

Due to experiencing cooler and wetter weather this spring and summer, our water sales have been lower than average. The District has a total of 3,063 AF of CBT water overage as of August 1, 2015. Going into 2016, we should have an additional 950 AF of unused water. The District received a request to CBT rental. Staff recommends making up to 800 AF of CBT available to lease. At the beginning of the year, we leased 1,000 AF to LHDC at \$35.00/acre-foot. Discussion.

MSP: *Director Schlagel moved to set the CBT water lease price for \$30.00 an AF. Motion seconded by Director Lisco. Motion carried unanimously.*

MSP: *Director Lisco moved to lease Left Hand Ditch Company 100 shares of CBT at \$10.00 per share. Motion seconded by Vice President Shaffer. President Corey Heil abstained. Motion passed with six ayes.*

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 pm.

By,

Lilah Imes, Assistant Secretary, Board of Directors

Julie Trumpler, Secretary