

Scappoose Drainage Improvement Company
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Minutes – November 12, 2020

Present via Zoom video/teleconference:

Geoff Wenker, President	Dave McAuley, CalPortland (left 5:53)
Gary Wheeler, Vice President	Marie Gadotti, Landowner (left 5:53)
Jeff Mapes, Secretary/Treasurer	Christy McDonough, Cadman (left 5:53)
Len Waggoner, Director	Kyle Hoyt, Landowner
Karen Kessi, Director	David Graham, Crow Water (time noted (below)
Laurie Mapes, Staff	Teri Dresler, SDAO Consultant (time (noted below)

President Wenker called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. through the Zoom virtual meeting platform. Minutes below associate with Agenda items.

Public Comment

Marie Gadotti requested the current assessment roll that was sent to the county and commented on the Santosh water level and avoiding crop damage. Kyle Hoyt commented that land lower than the Santosh is not currently flooded. Gary Wheeler noted that Bob Deahl, interim employee, has used an average level of 4.25 feet in the Santosh recently but already started pumping down the Santosh and Evans in anticipation of heavy rain expected soon over a short period of time.

Pump Issues Presentation

Dave Graham with Crow Water joined the meeting from 4:14 p.m. to 4:58 p.m. He noted the Smith pump station has short-cycled for a long time. Crow Water proposes a larger grate that does not need to be cleaned as often, as well as a larger reservoir. Plans for a new catwalk were discussed. Regarding the North pumps, Mr. Graham stated that SDIC could have the motor cleaned up, go through the bearings, and purchase a new pump end for North pump No. 2, which pumps much less than pump No. 1. He noted that the motor speed is identical on each pump, and there does not appear to be any difference in restriction coming into each pump, so the only other variable that might alter the flow is the pitch of the propeller. In Evans pump No. 2 that has made noise and at one point smoke, there is some vibration coming from the shaft and bearings. The motors of the Evans pumps can be pulled and removed without a crane. The shafts and bearings are getting worn on all four pumps.

NW Agg Joint Permit Application to Expand Bates-Roth Operation by 132 acres

Dave McAuley of CalPortland stated that Golder Associates constructed a model around the 1996 flood event and added a little less than one foot to it, showing results for a 32-foot water surface elevation in the river. They ran pre-mining conditions, the current permitted conditions, and then current permitted conditions plus the Bible College property. From October 1 through September 30 at a river elevation of 32 feet, they have found that, as more material is mined, the curve of the hydrograph flattens out. They compared the model to the actual data they have and found that the model is fairly accurate and predictive. GSI's model for existing condition is fairly close to what they are finding; GSI's water level is three inches higher. He indicated that a more formal presentation will be ready in a couple of months. President Wenker reminded Mr. McAuley that a cost reimbursement agreement is needed for SDIC to participate in the 408 process.

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SDAO-SDIC Organizational Assessment Review and Staffing Issues

Teri Dresler, SDAO consultant, joined the meeting at 5:15 p.m. to highlight the main points of her written assessment of SDIC's organizational structure. She noted that the SDIC will be in a better position to undertake recommended tasks when staff is in place and that many of the recommended tasks could be accomplished by staff. She stated that she is willing to answer questions from landowners about her report. Ms. Dresler also noted that her report reflects SDAO's Best Practices Program. She can be available for staff if they need assistance interpreting and implementing the report. There are a couple of hours left on her contract with SDIC.

Jeff Mapes made a motion that SDIC pursue employment with Weston Powers and Chase Christensen contingent on background checks and terms of employment and adjustment of job titles. Karen Kessi seconded the motion, and all directors voted in favor of it. Ms. Dresler noted that the board will need to approve the employment agreements in public session, once the terms are negotiated.

Ms. Dresler and Laurie Mapes will work on revised position descriptions. Ms. Dresler left the meeting at 5:53 p.m.

SDIS Grant Application

The board discussed a second proposal for new grating and a catwalk at the Smith pump. The board discussed applying to the SDIS Safety and Security Grant Program to assist with the costs of the Smith pump grating and catwalk. Jeff Mapes volunteered to write and submit the grant application, which is due by November 18, 2020, and the board by consensus authorized him to do so.

Operational Issues

Gary Wheeler reported that Bob Deahl is performing field work now but is expecting to be relieved of the duties soon. The board by consensus arranged with Kessi Construction that their employee, JR Shadley, will provide additional coverage for field work.

Ditch Cleaning and Levee Maintenance

President Wenker reported that BCI finished cleaning the Jackson Creek diversion on Monday.

Consent Agenda

The board by consensus decided to continue trapping for one more month. A \$34,000.38 bill from BCI Contracting for ditch cleaning was received today and is not on the transaction list provided but needs to be paid before the next meeting. President Wenker made a motion to approve all transactions dated October 11, 2020, starting with check number 9022, through November 13, plus the BCI bill, which includes a transfer of \$45,000 from the state pool to be made by Monday, Nov. 16. Jeff Mapes and Gary Wheeler recused themselves from discussion and voting on this motion. Len Waggoner seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by the votes of President Wenker, Len Waggoner and Karen Kessi. Gary Wheeler and Jeff Mapes then rejoined the discussion. Karen Kessi moved to approve the minutes listed in the consent agenda. Jeff Mapes seconded the motion, and all directors voted in favor of it.

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FEMA Accreditation Submittal

President Wenker reported that Laurie Oliver Joseph, Scappoose City Planner, informed him today of a virtual meeting held yesterday, November 11, among her, City Engineer Chris Negelspach, the Columbia County Planning Manager, Matt Laird, and three FEMA staff to ask questions about how the assumptions used in WEST Consultants’ Interior Drainage Analysis affect FEMA mapping. Ms. Joseph indicated the information was sought as part of the city’s due diligence regarding the LOMR submittal to FEMA.

House & Office Renovation

Jeff Mapes reported that the roofing may start later this month. Another bid has been received for the building renovation work.

Schedule Upcoming Meetings

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

Adjourn Meeting

President Wenker moved to adjourn the meeting. Jeff Mapes seconded the motion, and all voted in favor of it. The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Geoff Wenker, President

Len Waggoner, Director

Gary Wheeler, Vice President

Karen Kessi, Director

Jeff Mapes, Secretary/Treasurer

Exhibits attached to Minutes and/or in Dropbox:

- Meeting Agenda
- 2020-11-12 Balance Sheet
- 2020-11-12 P&L Budget vs. Actual
- 2020-11-12 P&L this year vs last
- 2020-11-12 Check Register
- 2020-11-12 Credit Card Register
- 2020-11-12 Transaction List
- BCI Construction invoice dated November 12, 2020