

BOISE RIVER FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT #10

MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 20, 2015

STAR FIRE DEPARTMENT, STAR, IDAHO

Commissioners present were Chairman Bill Clayton, Helen Larson-Hickman and Bob Beede. Present and representing the District were Sally Goodell, Mike Dimmick, Steve Sweet, Erv Ballou and Sheila Seeman. Also present and representing the City of Garden City was the Honorable Mayor John Evans.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am by Chairman Clayton.

Roll Call

Open Public Hearing on the 2015-2016 Budget – Commissioner Larson-Hickman moved to open the Public Hearing on the 2015-2016 District Budget. Seconded by Commissioner Beede. Sheila Seeman presented the proposed budget. Commissioner Larson-Hickman moved to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Beede. Motion carried. Commissioner Beede moved to approve the 2015-2016 budget as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Larson-Hickman. The motion carried.

Minutes- Commissioner Beede moved to approve the Minutes for June 18, and July 14, 2015. Commissioner Larson-Hickman seconded. Minutes approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report

Sheila Seeman presented the Treasurer's Report. Report was approved.

New Business

- a) New Dry Creek Diversion, the Honorable Mayor John Evans.

The Mayor noted that New Dry Creek (NDC) diversion was reported to have been previously constructed by the NDC Irrigators. The structure is a rock diversion with a head gate for flow control on the north side of the Boise River. The diversion is built of substantial-sized lava rock and is not safely navigable by recreationists attempting to float the river. The Mayor stated that recreational use of the river is increasing and more of the public will be exposed to this structure. During high water events, flow is flanking the diversion structure to the south side of the river, potentially causing erosion and concerns for higher than normal flood risk to the Boise Waste Water Treatment Plant, a series of gravel mines and several private neighborhoods downstream.

The Board has tasked Special Projects Coordinator, Sally Goodell, to assemble a group of experts and affected leaders to work on short and long term solutions to the NDC Diversion issue that would address all users of the river.

Old Business

- a) Flood District Five Year Planning – Sally asked the Commissioners for additional direction on the five year plan. Specifically, are the Commissioners seeking a traditional strategic plan, a plan that directs capital improvements (e.g. structural improvements) and/or a plan that addresses nonstructural means to mitigate flood damages. The Commissioners noted that they would like to begin with a focus on a capital investment plan, leaving open the discussion about nonstructural improvements so that the experts have the opportunity to propose ideas openly. The Commissioners would like to revisit the idea of a strategic plan in May 2016.
- b) Mike Dimmick reported that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Program Levee Review will resume on September 2nd. Mike and Erv Ballou will join the inspection team and finish the inspection. The USACE will issue a report after the inspections are complete. FCD #10 has requested USACE to provide their document that identifies the District as the Public Sponsor for the four levees presently in their program. USACE has not been able to produce such a document. FCD #10 will continue to search for relevant documentation addressing the District's rights and/or responsibilities. The Board requested Steve Sweet to contact Dan Steenson with Sawtooth Law Offices and work on a Freedom of Information Act Request to USACE to search for information on ownership and/or responsibility for maintaining levees within the District.
- c) Steve Sweet presented the status of the Boise River Flood Insurance Rate Maps.

Executive Session to Address Personnel Matters – Commissioner Larson-Hickman made a motion to move into executive session, per Idaho Code 74-206, to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Beede seconded the motion. The Commissioners conducted a roll call vote which passed unanimously. The Commission went into executive session from 11:15 to 11:30 am. Mike Dimmick was tasked to present Chariman Clayton a letter appointing Mike to the FCD #10 District Manager Position. Commissioner Beede moved to go out of executive session, seconded by Commissioner Larson-Hickman. Motion carried.

Project Managers Report

A contract for grinding woody debris from river and Dry Creek maintenance operations will be awarded within the next week or two. In addition to normal piling and burning operations, FCD #10 will experiment with grinding and hauling woody debris during the 2015-2016 season. Approximately 12 backlog piles remain to be moved according to the list of piles in the original 2012 river maintenance permit. In 2016, FCD #10 will be initiating contact with USACE, IDWR and DEQ to develop a new long term Individual Permit for river maintenance. The current USACE Individual Permit expires 12/5/2017. The IDWR Permit expires 4/30/2018.

Adjourn

- a) Next Meeting is 10am November 19, 2015 at the Star Fire Hall