

MEDFORD IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Special Board Meeting Minutes

May 3rd, 2023 @ 9:00 am

Present: Sean Naumes (ZOOM), Dennis O'Donoghue (ZOOM), Dave Urton, Henry Vaninetti, Jack Friend-Manager/Secretary

Call meeting to order: Chairman Naumes called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.

I. Water Start-Up Discussion:

Manager Friend: Water supply charts, snotel, and streamflow data were presented. The MID allotment in the southern supply is at 3,120 af. gaining approximately 100 af per day. There is a significant amount of snowfall in the Ashland watershed and with Reeder full that will continue to keep streamflows in Bear Creek up. That is the key difference compared to last year. Last year we held off on opening our Phoenix Diversion because the low streamflow would have triggered BIOP flow targets that would require storage supply to meet. We currently have 142 cfs instream at the PHX and the BiOp is being met. Talent is flushing with 8-10 cfs to charge the system. The current stream flows meet the district's needs for now until the needs increase to be able to access the stored water in Fish Lake and Fourmile. The Phoenix Diversion will be fixed as soon as we receive the part to repair it. I believe we can do a soft start next week. We do not have a target day for storage use as of yet. The petition for judicial review for the current call for water by the Klamath Tribes is still in progress and we are asking for a stay on that regulation order. Storage in Fourmile won't be needed until about mid-June. We are currently cleaning the access road to Fish Lake and the cabin today. All the lakes are rising significantly.

The drought request is in its process state as well. I will be in Salem Thursday and Friday speaking with our legislators and discussing the needs for our area. I will be speaking with Pam Marsh for a 15-minute meeting about drought assistance.

Director Vaninetti: I agree that is a good plan to go with.

Director Urton: I agree as well.

Chairman Naumes & Director O'Donoghue agree as well.

Adjourn Special Session: Meeting adjourned the meeting at 9:40 am

Sean Naumes – Chairman

Jack Friend – District Manager/Secretary