

Greenfields

IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Minutes from a Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Greenfields Irrigation District (GID) held on April 11th, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. Attending were: President Tim Brunner, Vice President Bill Norris, Commissioners Dave Gulick, Chase Brady and Pat Brosten. Manager Erling Juel and Secretary Jenny Gulick were also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 P.M. by President Brunner.

Agenda: Evaluate Engineering Proposals and Select a Firm to Replace the Sun River bridge

President Brunner informed the Board that he has heard of 4 separate issues individuals have had with TD&H, but also reminded the Board that he was not present to hear the presentation given by WWC.

- 1) First issue that he is aware of is between TD&H and Fort Shaw Irrigation District. The project in question has an unfavorable steep grade and the design is a concern as the valves are not tight, but shaky. Manager Juel responded by explaining that said project was actually his design when with TD&H and that TD&H offered to replace the valves, but FSID declined the offer at the time. They are now asking TD&H to resolve the issue.
- 2) Second issue that Brunner is aware of is the Litigation in Belgrade. There is a \$4 Million Dollar judgement against TD&H. Discussion followed on the specifics.
- 3) Eureka Reservoir, also one of Juel's projects. Liquidation Damages were not required for the contractor who was a friend of the owner's representative. Contractor made mistakes. All parties were legally found at fault.

Brosten asked who designed Fairfield's sewage lagoons. Juel informed him that it was Neal Consultants Engineering Firm.

Juel also reminded the Board that GID has worked on projects with both WWC and TD&H, such as the Beaver Creek, Mill Coulee check and multiple surveys. Gulick expressed that he felt Erling may have more pull with TD&H being a former employee, if there are any areas of concern. He also said that he was impressed with the great detail TD&H put into their presentation, along with the variety of options for the Board to consider. Juel said he is impressed that if GID did go with TD&H, McCray who is a bridge expert and very experienced would be involved in the project. Commissioners Brosten and Norris wanted to know why the Bureau of Reclamation is not a part of the decision in choosing an Engineering Firm. The answer is "Because GID is paying for it". No definitive answer was given. Juel said that on a positive note, while GID is working on the bridge project, we may be able to justify additional projects up there, as well.

Commissioner Norris expressed he would like to work with TD&H. Brosten agreed and said he was impressed with the personalities in the TD&H firm. Brosten also pointed out that there were some things he would like to see changed about their proposed ideas. Juel promised that he will work closely with whatever firm is chosen to ensure that the project is a success.

Motion is made by Brosten that GID chooses TD&H to design the new Sun River bridge. Norris seconded. All in favor and the motion carried. Contract between GID and TD&H is signed by president Brunner and Norris moved to adjourn the meeting. Brosten seconded. All in favor and the meeting is adjourned at 6:32 P.M.

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Board President

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Board Secretary

AGENDA FOR: Special meeting Thursday April 11th, 2019 at 6 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Public Comment: Prior to each agenda item...limited to 5 minutes...any Board action necessary will be addressed at the next regular meeting.

AGENDA

#1 Evaluate Engineering Proposals and Select Firm