

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
HEART MOUNTAIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
FEBRUARY 1, 2016

The February Special meeting of the Heart Mountain Irrigation Districts Board of Commissioners was held at the Heart Mountain Irrigation District Office located at 1206 Road 18, Powell, Wyoming on Monday February 1st, 2016. Commissioners present were President Brian Duyck, Vice President Pat Nelson, Brad Ferguson and Travis Jackson. District employees in attendance were Manager Randy Watts, Secretary Treasurer Tyler Weckler with guest appearances by district attorney Mary Reed, Landis Webber with State Engineers office and Morrison & Maierle representatives Paul Blough, Ben McDonald, staff and Gary Webb with Sage engineering.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President Brian Duyck.

President Brian Duyck began the meeting with open floor discussions as well as requesting informative participation from each guests' area of expertise in regards to the Heart Mountain Irrigation District's final enlargement of Class 6 water right acreage; requirement set forth by the Bureau of Reclamation. The Class 6 Enlargement intent and execution of this scope were discussed at length; caution was noted with over adjudication of canal water and delivery systems. A letter identifying the regulatory driver set forth by the Bureau was discussed as an option to reinforce final effort if needed.

Further Enlargement discussions was had on communication standards for conveying informative, clear and concise notifications to all class 6 water right landholders. Manager Randy Watts requested working in zones as a proposed approach in working with landowners that may have questions or concerns. The district will be available to conduct customer reviews of final mapping to bridge any gaps between district customers class 6 account records and overlay data. Deadlines involving landowner reply timetables and what promoted a landowner to non-participation status were discussed. District will need to stress this effort as being the final land classification allowed by the Bureau.

Landis Webber noted an enforcement program would be an obligation of the Heart Mountain Irrigation District, to implement and maintain such oversight. Practicalities of sustaining this program were discussed.

Paul Blough commented on the Morrison & Maierle staff progress with regards to their mapping and overlay process. Challenges within the mapping process were shared; the overlay process itself, using historic soil class mapping and multi-year aerial photography of irrigation practices used to complete this portion of scope, was presented. Estimated work effort of one year was presented.

The costs associated with the Enlargement of Class 6 acreage were evaluated at current scale. Commissioner Scott Hecht, based upon scope as presented, asked Morrison and Maierle to provide an assessment of potential monthly invoice charges applied to the district and an estimated cost per acre due from landholders with class 6 lands. District asked for this information to be available at the annual meeting for census review and a representative available for questions.

District discussed optional funding streams, budgetary addendums and associated timelines to coincide with districts fiscal year budget evaluations in May. Landholders with class 6 assessed acres were identified as contributors for funding the class 6 to class 5 conversions.

Commissioner Brad Ferguson made a motion to set a \$150.00 fee per acre for current water service contract lands with a deadline of April 30, 2016. Pat Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Brian Duyck thanked guests from Morrison and Maierle and began discussions on R15, reasonable easement standards and case by case landowner evaluations pertaining to unique easement situations.

President Brian Duyck followed with brief discussion on sub-division issues and afterwards thanked District Attorney Mary Reed for her support.

President Brian Duyck gave the floor to District Manager Randy Watts who introduced Gary Bright with Sage Engineering. Proposed pipeline infrastructure under lane 10 county bridge went under review. Sage Engineering provided options on material types and installation techniques; maintenance and volume of water flow with proposed options were weighed. District commissioners asked for an assessment with steel culvert options and requested this analysis by Sage Engineering.

Hearing no further business to come before the Board, President Brian Duyck adjourned the February Special Meeting of the Heart Mountain Irrigation District's Board of Commissioners at 3:45 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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Brian Duyck, Board President

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Wix Tyler Weckler, Secretary Treasurer