

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of The Bitter Root Irrigation District held at the District office at 1182 Lazy J Lane, Corvallis MT on November, 2016.

Commissioners present: John Schmiedeke, Bill Posten, Steve Bauman,
and Matt Pendergast.

Also present: Manager John Crowley, Secretary Stacy Coulter, Harvey Hackett, Bob Nicholson
and Robert Jackson

Chairman Schmiedeke called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

The minutes of the regular October board meeting were mailed to the Board. There were no additions or corrections. The October 2016 minutes will stand approved as mailed.

Manager Crowley reported on the annual safety committee meeting. There were no injuries or accidents in the 2016 irrigation season. The employee bonus will remain at \$100.

Manager Crowley reported on the November 6 safety meeting regarding fire hazards. The meeting topics included proper cleaning and maintenance of household clothing dryers and the fire dangers associated with Christmas trees. A video on each topic was shown at the safety meeting, which lasted approximately one hour.

The board resolved into an executive session, then resumed at 10:55 am.

Manager Crowley gave the board an update and showed a Power Point presentation of the Siphon 1 Phase 3 project. Pictures of the new pipe, inside and out, were shown. To date, the bridge over the river has been entirely removed and the railroad tracks have not yet been replaced. Power Point photos indicated that the concrete piers that were removed were extremely worn and crumbling.

Secretary Coulter reported on the 2015 audit that was recently completed. There were no issues found. The final totals for the Fiscal Year 2016 came in under budget.

Manager Crowley reported on John Shreiver. He would like to change his point of diversion. Mr. Shreiver provided a letter from other water users in his area indicating that they have no objections. Bill made a motion to allow the change of diversion point. Matt seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Manager Crowley reported on the MADCS meeting recently attended by the crew and himself in Missoula.

Manager Crowley reported that Greg Snedigar experienced problems with our plasma cutter while working on the Siphon 1, Phase 3 pipe. The purchase of a more efficient plasma cutter designed to run on a generator was proposed to the board. The cost would be approximately \$4,000. The board will consider the purchase.

Bill Posten made a motion to approve the monthly warrants and adjourn the meeting; second by Matt Pendergast; all in favor. Motion passed. Warrants ordered and drawn in payments thereof (see attached):

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:20 p.m.

SECRETARY 

CHAIRMAN 

November 2016 Board Meeting Warrants

12126 Stacy Coulter	Wages	2203.2
12127 John Crowley	Wages	2708.19
12128 Larry Neel	Wages	2587.28
12129 Levi Nentwig	Wages	2149.93
12130 Rod Sacks	Wages	2505.07
12131 Dennis Smith	Wages	1793.64
12132 Greg Snedigar	Wages	2206.43
12133 BOR, Pacific NW	Conf/Training	80
12134 Denice Wright	Bldg Maintenance	100
12135 Century Link	Telephone Expense	197.32
12136 Internet Renewal Service	Computer Expense	247
12137 Markette & Chouinard	Legal Fees	18,709.75
12138 Norco, Inc	Field Expense	642.03
12139 Ravalli Republic	Advertising	177.77
12140 Mountain West Co-op	Weed Control/Fuel	142.04
12141 Northwestern Energy	Utilities	28.95
12142 WGM Group	Engineering	4069.5
EFTPS First Interstate	Payroll Fed Tax	5703
12144 American Funds	Pension Expense	3229.76
12145 MT State Withholding	Payroll Tax Liability	964
12146 Ravalli County FCU	Payroll Liability	500
12147 United Heritage	Employee Health Ins	8.5
12148 Healthcare Svcs Corp	Employee Health Ins	2711.98
12149 Doyle & Associates	Audit	4500
12150 Bug Off	Pest Control	110
12151 Bill Posten	Director/Travel	210.34
12152 John Schmiedeke	Director/Travel	130.47
12153 Matt Pendergast	Director/Travel	131.62
12154 Dave Golay	Director/Travel	111.50
12155 Bitter Root Disposal	Utilities	70
12156 Century Link	Utilities	54.29
12157 Clean Heat, Inc	Shop Expense	175
12158 Titan Machinery	Equipment Expense	198.75
12159 Costco	Miscellaneous	330
12160 Cowpoke	Miscellaneous	325
12161 Don's Home Center	Building Project	434
12162 Evan's Ace Hardware	Bldg Maintenance	86.9
12163 Fastenal	Miscellaneous	183.67
12164 Healthcare Svcs Corp	Employee Health Ins	2711.98
12165 MT State Fund	Workers' Comp Ins	2402.07
12166 Murphy Tax & Accounting	Audit	143
12167 Pacific Steel	Field Expense	34
12168 Ravalli Electric Co-op	Gravity Flow Expense	1381.98
12169 UPS Store	Postage	93.65
12170 Valley Bank/Visa	Canal/Comp/Safety	435.13
12171 Valley Irrigation	Canal & Lateral Expense	52.2
12172 Verizon	Telephone Expense	123.95

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	Total:	68094.84
304 Dorsey & Whitney	Phase III Bond Counsel	18,000.00
305 NW Pipe	Phase III Materials	50,860.40
306 NW Pipe	Phase III Materials	10,455.40
307 NW Pipe	Phase III Materials	16,769.12
308 NW Pipe	Phase III Materials	53,944.80
309 Markette & Chouinard	Phase III Legal	112.50
	Phase III Total:	150,142.22