



Board Minutes – December 14, 2021

Attendees

1. Chris Smith
2. Jessie Olson
3. Kathy Peterson
4. Sue Schaufler
5. Mark Schueneman
6. Barbara Luneau
7. Eric Smith
8. Monica Bortolini
9. Roger Loving
10. Sean Cronin
11. Chuck Oppermann
12. Yana Sorokin
13. Vince Sortman (left after presentation)
14. Scott Schreiber (left after presentation)
15. Terry Plummer (joined at 2:15, left after presentation)
16. Julie Trumpler (joined at 2:45)

Welcome and Introductions

- Chris S called the meeting to order at 2:00.

Fish Passage Design Update

- Deb gave introduction to the project. Vince and Scott presented concept designs (see slides and project documents). Deb noted all documents are available via Board Packet. Currently the team is working on final drafts for the end of January and need comments by the first or second week of January.
 - Questions were asked about what conversations need to happen to consider constraints related ponding of water which would increase evaporation. All agreed that further conversation should happen at the state level to consider solutions and compare with approaches used in other places. Terry noted that additional consideration needs to be considered related to work outside of the Ditch Company's easement and support from homeowners.

- Kathy asked about water rights holders using some water rights for environmental/recreation flows. Terry and Sean responded that conversations do occur but it is unlikely/hasn't changed much in ten years. Chris made a comment about shepherding water past some diversions and noted NISP example. Sean added that SVLHWCD is exploring alternatives/options. Scott added that understanding out water management systems with more gauges will be critical. Terry added that we are coming up on a generational change with new/young farmers. Chris noted that understanding the logjams and finding creative solutions is an important part of this long process. Terry added that he has an easement explanation document that has been useful in communicating with property owners.

Board Vacancies and 2022 Strategic Plan Process

- Chris reviewed Board Vacancies memo (see packet) and asked Board for feedback.
 - Roger provided update on JCWI. They plans to reestablish with new Board Member and will connect about this with Jessie in early 2022. Sue echoed Roger's comment and noted that she knows new JCWI member.
 - Jessie noted that timing of strategic planning will be determined in January.
 - Kathy noted that strategic planning aims to make BOD activities more manageable, not exclude anyone. Chris added that adjusting how the BOD tackles administrative tasks is an example of that.
 - Monica asked if we need more St. Vrain representation after expanding and others agreed that is one type of question we can consider with strategic planning.

Approval of Minutes

- Barbara moved, Sean seconded, to approve the minutes from the November 16 meeting; the motion carried unanimously.

2022 Budget

- Jessie reviewed 2022 budget. Noted that memo was updated to reflect revenue categories and reviewed all categories.
 - Chuck asked for clarification about where CO Gives Days shows up and Jessie showed where it went in the budget and explained how it will be divided between restricted and unrestricted.
 - Monica asked for clarification about BOD designated reserve funds and Jessie explained how reserve is broken up in the different programs (e.g. savings account for particular programs). Chris provided further clarifications.
- Chuck moved, Monica seconded, to approve the 2022 budget; the motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned to executive session at 3:50 pm.