

Horseshoe Irrigation Company

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

July 28, 2017

7.00 PM

Horseshoe Irrigation Company held the regular board meeting July 28, 2017. The meeting was held in the Spring City Municipal building, 150 East Center, Spring City, Utah.

Roll Call:

1. Board Members: Randy Strate, John Stevens, Scott Sunderland, Chad Beck, Matt Francks (excused), Mark Sorensen, Mike Black.
2. Staff Members: Ken Jensen, Kristy English, Brent Petersen
3. Others: Lane Jensen

Executive Business:

1. **Bank Statement:** The current bank statement was reviewed by the board.
2. **Share Transfer Requests:**

From	To	Shares	System
Pamela Jorgensen	Bruce and Gloria Wight	1	Unallocated to B47 L3
Melva Cloward	Kevin D. Darnell	4	Same B 93 L 2
Michael Howerton	Roger Olsen	2	S. Field to B111 L2
Cody Griffith	Laurie and Robert Walters	1	Same – B26 L4
Matthew and Kallie Tabolt	Joseph Lee McGriff	1	Same – B15 L2

Bryan Sorensen was using 2 shares at his house, that belong to his dad Val, and wants those shares to be moved permanently to Val on the last chance.

Motion to approve: John Second: Scott Question on the motion: All Aye

3. Bills to be paid:

To	Service	Amount
Verizon	Water master Phone	\$78.24
Sinclair Oil	Fuel	\$334.06
Southwest Plumbing	Parts	\$277.24
Jeff Watson		\$350.00
Rocky Mountain Power	Power	\$2,221.00

Tractor Supply	Parts and Tools	\$119.98
ProValue Engineering	Water measurements	\$380.00

Motion to pay the bills: Scott Second: Mark Question on the motion: All Aye

4. **Minutes:** Motion to accept the minutes from the last board meeting: Mike Second: Chad

Question on the motion: All Aye

5. **Freeman-Allred Project:** Lane Petersen from Franson Engineering is here to talk about the feasibility of the Freeman Allred reservoir and the information he found from 2000. He asked if some of the other projects have been done from the five-year management plan made in 2008, Randy indicated that many of those projects had been completed. Randy explained that we have the storage right so the company wants to explore the feasibility of a reservoir and what the options are. The previous report estimated the cost to be \$3.86 million. Lane said they've been working on 4 reservoirs so they have current cost figures for earth moving. He noticed it's green because of a spring and mentioned if it's considered wetlands the permitting can be expensive and complicated. Randy said we need some ideas on what it's going to cost and where a dam would be Lane suggested getting a biologist from NRCS to look at it and see if he thought it would be considered a wetland would be a first step because it will dramatically affect the cost if it is. He also mentioned that there are Water Smart grants but they aren't good for reservoirs because they're more for conservation. There are also federal grants, but the cost is much more because of permitting that needs to be done. He suggested our best option would be to go to water resources and ask for a loan and see if we can get a one percent or zero percent interest loan. He suggested that aquifer storage and recovery might be a much less expensive option depending on the aquifer conditions. Randy mentioned that he had received a call about that from the people working on the Narrows project. Mike took Lane up to see the property. Mike said they felt the north side of the property would be the better place for a reservoir and it would avoid the wetland issues. He also said it wasn't very wet near the spring either. Mike also suggested that perhaps some of the company overflow during highwater is what's causing it to be so wet on the south side of the property. Randy asked what the next step going forward should be. Lane said he'd put together a very rough cost estimate so the company knows if they should continue to pursue the project.
6. **Bryan Sorensen request:** Bryan didn't come in, but he had asked Randy about drilling a well with Horseshoe shares, but since the property is served by Cedar Creek irrigation it doesn't comply with Company Policy 4.2.1.1.2. The company boundary map and adjudication map were viewed and the policy was discussed by the board.
7. **2018 Budget preparation:** Randy reminded everyone that it's getting close to budget prep time and the projects for next year need to be decided on so the budget can be prepared accordingly. Chad brought some information for the Crawford ditch project. Jeff bid \$35,000 for his cost and the pipe was quoted at \$32,000, with the condition that the quote on the pipe is only good for 30 days. Chad also talked to Bues's and they are still in favor of getting rid of the ditch and they would also like a couple of loads of gravel. It's expected the project will cost approximately \$80,000. Mike suggested the cost is just getting more expensive, and it's not going to get cheaper, so we should go forward with the project. Randy said it's gone up 30% since they looked at it last fall. The board needs to discuss with Matt if he can find the time to fuse the pipe, or oversee the project. Another bid should be obtained from an excavator as well so Jeff Watson isn't the only bid. If it's going to be done this fall, everything needs to come together at the next meeting.
8. **Special meetings:**
- a. **Finalize proofing:** Not discussed
 - b. **Mapping of system lines:** Not discussed
 - c. **Policy Manual/High water/Future system management:** Not discussed
9. **Open discussion items:**

The ponds are looking good right now because it stormed earlier in the week. Randy asked Brent about his hours, and he said he has been out visiting people in the city that only have one or two shares and discussing use with them. He doesn't feel like they are the problem, but instead thinks he needs to focus on the people with four or five shares because he thinks they assume they have plenty of water and are over-using. Randy asked the board if it was helping to have Brent patrolling the city. Ken suggested the value of paying Brent was that people see him out patrolling and know he's watching usage. Scott would like to see Brent out in the fields measuring waste from leaky drain valves etc. with portable meters. The meters would cost approximately \$1500, and Randy asked Scott to look into buying a good one. Randy motioned Scott is given the leeway to purchase a meter. Second: Mike Question on the motion: All Aye Mark mentioned he got his assigned ponds sprayed. Mike will spray his assigned ponds again in the fall.

Next meeting date: August 18, 2017 at 7:00 pm

Adjourned: 9:51 pm

Kristy English
Secretary