A&B IRRIGATION DISTRICT - RUPERT, IDAHO

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors – November 13, 2023

President Harold Mohlman called the Regular meeting of the A&B Irrigation District Board of Directors to order at 10:00 A.M. Directors Hector Parkin, Bart Webster, Rett Cameron, and Jarred Moore were present. Manager Justin Temple, Secretary-Treasurer Megan South, and Attorney Travis Thompson represented the A&B staff.

Minutes:
Regular meeting minutes from October 12, 2023 were presented to the Board. Hector Parkin made a motion to approve all meeting minutes from October as written. Bart Webster seconded the motion. The Board approved.

October Treasurer's Report:
The October Treasurer's Report was presented to the Board for their review. Jarred Moore made a motion to approve the October Treasurer's Report. Rett Cameron seconded the motion. The Board approved.

October Expenses:
The Board reviewed the expense vouchers in the amount of $242,498.24 ($241,918.24 + $580.00 Board Expenses). Jarred Moore made a motion to approve the expense vouchers and authorize payment from the general fund. Rett Cameron seconded the motion. The Board approved.

Attorney's Report:
Attorney Travis Thompson reported on the following:

- An update was given on the Upper Snake River system with the reservoir system at 50% capacity and is currently holding approximately 1,308,000 acre feet more storage than at this time last year.

- The Idaho Water Resource Board reported the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer Managed Recharge program completed a total of 86,884 acre feet of storage water that has been recharged in both the Upper and Lower Valleys.

- The Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer (ESPA) Ground Water Management Plan Advisory Committee will hold a meeting on November 15, 2023 to discuss the management plan goals of the committee.

- A draft term sheet was presented to the Board outlining a stipulated mitigation plan between the Surface Water Coalition and the District.
  Hector Parkin made a motion to approve the stipulated mitigation plan and to present said plan to the Surface Water Coalition. Jarred Moore seconded the motion. The Board approved.

Old Business:

Water Usage:
Manager Temple reported to the Board that for the 2023 irrigation season, the District had used a total of 62,063 acre feet of surface water and of that amount a total of 46,452 acre feet had been charged to the District's storage account. This will leave no carryover in American Falls Reservoir and approximately 86,436 acre feet of carryover in Palisades Reservoir, while awaiting 4,500 acre feet of mitigation water to be added to the District's storage account.

Solar Panels:
Manager Temple reported to the board that he has explored the possibility of installing solar panels within the District and how the power distribution would work. A discussion was held and the topic was tabled for a later date.

New Business:

Water Right Transfer:
The following Petitions to Change the Place of Use of Water within A&B Irrigation District were presented to the Board.

Gary Carney is requesting to change the place of use of water that was once appurtenant to 3.0 acres of irrigable lands located in Farm Unit C, Parcel 1 of Tract A&F in Section 1, Township 9 South, Range 21 EBM, Minidoka County, Idaho to a new place of use on 3.0 acres of non-irrigable lands located in Parcel 2 of Tract G in Sections 1&2, Township 9 South, Range 21 EBM, of Minidoka County, Idaho, owned by Paul & Polly Carney.

B Bar K LLC is requesting to change the place of use of water that was once appurtenant to 22.0 acres of irrigable lands located in Farm Unit C, less Par 1 of Tracts A&F in Section 1, Township 9 South, Range 21 EBM, Minidoka County, Idaho and less Parcels 1,2,3 of Tract G in Sections 1&2, Township 9 South, Range 21 EBM, Minidoka County, Idaho to a new place of use on 22.0 acres of non-irrigable lands located in Parcel 2 of Tract in Section 1&2, Township 9 South, Range 21 EBM, of Minidoka County, Idaho owned by Paul & Polly Carney.

Hector Parkin made a motion to sign the Orders transferring Water Rights for the above petitions. The motion was seconded by Jarred Moore. The Board approved. (See attached Orders).

Christmas Party:
Secretary-Treasurer South informed the Board the employee Christmas Party would be held on November 30, 2023 at Morey's Steakhouse in Burley. All board members are invited to attend.

Cloud Seeding:
Secretary-Treasurer South presented a request from High County Resource for the District's annual contribution to the cloud seeding program.

Rett Cameron made a motion to contribute $2,254 to the cloud seeding program with High County Resource. Hector Parkin seconded the motion. The Board approved.

Rental House Policy:
Manager Temple reported to the Board that the policy/lease agreement for the rental houses should be reviewed and make changes if needed. A discussion was held and it was consensus of the Board to review again at the December Board meeting.

2024 Budget:
Manager Temple and Secretary-Treasurer South presented the 2023 budget report and the 2024 proposed budget to the Board.

Rett Cameron made a motion to move $296,083 of surplus money from 2023 into an earmarked account for heavy equipment purchases and to move $100,000 of surplus money from 2023 into an earmarked account for Technology Advances. Jarred Moore seconded the motion. The Board approved.

Jarred Moore made a motion to accept the renewal health insurance plan with Select Health for 2024 and to self-insure the deductible of $300 individual/$600 family for the prescription drug charge with a third party administrator. Bart Webster seconded the motion. The Board approved.

Rett Cameron made a motion to insurance the employee's wages by 6% effective December 1, 2023 and to give all eligible employees a $1500 bonus. Hector Parkin seconded the motion. The Board approved.

Rett Cameron made a motion to approve the 2024 budget as presented and set the 2024 Operation and Maintenance assessment at $103.00 per acre. Hector Parkin seconded the motion. The Board approved. (See attached resolution)

Manager's Report:
Manager Temple reported on the following:

1. Idaho Power Meters have arrived and are currently being installed by Idaho Power personnel.

2. Electrical/Mechanical crew are pulling pumps for winter maintenance and shop crews are servicing all ditchrider pickups.

3. There is a possibility to receive more grant money from Bonneville Power Administration for additional variable frequency drives and pump replacements. Manager Temple will report more on this next month.

December Board Meeting:
The regular meeting for December was set for December 13, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

Adjournment:
With no further business the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors was adjourned at 2:45 PM.

Signed: _____

Date: 12-13-2023

Approved:
Chairman: _____



A&B Irrigation District

Fiscal Year 2024 Budget

Board of Directors

Chairman: Harold Mohlman

Vice-Chairman: Hector Parkin

Rett Cameron

Bart Webster

Jarred Moore

A&B Irrigation District	Fiscal Year 11/1/2023-10/31/2024				
2024 APPROVED Budget					
	2024			SOURCE OF INCOME	2024 FY
ACCOUNT	APPROVED				APPROVED
82,378.2 acres	BUDGET			OPERATING INCOME:	REVENUE
PAYROLL	$1,925,000.00			O&M Assessment @$103.00*	$8,484,958.00
GROUP INSURANCE	$275,000.00			AD VALORUM TAX	$12,000.00
WORKMAN'S COMP.	$40,000.00			EXCESS WATER	$25,000.00
PAYROLL TAX	$150,000.00			PENALTY & INTEREST	$2,000.00
RETIREMENT	$225,000.00			INTEREST ON INVEST.	$250,000.00
				HOUSE RENTAL	$13,000.00
TOTAL	$2,615,000.00			MISC. RECEIPTS	$0.00
				SALE OF ASSETS	$0.00
DISTR. SYSTEM MAINT.	$170,000.00			DRILL RIG LEASE	$48,000.00
PETROLEUM PROD.	$150,000.00			SUB TOTAL	$8,834,958.00
REPAIR - EQUIP.	$150,000.00				
REPAIR - PUMPS	$650,000.00			NON-OPERATING INCOME:	
REPAIR - BUILDINGS	$20,000.00			WATER DISTRICT 01	$100,000.00
CHEMICALS	$175,000.00			BPA-ENERGY SMART RESERVED POWER	$200,000.00
MILEAGE - REIMBUR.	$5,000.00			SUB TOTAL	$300,000.00
TOTAL	$1,320,000.00			TOTAL INCOME	$9,134,958.00
DISTRICT DUES	$25,000.00				
PHONE/INTERNET	$28,000.00				
OFFICE SUPPLIES	$25,000.00				
PUBLISH & RECORD	$2,000.00				
LEGAL & AUDIT	$115,000.00				
DIRECTOR FEES	$40,000.00				
UTILITIES	$35,000.00				
INSURANCE	$61,000.00				
CONF. & CONVEN.	$26,000.00				
EDUCAT. & DRUG SCREEN	$4,000.00				
CONSULTANT	$40,000.00				
TOTAL	$401,000.00				
MAJOR EQUIP.	$0.00				
RENTAL MAINT.	$15,000.00				
TOTAL	$15,000.00				
WELL DRILLING RIG	$0.00				
INJECTION WELL DRILLING	$0.00				
NON-RECT. WELL DRILLING	$0.00				
RECTIFICATION WELL DRILLING	$0.00				
WELL DRILLING EQUIP. REPAIRS	$0.00				
TOTAL	$0.00				
SUB TOTAL	**$4,351,000.00**				
POWER	$4,300,000.00				
O&M RESERVE WORKS	$115,000.00				
WATER DISTRICT FEES	$20,000.00				
SUB TOTAL	**$4,435,000.00**				
GRAND TOTAL - DISTRICT OPERATIONS	**$8,786,000.00**				
IDWR Loan Payment	$492,528.00				
GRAND TOTAL	**$9,278,528.00**				

RESOLUTION LEVYING 2024 ASSESSMENTS & CHARGES

The A&B Irrigation District Board of Directors adopted the following Resolution November 13, 2023.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the repayment contract of February 9, 1962, between the United States and the A&B Irrigation District, the District is required to make certain payments to the United States on or before specified dates and to perform certain functions pertinent thereto; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 43, Idaho Code, the Board of Directors shall determine the amount of money required to properly operate and maintain the irrigation systems and works of the District and to administer the business of the District, and therefore, to levy such charges and assessments against the lands of the District as are deemed necessary; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to notices from the Bureau of Reclamation of Charges due it and pursuant to the determination of costs of operation, maintenance and administration of the District for the year 2024, the District's Board of Directors are required to levy Minimum Operation and Maintenance charges against the irrigable lands of the District, which charges included amounts necessary to defray the estimated costs of operation and maintaining the works of the District, and to pay such charges as may be due the Bureau of Reclamation; and,

WHEREAS, it is contemplated that there will be water used on District lands, in addition to minimum allotment of three acre feet per acre. The rates to be charged if said additional water are to be determined as provided in Article 16 of the District's repayment contract as modified by action of the Board of Directors on December 9, 2021.

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of said repayment contract, the development periods for all irrigation blocks have expired, and the lands in all eight blocks shall pay installments of their respective construction charge obligation. Blocks 1,2,3,4,5,6,7, & 8 have repaid their obligation and,

WHEREAS, the Idaho Code provides statutory dates and methods for levying assessments against lands of the District for the purpose of paying the costs of delivery of water to the lands of the District, maintaining the irrigation systems and works of the District, administering the affairs and accumulating such funds as are deemed necessary for the proper conduct of the business of the District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Board of Directors of the A&B Irrigation District does hereby levy assessments against each and every acre of irrigable land and land which water spreading has occurred whereas a water right has been applied for (as per Board action on December 7, 1988), within each respective irrigable block lying inside the boundaries of the District, for the purpose of paying the costs of OPERATING AND MAINTAINING the irrigation systems and works and ADMINISTRATING the affairs of the District, and for ACCUMULATING such reserve funds as have been deemed necessary by said Board; the amounts to be levied shall be: BLOCK ONE THRU EIGHT - $103.00.

2. That all ADDITIONAL WATER for 2024, which may be delivered to the lands of the A&B Irrigation District, the water allotment under minimum charge is 3 acre feet per irrigable acre. Water used beyond the first three acre feet per irrigable acre will be charged at the following rates: The fourth acre-foot or any portion thereof will be assessed at rate of $41.20 per acre foot; The fifth acre-foot or any portion thereof will be assessed at the rate of $61.79; The sixth acre-foot or any portion thereof will be assessed at the rate of $75.53 and charges of the same, are hereby ordered to be assessed to the lands for which they are applicable, and that the same shall be payable by the landowner or wateruser to the District on or before December 20, 2024.

3. That any 2024 MINIMUM O&M CHARGES not paid on or before May 2, 2024, shall have added to and become a part of them, interest and accumulated penalty provided for in the action of the Board of Directors on February 9, 1998.

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that all of the assessments and charges hereinbefore levied, shall be due and payable and subject to penalty and interest charges in accordance with the applicable provisions in Title 43 of the Idaho Code.