BOISE RIVER FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT 10

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 17, 2023

The August 17, 2023 Board Meeting / Budget Hearing was called to order at 0910 am by Board Chairman Bill Clayton.

*Action Items

ROLL CALL:

Present were Board Chairman Bill Clayton, Commissioner Mitch Bicandi, Commissioner Tris Yerrington, District Manager Mike Dimmick, Assistant District Manager Mark Zirschky, Assistant Project Manager Erv Ballou, Attorney Dan Steenson and Accountant Kathleen Roma.

CONSENT AGENDA:

***Minutes from July 13, 2023:**

The Board has reviewed the minutes from the July 13, 2023 Board Meeting/Budget Workshop. Commissioner Bicandi made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Yerrington seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion to approve the July 13, 2023 Board meeting minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

***Financial Report:**

The financial report was presented by Accountant Kathleen Roma. Following a brief explanation of the current levy rates, Commissioner Bicandi made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. Commissioner Yerrington seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion to approve the August 17, 2023 financial report was approved by unanimous vote.

DISTRICT BUSINESS:

***Appointment of District Manager:**

Board Chairman Bill Clayton presented a letter of appointment to Mark Zirschky for the role of District Manager. Mark Zirschky will assume the role of District Manager as of August 17, 2023, effective immediately. It was discussed that Mike Dimmick will take the role of Assistant District Manager until he retires from Flood Control District 10 on September 30, 2023. Mike Dimmick will be available as a consultant after that time.

Commissioner Yerrington made a motion to appoint Mark Zirschky as District Manager as of August 17, 2023. Commissioner Bicandi seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion to appoint Mark Zirschky as District Manager was approved by unanimous vote.

***Handbook/Guide/5-Year Plan Approval:**

Mark Zirschky presented Resolutions 01-2023 and 02-2023 to Board Chairman Bill Clayton for purposes of approving and adopting the current Administrative Handbook, Operations Guide and 5-Year Strategic

Plan. The 5-Year Strategic Plan is approved and adopted per Resolution 01-2023. The Operations Guide and Administrative Handbook is approved and adopted per Resolution 02-2023. Commissioner Yerrington made a motion to approve and adopt the resolutions as presented. Commissioner Bicandi seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion to approve and adopt Resolutions 01-2023 and 02-2023 as presented, was approved by unanimous vote.

Operations Update:

Mark Zirschky updated the Board on ongoing hazard tree removal. A total of 6 trees have been removed from the river since the reduction of flood control releases. It was discussed that if a tree is found in the river that is restricting access, altering flow or forming gravel bars, the tree(s) should be analyzed and potentially removed as normal river maintenance. Trees that can remain in the channel until winter that are not creating concerns, will be removed at that time.

Permitting Agencies Meeting Report:

The recent meeting with the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) and United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to discuss the status of a new multi-year river maintenance permit was discussed. Flood Control District 10 (FCD10) is currently working under an extension of the 2012 Channel Maintenance Permit, due to a new permit applied for in July of 2022 not being issued. The meeting with IDWR and USACE addressed FCD10 need of a multi-year permit for purposes of securing multi-year contracts with contractors as well as developing channel maintenance activities for gravel management using the Boise River Management Tool (BRMT). The ability to work within the river channel at flows exceeding 500 CFS at Glenwood Bridge was also discussed. There are often times that work in the river channel can easily be accommodated without concerns of turbidity at flows above 500 CFS at Glenwood Bridge. Consideration to allow work within the river channel at flows exceeding 500 CFS at Glenwood Bridge was asked to be considered. Christian Griffith with the USACE indicated that he would have a draft multi-year permit for review in the coming months. Mike Dimmick expressed urgency in this matter, as we need a new permit in place prior to winter maintenance beginning. The current extension of the 2012 Permit expires on December 31, 2023.

Commissioner Bicandi made a motion to assemble the Steering Committee to discuss a potential resolution or legislation that would define a solution for future river operation due to the permitting concerns. Commissioner Yerrington seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion was approved by unanimous vote. Mark Zirschky will assemble the Steering Committee and report back to the Board at the November 16, 2023 Board Meeting.

Attorney Dan Steenson updated the Board on current discussions amongst FEMA that could alter the current language in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). This has the potential to affect work within the floodway and floodplain and potentially eliminate the NFIP in Idaho.

PUBLIC OUTREACH UPDATE (brochure/map book):

Mark Zirschky updated the Board on the final map book draft. A final draft will be delivered by Greg Carson and be available for final review at the next Board Meeting.

Mark Zirschky presented the latest draft brochure for the Board to review. All of the changes that had been discussed regarding strategic planning, proactive projects and partners in managing the Boise River had been implemented, other than the photo that was used on page 2. It was discussed that a split

photo showing a before and after picture of a river project should be looked at. We want the reader to understand that equipment working within the river channel has a positive result, and we think a before and after photo will offer that understanding. Mark Zirschky will get with Steve Stuebner and look at options for the brochure to report back to the Board.

***BUDGET HEARING:**

Commissioner Bicandi made a motion to close the regular meeting and open the budget hearing. Commissioner Yerrington seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

The budget was reviewed line by line. Changes to the draft budget included relabeling line item 6306 (Hazard Tree Removal) to be titled Summer Channel Maintenance. The other change to the draft budget was to relabel line item 6005 (Commissioners Meals and Meetings) to be titled Commissioner Support. The Board requested Accountant Kathleen Roma to look into the cost of insurance benefits for the Commissioners and staff and report back to the Board.

Commissioner Bicandi made a motion to close the budget hearing and re-open the regular meeting. Commissioner Yerrington seconded the vote. With no further discussion, the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

***2024 BUDGET APPROVAL:**

Commissioner Bicandi made a motion to approve the 2024 Budget as amended. Commissioner Yerrington seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion to approve the 2024 budget was approved by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Nobody was present for public comment or signed up to speak.

OTHER PERTINENT BUSINESS:

Compass – Three Cities River Crossing:

Mark Zirschky updated the Board that he and Mike Dimmick have been attending meetings with COMPASS (community planning association) to discuss the new proposed road from State Street to Chinden Blvd near the location of Eagle Island. Items of concern are for river operation and river health as well as access around and beneath the elevated roadway. FCD10 will continue to be engaged and report back to the Board.

Treasure Valley Water Users Association – Ex Officio Board Member:

Mark Zirschky updated the Board that he recently attended a TVWUA Board Meeting on August 15, 2023. The TVWUA had extended an invitation to FCD10 to have a representative of FCD10 serve as an Ex Officio Board Member. Mark Zirschky was selected by FCD10 to serve on the TVWUA Board. The TVWUA accepted FCD10 as an Associate Member and appointed Mark Zirschky as an Ex Officio Board Member. Mark Zirschky updated the Board that a survey will be sent out by the TVWUA to solicit input from the members regarding concerns or issues that the TVWUA can assist with and support. Mark Zirschky will send the survey to the Board once it has been received.

Lower Boise Watershed Council (LBWC):

Mark Zirschky updated the Board that he and Mike Dimmick had recently attended a water quality tour with the LBWC. Mason Creek was visited regarding concerns for water quality sediment ponds as well as re-regulation ponds. The purpose of the ponds would be to lessen the sediment load that flows into the Boise River, as well as act as a re-regulation pond to minimize the fluctuation in flows to the Boise River. Mike Meyers with Water District 63 is working on a project to better understand the declining drain flows and alleviate the changes in river flow due to tributary input.

Levee Inspections:

Mark Zirschky updated the Board that he and Mike Dimmick had recently assisted the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) on levee inspections. The three levees that were inspected were the Fairgrounds Levee, Strunk Stillwell Levee and the Cromwell Levee. All the levees received a verbal passing evaluation with note of vegetative encroachment that should be addressed this winter. It was discussed with the Board that the Fairgrounds Levee and the Cromwell Levee continues to be unknown whether FCD10 is the sponsor. There is a lack of documentation to verify sponsorship. FCD10 and USACE will continue to search for documentation.

BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE:

The next Board meeting is scheduled for November 16 at Kathleen Roma and Associates Office at 776 E. Riverside Dr. Ste 240, Eagle, Idaho, from 0900-1200.

***ADJOURN**:

Chairman Clayton adjourned the meeting at 11:21am.

Boise River Flood District #10
Budget Workshop
Projected Budget for October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024

	2023-2024 Budget
Ad Valoreum	
4000 · Property Taxes	$531,209
4010 · Delinquent Property Taxes	$15,000
4015 · Interest	$600
4100 · Sales Tax	$21,000
Total Ad Valoreum	$567,809
Interest Income	
4600 · LGIP Interest Income	$30,000
4700 · LGIP Torte Fund Interest	$300
Total Interest Income	$30,300
Total Revenue	**$598,109**
Expenditures	
Administrative	
6000 · Storage Unit Rental	$1,300
6001 · Insurance & Bonds	$5,000
6002 · Office Expense	$3,000
6003 · Verizon Wireless	$1,320
6004 · Office Equipment	$4,000
6005 · Commissioners Meals & Meetings	$1,000
6006 · District Manager Mileage & Exp	$12,547
6008 · Map Books	$10,000
6802 · Sr Project Advisor Miles & Exp	$300
Total Administrative	$38,467
Personnel Expenses	
6100 · District Manager Wages	$108,000
6103 · Employer's Payroll Tax Expense	$8,568
6104 · Workers Compensation Insurance	$3,000
6105 · PERSI	$12,074
6106 · Employee Benefits	$6,000
6801 · Senior Project Advisor	$4,000
Total Personnel Expenses	$141,642

Projects & Technical Programs	
6305 · Coop Projects	$20,000
6308 Technical Consultants - Projects	$50,000
6310 Purchase of Surplus Equipment	$20,000
6818 · Bank Repairs Assist	$10,000
Total Projects & Technical Programs	$100,000
Public Outreach	
6200 · Website, Outreach Education	$10,000
6201 · Training	$2,000
Total Public Outreach	$12,000
River Operations	
6300 · Flood Response	$141,000
6301 · River Maintenance	$100,000
6302 · Dry Creek Maintenance	$4,000
6306 · Hazard Tree Removal	$10,000
6307 · Levees	$5,000
Total River Operations	$260,000
Support Services	
6400 · Engineering Consulting	$8,000
6401 · Accounting Fees	$8,000
6402 · Auditing	$4,000
6404 · Legal Fees	$20,000
6406 · Grant Application/Prep	$6,000
Total Support Services	$46,000
Total Expenditures	**$598,109**
Net	**($0)**