

Hayden Lake Irrigation District
2160 W. Dakota Avenue
Hayden, ID 83835-5122

August 2, 2022
Regular Meeting

The following are minutes of the regular meeting of the Hayden Lake Irrigation District Board of Directors, held at 2160 W. Dakota Avenue, Hayden, Idaho, at 5:00 p.m. on August 2, 2022.

- A. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Fleming.
- B. **ROLL CALL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM:** Present were Director Antrim, Director James, and Chairman Fleming.
- C. **DECLARATION OF A QUORUM:** A quorum was declared.
- D. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** (*Action Item*) Director James made a motion to approve the August 2, 2022 agenda, seconded by Director Antrim, motion passed.
- E. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES & FINANCIALS:** (*Action Item*) There are 37 checks (14771-14708), totaling \$114,511.60, four online payments totaling \$1,434.44 and eight ACH payments totaling \$111,676.54. Director Antrim made a motion to approve the July 12, 2022 regular minutes, the August 2, 2022 financials as presented, the transfer of \$55,000.00 from the Mountain West Credit Card account (5866) to the Mountain West Checking account (2557), \$25,000.00 from the Mountain West EFT account (4313) to the Mountain West Checking account (2557), and \$100,000.00 from the State Treasurer's Investment Pool to the Mountain West Checking account (2557), seconded by Director James, motion passed.
- F. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
- G. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - 1. **Tank 2 / 375 Lacey / Bond:** The tank is in the final stages. A couple of finishing touches are necessary, including painting the interior of the tank, conduit in the well and installing the sprinkler system. The District staff will install the electric gate and garage door openers to save the District money.
 - 2. **Lacey Water Main Project:** The new line has been installed and paved by the mobile home park on Lacey. Backflow assemblies have been installed for the necessary properties. The District will hook up the property to the north and Buddy's Backhoe will hook up the south four properties to the line.
 - 3. **Reed Looping Line:** The plans for the Reed and Miles looping are 95% done. The District put in for a 1.6 million grant and are hoping to hear something soon. JUB is assisting with grant process. The projects will be tabled until the

District has the available funds to move forward. When that occurs, the plans will be complete.

4. **Miles Looping Line:** This project will be tabled until a grant is received or funds are obtained.

5. **Orchard / Nomad 10" Looping Line / Award Bid:** Buddy's Backhoe had another obligation reschedule so they will begin this project sooner than expected. The project will start next week if the City approves the Encroachment Permit proposed.

6. **Bureau of Reclamation:** The Bureau's studies are almost complete. The District should know more soon.

7. **2023 Budget: (Action Item)** The budget is still in the public comment process. A Public Hearing will be held at the next board meeting and advertised in the CDA Press legal ads. The District intends to raise the rates and fees 4% in correlation with the 2019 Rate Study.

H. **NEW BUSINESS:**

8. **Darnal / Ultra Lawn Missing Tests & Banned Testing 2023:** The District had some problems with a couple of backflow companies this season. One of the companies, Rocky's Backflow, will not be allowed to test in the District in the future due to multiple problems and dissatisfied customers. The company was informed early in the season they could not test past May 30th but continued to do. This was the second year in a row the District had problems with the company.

Darnal Sprinklers, also known as Ultra Lawn, was another company the District experienced problems with. The company switched computer systems and many tests were not received in a timely manner due to system failures. As a result, many customers received late backflow letters and late fees. Contacting the company was difficult since the emails were sent in a "no respond" format.

In 2019, the District enacted a three strike policy for testers to follow. Simply put, companies/testers are required to timely provide tests to the proper water district. Failing to do so could result in a strike. Multiple strikes were grounds for removing the company from the approved testers list or banning the companies/testers from testing in the District. Darnal will be allowed to test in the District in 2023 but will not be put on the approved testers list. With so many problems, the District cannot refer the company. If the District continues to have problems with Darnal, they will not be permitted to test in the District in the future.

The District will send their existing backflow tests a letter reminding them of their responsibilities to our customers. The approved tester list will be capped at 30 testers from this day forth.

I. **STAFF REPORT:**

Administrator Report: Administrator's report was given orally. He provided a review of the upcoming month's schedule.

SETTING DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: September 7, 2022

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Director Antrim and seconded by Director James. The meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Dawn Chidester
District Clerk

Approved by:
Branden Rose
District Administrator