# OVERLAND DITCH AND RESERVOIR COMPANY Board of Directors Meeting

May 7, 2008

#### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by President Howe. In attendance were directors Tom Howe, Reg Cridler, Phil Ceriani, Naomi Kasper and Bryan Klaseen. Shareholders present were Mary Helen Church, Annie Sievers, David Kuntz and Dave Whittlesey. Operations and Maintenance Manager Bob Church and secretary/treasurer Pam Klaseen were also present.

#### PRESENTATION OF AGENDA

No additions were made to the agenda.

## MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Reg made the motion to accept the minutes as e-mailed, seconded by Phil. Motion passed with all in favor.

# TREASURER'S REPORT

Pam passed out a check detail, April P&L with account balances, year-to-date P&L, and bills paid in April. The unpaid bills were reviewed and a statement for hours and mileage from Bob Church was added. Reg made the motion to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Naomi. Motion passed with all in favor.

## DITCH REPORT

Bob summarized the amount of water that had been coming on the mesa for April. He said Erik Fritchman had cleaned the ditch on April 21<sup>st</sup>. He also said Steve Widner would like to see 85 feet coming to the mesa so Bob has a call into Paul Schmucker. Bob has talked to Rundle and they would like to take a D-6 Cat and "blast" to the reservoir and that they could begin right away. There has been a price increase of \$10.00/hour to \$135.00/hour. He said the reservoir is almost full right now.

# **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Redlands Mesa Water Users Ditch Management Plan – Phil said there was going to be a meeting on Thursday at the Grange for the purpose of brainstorming improvements. Three or four chapters have been completed and they will start mapping soon.

Grants – There is nothing happening right now.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was discussion about the Forest Service permit for the cabin. It has been recommended we pay the fee and appraise the site this summer, making adjustments then. Reg made the motion to pay the fee, seconded by Phil. Motion passed with all in favor.

Tom said the meeting with Levi and Linda of the Forest Service had gone very well. The Forest Service and the EPA have set up a procedure for dealing with issues, Levi will be working with a counterpart at the EPA and he is confident that we will be able to get the fen issue resolved at that level. It was also noted the EPA had recently published a statement regarding wetlands in the Federal Register that said fen could be mitigated. Bruce and Brett Fletcher are currently working on getting information to Levi.

Tom had done some checking on the umbrella insurance policy and found that the board members are not covered. The umbrella policy will be tabled for now.

Tom said he is trying to connect with Jason Ward regarding the Dam Emergency Action Plan. Tom wants to be sure both dams are included.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

Tom has done some checking on mini-hydro projects and has found there is money available for study. He has been contacted by a gentleman who would look at the proposal at state expense. There was discussion about the problem of trash in the inlets that the Town of Hotchkiss experienced.

Phil has met with the owners of West Reservoir and they are very interested in working out a deal with the Overland to use the West Reservoir as an alternative storage site. Bruce Marvin has looked at it in the past and felt that it would be very high dollar. There was further discussion and it was mentioned Bruce should look at it again.

## SHAREHOLDER'S CONCERNS

Reg has talked to Paul about shareholders using stock water for irrigating; the irrigation season runs from April 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31st. The company's decree would not be in jeopardy but he would talk to the company about it. It was felt that the company needed to have a policy regarding this issue.

Dave Whittlesey said he wants better forward planning as stock water was interrupted because of projects on the ditch. There was discussion about setting up a schedule when any work, except emergency work, would be done on the ditch.

# **BOARD CONCERNS**

There was discussion about joining DARCA until Naomi reminded the board that issue had been resolved at the last meeting. Phil will get a bill sent to the secretary.

# ADJOURNMENT

Bryan made	the motion to	o adjourn,	seconded by	Reg.	Meeting was	adjourned	at 5:17
p.m.							

Pamela Klaseen, Secretary/Treasurer