

OVERLAND DITCH AND RESERVOIR CO.

Board of Directors Meeting

May 11, 2023

5:00 pm

Redlands Mesa Grange Hall

Meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by David Kuntz

In attendance were:

Directors: Jerry Adams, Debbie Gray, Wyatt Wilson and Bryan Klaseen

Overland Ditch Manager: Ray Penland

Secretary/Treasurer: Shellie Gies

Overland Ditch Rider: Austin Paris

Overland Shareholders: Reg Cridler, Kathleen Starr, Lance Rundle and Dave Whittlesey

Redlands Mesa Water Users President: Tom Meyers

AGENDA: Stands

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the April 13, 2023 meeting was presented.

MOVED BY: Jerry Adams, to approve April 13, 2023 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Wyatt Wilson

MOTION CARRIED: with no opposing votes.

TREASURER REPORT:

Shellie handed out Bills to Pay and Budget Comparison

Added a bill in the amount of \$66.94, to Weekender Sports for chainsaw repair.

MOVED BY: Bryan Klaseen, to pay the bills and except the Treasure's report.

SECONDED BY: Jerry Adams

MOTION CARRIED: with no opposing votes.

David asked if we needed to still have the Hubbard Creek filings researched by the Attorney.

MOVED BY: Jerry Adams, to stop the monthly Hubbard Creek research.

SECONDED BY: Bryan Klaseen

MOTION PASSED: with no opposing votes

OPERATIONS:

May 4, 2023 Ray was at the reservoir to measure snow water equivalent with Kathleen Star and others. They measured by the SNOTEL site. Their measurement was 5 feet of snow with 17 inches of water. This was the same as the SNOTEL readings at the time. They did another measurement about 50 feet away from the SNOTEL site and they measured 59 inches of snow, with 29 inches of water. The SNOTEL site is in the trees and does not give an accurate depiction of the actual snow around the reservoir. The reservoir gauge rod was sitting at 25 feet. When Ray went up yesterday, May 10, 2023 the gauge rod was sitting at 28 feet. It gained 3 feet in 7 days.

Ray spoke with Doug Christener and Doug says there is about 40 cfs coming into the reservoir right now. With the amount of snow left, we need to start releasing water from the reservoir to help protect the spillway and diversion that was placed a few years back to stop erosion the Forest Service was concerned about. If we released some water now, it would be better for the Dam and the spillway. We will still have a lot of spill, but we hope this will help a little. It was decided Ray would talk to Doug Christner and decide how much to start releasing.

The SNOTEL was reading over 700% of snow water equivalent. The snow on the dam is still deep. Opening the ditch was discussed. There is still a lot of snow and they cannot make it to the private gate yet, without pushing snow. It will most likely be sometime in June. The ditch road still has 4 feet of snow, in some places.

Austin and Ray went up to Leroux Creek today and cleaned several large trees out of the Cow Creek, Leroux Creek and Overland headgates. There were several large rocks as well. It took them 5 hours to clean them all out.

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

none

OLD BUSINESS:

David had Craig Ullman from Applegate go look at the Overland ditch, above the Highline slide before we started running much more water. Shellie took Craig up on April 27, 2023. Craig said if the water from the Highline slide was coming from the Overland, he thinks it would most likely be coming south of the slide and around the corner. The shale layers could possibly make the water flow from that direction. But there is still no way of knowing if the water is coming from the Overland. Craig said we could try some PAM in the ditch. After Craig figured the amount and where to apply the PAM, Austin and Shellie applied it April 29, 2023. As of right now, we are doing all we can do.

The Redland Piping Project was discussed. Two attorneys were consulted. Both said that the BLM can take away our perpetual easements and make us go to a lease. This would cost several thousand dollars and the lease could be changed by the BLM, when they see fit. Giving up our perpetual easement could cost us in the future. Dave Whittlesey said there will be a listening session regarding the public land use in Golden on May 25, 2023. He says we need other ditch owners and livestock owners to get involved.

NEW BUSINESS:

none

STOCKHOLDER'S CONCERNS:**BOARD CONCERNS:**

None

ADJOURN:

David adjourned the meeting at 6:00 pm

Submitted by: Shellie Gies, Secretary