

AGENDA - FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT 9 MEETING
Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 3:00PM
OLD COURTHOUSE – Commissioner’s Room
206 S. 1st Ave. Hailey, ID 83333

CALL TO ORDER, ESTABLISH QUORUM

Meeting called to order by Bryan Dilworth at 3:03pm

Commissioners Bryan Dilworth, John Wright, Suzanne Pattinson Present.

Also Present: Stephanie Carlson, Alex Klokke, Larry Shoen, Chris Corwin, Amanda Bauman.

ACTION ITEM: Approve Minutes from October 17, 2024

Dilworth asked to fix the spelling of despair to disrepair.

Pattinson moves to approve the minutes of October 17, 2024 with the amendment, Dilworth seconds. The motion passes.

CONSENT CALENDAR (ACTION ITEM):

- Stephanie Carlson Invoice #103
- IME Invoice
- Becker, Chambers & Co #37725 & #37852
- Suzanne Pattinson Bond Reimbursement

Pattinson moves to approve the Consent Calendar, Bryan Dilworth seconds. The motion to approve the 11/20/24 Consent Calendar passes.

BANK UPDATES:

Monthly Remittance Total | Monthly LGIP Interest Earned | DL Evans Balance

Pattinson moves to approve the bank updates as presented, Dilworth seconds and the motion passes.

NEW BUSINESS (ACTION ITEM):

-Policy Manual

Wright stated that we need to make our policies known and the policy manual should link to the website. Dilworth brought up that Flood Control Districts have to follow state statute and also follow rules through ICRMP so we already have policy guidelines. He asked what additional policies would need to be added. Wright brought up the conversation from the previous meeting regarding a policy for investments. Carlson mentioned that it would be beneficial to have a finance and investment policy and a records retention policy. Wright added that the policy manual would cover items outside of the State Statute such as who has signing capabilities, who makes decisions on investments, and items like the secretary being able to pay for office supplies with petty cash. Shoen added that an investment policy adds protection to the FCD9 Commissioners, and that it can be a simple policy. It was suggested that FCD9 look at

what other Flood Control Districts have done, and to reach out to the County Treasurer for help in creating an investment policy. Dilworth mentioned that the Soil Conservation District had a supervisory manual to provide guidance on where to find things.

Pattinson mentioned that we could have something simple for our investment policy such as “the Flood Control District 9 follows the guidelines of —”. Pattinson suggested reaching out to the County and other FCDs to see what policies they have and decide what part of those policies we’d like to adopt. Carlson emailed the County’s policy to the FCD9 Commissioners. Shoen mentioned that the LGIP also has its own investment principals, and Corwin brought up that FCD10 will have its own bylaws. Pattinson would like FCD9 to reach out to FCD10 to get a copy of their bylaws.

-L2 Forgone funds-Resolution Proposal

Pattinson moves to approve the corrected L2 with the \$3 forgone funds. Wright seconds and the motion passes.

OLD BUSINESS (ACTION ITEM):

-Name Change

Carlson reached out to IDWR and they said that Flood Control Districts can’t change their name. She also reached out to Flood Control District 10 (FCD10), and they have never changed their name. FCD10 did take House Bill 540 to the House of Representatives this past year, but the name change of Flood Control Districts to Flood Management District wasn’t approved. FCD10 plans to bring it to the House again this next year. Shoen suggested that if multiple Flood Control Districts support a name change, we should approach them and form a plan to take the name change to the legislature. The Commissioners discussed reaching out to the other districts to get their interests. Pattinson suggested starting by reaching out to FCD10 to see what they have done so far, and how we can help.

-Website Development

Carlson presented the draft website. She mentioned that she needs details about FCD9 projects and photos so she can finish that section. The feedback received was to have a link to the state statutes, add flood mitigation tips, history of flood control districts and FCD9. Dilworth added that we need to add the FCD9 seal. Wright mentioned that we need to work on a mission statement for FCD9 which would be added to the website. Bauman pointed out that the email address associated with the website needs to be changed to FCD9’s email.

-Bellevue Reach

Wright discussed that we need to look at the history-what we’ve been focusing on and also look at what we should be focusing on. Historically levees were created to protect agriculture, and state statute doesn’t say anything about protecting public infrastructure. When looking at levees what is the correct solution, breaching them or protecting them. Archies levee is a private levee that is restricting the river and it impacts flood control and flood management. We’d need to work with private landowners to address that levee.

Dilworth brought up that State Statute states that removal of debris is part of the FCD9 responsibility. There are some log jams that could be cleared, but it would be difficult for our

FCD. Shoen brought up that it is difficult to assess debris removal because it is a case by case basis. The Bellevue Reach is a massive project. If a property owner wants to make changes to a levee we need to seek legal counsel to see what liabilities exist. If we make changes to a levee and there is flood damage then we need to be cognizant of that outcome. Dilworth brought up that Statute states that we have the right to sue and be sued.

We need to look at existing levees and how we chose to manage them. Do we have jurisdiction over all of the levees? Corwin pointed out that we should look at the difference between a levee and a certified levee. There was discussion over how many certified levees are in our jurisdiction and Dilworth stated that there are 7 levees. Wright mentioned that if a levee should be removed or breached it is something we have jurisdiction to do, he also brought up the question of when we should maintain a levee or breach a levee. Dilworth discussed how in the past FCD9 has used rip rap to help support levees, but the river changes. He also brought up that this levee is used as a walking path and if it is breached that access will go away.

Wright mentioned the Star levee and how it is steep and has trees growing through it so it may be a levee that should be breached. Dilworth said that in the past we cut the trees from the Star levee and chipped the trees. The Wood River Land Trust also paid to have a survey of that levee and it was recommended that it is breached. The problem is, that the airport doesn't want to increase the wetland in that area because it would bring more birds. The Corps of Engineers also wouldn't currently certify that levee because it has trees growing through it. Pattinson asked why we don't remove the trees to maintain the levee and Dilworth and Wright mentioned that the trees weaken the levee and that they take rock with them when they are removed, which would leave a hole in the levee.

When talking of maintaining levees, Broadford should be the priority because the impact would be large if it were lost. Dilworth brought up that the Bible Camp levee also needs attention and if it were to fail the water would reach Broadford, but it is difficult to access this levee. Shoen suggested engineering log jams to disperse the energy as the water approaches the Broadford levee. Since there are houses, walking paths and cottonwoods behind the levee, dispersing the energy of the river would be better than reconstructing the levee. Dilworth suggested cleaning out the channel along the levee to increase the volume of water that could go through that area. Corwin brought up that if a flood comes through it will change the work that was done on the side channel. That happened with Fisherman's access. With Fisherman's access they built a new channel but the river is now causing damage to the other bank.

It was suggested to work with Project Big Wood and Trout Unlimited to restructure the banks to help with flood protection along with habitat restoration. Shoen brought up that the risk of opening channels is the redirection of the river, like what happened at Hospital Bridge.

-Zinc Spur Project

Sluder is currently working on the Zinc Spur Project, and is bringing in trees and rip rap around the bend of the river. FCD9 is only paying \$45,000 and the rest of the funds will come from the homeowner's donations. This project has to be completed by the end of December.

COMMISSIONER UPDATES

-Heagle Park Project

The Blaine County Board of Commissioners approved the Permits, but not the funding. The Land, Water, Wildlife grant was denied because they didn't believe this project aligned with their purpose. The Wood River Land Trust will need to get funding for this project. Dilworth pointed out that at the last meeting he went to it appeared as though the Commissioners weren't planning to fund this project.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Public Comment

NEXT MEETING:

December 18, 2024, at 3:00pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

(Closed to public): the Board may decide to go into executive session for confidential discussions, including discussion with council per Idaho Code Section 74-202 and Section 74-206.

ADJOURN

Bryan moves to adjourn the meeting at 4:28 pm