

Tooley Water District
February 17, 2016 Meeting Minutes
Mid-Columbia Medical Center, The Dalles, Or.

Present:

Carl Carson, Richard Pontow, Debby Jones

Excused:

Larry Russ, Dave Pratt

- Carl called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm
- Carl updated the group that the \$1,443 check sent to Courtney Insurance had been received and cleared and Carl has the insurance policy. Carl stated that there were no checks written for the month of February. We have not sent Hiland in their monthly fee due to an oversight on Hiland's end. Carl explained that a very faded and unreadable check was sent from Hiland. Carl contacted Hiland and explained the situation. Carl was instructed to give the check to Robert (meter reader) and that a new check would be issued. Carl did not want to write a check to Hiland until we had received payment from Hiland. The January fee from Hiland was \$1,445.50.
- Carl read the January minutes. Debby Jones made a motion to accept the minutes and Richard Pontow seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Carl updated the group that Mr. Childs reported back that he was willing to help with projects and maintenance but was not able to be a board member. Additional future board members may include David Evans or the Arthurs. Carl will contact them to assess their interest.
- Carl shared that Larry Russ had emailed him and recommended beginning the budget process. Carl will contact budget committee members and Dave Pratt specifically.
- Carl shared that he had spoken with Silas from Hiland regarding current and future fee structure for the upcoming budget process. Silas indicated that he felt that the current fees were appropriate. Carl will double check with Silas as we get closer to the budget process for confirmation.
- Carl informed the group that he will contact the Water Master to re-measure the water level as it is close to farm irrigation beginning.
- Debby addressed the group and shared that she had looked over the Tooley Water District by-laws and noticed some areas that the board might want to strengthen. Carl and Richard shared that the by-laws followed those provided by Special Districts. Debby specifically indicated that the by-laws did not reflect the staggered terms of board members. During the discussion Carl and Richard shared that from their best knowledge the following board positions include the following staggered terms.

Carl Carson	3 year term
Dave Pratt	2 year term
Larry Russ	2 year term
Richard Pontow	3 year term
Debby Jones	3 year term
- Debby asked if there had been any further discussion on having Dave Griffen or Silas attend an upcoming board meeting. Debby will email John Amery to see if there is anything set up.
- The group decided to go back to the previous meeting schedule which had board meetings on the third Thursday of the month with meetings held at the PUD meeting room. The March board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 17 at 7:00 pm at PUD.
- Carl closed the meeting at 7:50 pm.