

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF DURHAM IRRIGATION DISTRICT – MAY 15, 2019; 5:30 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Raymond Cooper at 5:30 p.m. In addition to Cooper, present were director Matt Doyle Kristen McKillop, contract manager of the District and Jeff Carter attorney for the District. Absent was Director Kevin Phillips. Other visitors were Steve Abshier, Brenda and Dennis McGlaughlin, Pat Button and Jack Angel.

Recognizing the attendance of visitors, Chair Cooper opened the meeting up to public comment. Steve Abshier addressed the Board asking that his existing service, which is on a flat rate, be converted to a meter. He inquired as to the cost of such and was informed it is \$650.00, plus installation. He inquired about use of 5/8 inch meter, which, he understood, the District still had four or five on hand. Cooper indicated that while there might be such meters on hand, the District would install a 3/4 inch meter since that was the smallest meter currently used by the District. He also said that upon installation, Abshier's water rate would be changed to a metered rate, but until then, his connection would remain on flat rate. Cooper stated that that the District would try to install the meter during May.

Pat Button volunteered that meters, once installed, may have defects, including leaks, and suggested that upon installation, the owner be given a 30 day trial period for discovery of defects.

Cooper next called upon Brenda McGlaughlin to discuss the Downtown Durham Beautification Project that the Durham High School Class of 1969 had previously had a mural in Downtown done and recently wanted to pressure wash it, but had difficulty finding a nearby faucet. She said that this prompted the Class to consider clean up and installation of planter boxes in the Downtown area and inquired whether the District could provide water service to these planter areas. She stated that Downtown property owner Jerry Walters had allowed use of his faucet in the alley, but hoped that water could be installed in the planters where automatic irrigation systems could be used. She requested on the behalf of the Class of '69 that the District install water service and irrigation in the planter boxes on the west side of the Midway from the Durham-Dayton intersection south to mid-block. She hoped also that the District could maintain the system and provide emergency service if there were a blowout.

Raymond Cooper responded that it would be easier for the District to get a system up and running than to be available for emergency call-out service. He indicated that McGlaughlin should contact Jim Murphy, the manager of Durham Recreation and Park District, to discuss the Class project since installation and maintenance of irrigation systems were more in the Recreation District's wheelhouse. He said that Durham Irrigation District and Durham Recreation and Park District work closely together on certain matters and if DID could be of assistance, it would be willing to help out with the project.

Pat Button next was called upon. He requested a copy of the rate study and Manager McKillop said she could provide it to him and obtained his email address. He next inquired about the availability of grants for meter installation, suggesting the possibility of the District subsidizing installations for those who could not afford meter installations. Finally, he noted Director Kevin Phillips' sporadic attendance at board meetings.

District resident Jack Angel, who had by then appeared, was called upon. He discussed the matter of the District's 12 foot pipeline easement running through his backyard. He noted that he now is obtaining water from District lines in the front of his property, as his are neighbors, and accordingly would like the District to abandon its easement across his backyard so he could build a two car garage in the back. McKillop noted that only the corner property continued to get water from the line in the back, but that it could be hooked up in the front as are Angel and his neighbors. She discussed the time and cost would be required for such, suggesting further investigation would be needed to determine whether or not the backyard easement serves properties beyond Angel's property. The matter was continued to the next board meeting.

Cooper then returned to the Consent Agenda. On motion duly made by Director Doyle and seconded by Chair Cooper, the warrants were approved. However, since the Board had not had the chance to review the minutes for the April meeting, Cooper postponed consideration and action upon the April minutes until the June meeting.

McKillop next gave a report on the status of the USBR WaterSmart Grant Award. She stated she had spoken with an USBR representative about items needed from the District. District policies are among

these, and McKillop said she was working on them with assistants in her office who had been freed for such. She said in working with the funding agency, she would need Board authorization to do so. On motion by Chair Cooper and seconded by Director Doyle, it was unanimously passed that McKillop had any and all such authority necessary to work with the USBR to secure such grant funding, including preparing District policies and soliciting quotes for SCADA software and equipment.

McKillop also stated in the context of working on policies, she would be reviewing the District's billing policy and proposing possible changes and a new schedule of billing fees for concurrence with those in the Sequoya software.

Attorney Carter next discussed the status of the Black Diamond, Creekside, and Midway Estates projects. He noted that the existing house on the Black Diamond property is metered and that a hose from a faucet on the existing house lot is providing water for construction purposes to one of the three new lots on the property. McKillop indicated that she would continue to monitor this situation. She also noted that she was getting the billing in order for the District to bill all professional fees and costs incurred by the District in connection with these pending projects and would soon be billing the projects therefor.

The Board next went into closed session to discuss threatened litigation, the facts of which if known might result in litigation against the District, but which he believes are not yet known. At the conclusion of the closed session, the public meeting was called to order and Chair Cooper announced that the Board heard from counsel and directed counsel and staff accordingly.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned.

**Board of Directors of
Durham Irrigation District**

By: _____
Raymond Cooper, Chair

ATTEST:

Matt Doyle, Secretary