EMIGRATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2024

EMIGRATION CANYON FIRE STATION

5025 EMIGRATION CANYON ROAD

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

AND ZOOM

 **Regular Meeting**

Board Members in Attendance: David Bradford – Chair, Brent Tippets – Co-Chair, Mark Stevens – Co-Chair

Ex Officio: Eric Hawkes—District Manager, Jeremy Cook—Legal Counsel

David Bradford called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**1. Consent Approval - Minutes for September 19, 2024**

MOTION: Brent Tippets made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2024, Trustee Meeting as written. David Bradford seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.

**2. Financial Considerations and Report**

Mr. Hawkes presented the monthly financial report, noting that revenues are expected to be higher than anticipated, while expenditures are in good shape.

Mr. Hawkes presented the 3rd Quarter Transparency Report. There were no comments or

concerns. He will submit the report to the State Auditor’s transparency website.

**3. Discussion on Connection Fees and other Miscellaneous District Fee Adjustments**

In a discussion about updating water fees, it was noted that the last fee changes were made in 2013. The water rights fee, meter hookup fees, and impact fees have not been raised for over a decade, and Chair Bradford suggested considering an increase due to rising capital costs. Eric Hawkes proposed raising the meter connection fee to account for the increased cost of parts. Jeremy Cook recommended that the water rights and meter hookup fees be increased, while the impact fee remain stable because it would need a more detailed analysis. In addition, increasing the fee for a fire flow test was also discussed, because it currently does not reflect the actual cost. If the District were to allow residents to bring in private water rights, there should be an administrative fee, with Jeremy Cook recommending an amount of around $2,000 or $3,000. The group decided to table the discussion until December, allowing Don Barnett to provide updated information on prices. The impact of these changes would primarily affect new connections, and the next meeting will involve a deeper discussion on the costs. Tyler Tippets asked if state legislation may change some of these fees regarding property taxes and water fees. The board discussed holding a public hearing on the fees during the budget hearing in December.

**4. District Providing Water Bottle Filling Stations to Community along Main Canyon Road**

Last month, Mr. Hawkes met with the City Council to discuss installing a water bottle filling station at the fire station or at the bathroom near Pinecrest. Mr. Hawkes has since spoken with Brian Case, who agreed to gauge interest in setting this up at the fire station. The bathroom is located on Open Lands, and Mr. Hawkes is in conversation with them to see if it's possible to use that location for a water bottle filling station.

**5. Water System Report**

Don Barnett was absent, and the matter will be deferred to the next meeting.

**6. Maintenance & Repairs**

1. **Brigham Fork Well Rehabilitation Discussion**

Mr. Hawkes has spoken with Don Barnett, who was working with Lang Exploratory Drilling to arrange a time to come up and see the Brigham Fork Well site. There were no other updates.

1. **Leak Repair at 673 Little Tree Circle**

A failed saddle at Little Tree Circle has been repaired. This week they will finish any needed asphalt patching and install the service line on Twin Creek.

**7. Any items for Discussion from Board and/or from visiting public, Dismiss public.**

There were no comments from the visiting public. The Board agreed to change their meeting next month to November 14th.

MOTION: Board Member Brent Tippets made a motion to adjourn the meeting. David Bradford seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.

The regular meeting of the Emigration Improvement District adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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