

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Members
Sauvie Island Drainage Improvement Company
November 6th, 2014**

The Annual Meeting of the Membership of the Sauvie Island Drainage Improvement Company was held on November 6th, 2014 at the Sauvie Island Grange.

Directors David Fazio, Bob Egger, Mark Hepner, Skip Klarquist and Tim Schillereff were present as well as SIDIC Comptroller Paula Wheeler, SIDIC Manager Tim Couch, SIDIC Attorney Joe Hobson and members and guest of the Sauvie Island Drainage Improvement Company.

Board President David Fazio introduced the board members and staff to the membership. **DF** announced guest from the US Army Corp of Engineers, Jason McBain and Lance Helwig as well as Multnomah County Commissioner Jules Bailey and his staffer Kristen Lewis.

Call to Order:

The 2014 Annual Meeting of the Membership of the Sauvie Island Drainage Improvement Company was called to order at 6:35 pm.

Paula Wheeler calculated that **8600 acres** were represented by members present or by proxy, and determined that a quorum of the membership of the Sauvie Island Drainage Improvement Company had been reached and the Annual Meeting could be held.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

BE read the Minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting aloud. **DF** asked if there were any additions or correction for the minutes. **DF** asked for a motion to approve the 2013 Annual Meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Joe Lucas to approve the 2013 Annual Meeting minutes. Mark Beall seconded the motion.

Upon motion made, duly seconded and carried the Minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Membership were approved.

Financial Report and Budget:

Director Bob Egger presented the 2014-2015 Financial Report and Annual Budget. **BE** reported that the annual budget is for \$260,000. \$20,000 is for a reserve fund to offset the cost of the FEMA inspection. This year's electricity bill was \$77,000. The two prior years the electricity bill was over \$100,000 for each year. **BE** stated that levee mowing was down from last year. **BE** stated that there is \$153,000 in a reserve fund. **BE** spoke about the late assessments.

Election of Directors:

A vote of the membership was held for the purpose of electing Directors to the Board of the Sauvie Island Drainage Improvement Company.

DF stated that this is the time for the election of Directors for Board positions. **DF** read aloud the procedure for the election. **DF** asked if anyone objected to the procedure. Joe McCray objected, stating that someone from the membership should be appointed that has not expressed an opinion about the candidates. Joe Hobson spoke about the SIDIC bylaws.

Kathleen McGinty made a motion to have four people count the ballots, with two being selected from the audience. The motion was seconded by Bob Wiley. Discussion; the question was asked: how are those people going to be selected from the audience. **DF** asked for volunteers from the audience, Vicki Mayberry and Steven Ray volunteered.

Upon motion made, duly seconded and carried, allowing the two volunteers to assist as tellers in the counting of ballots was approved.

DF stated that nominations are now in order for the office of Director Position #3. The term of office for this position will terminate in 2017. As Board Chairman David Fazio nominated Director Mark Hepner. **DF** asked if there were any other nominations for this position.

Stuart Sandler spoke about district issues and Joe McCray. Stuart Sandler nominated Joe McCray for position #3 on the SIDIC Board of Directors. Kathleen McGinty seconded the motion. Joe McCray spoke about district issues. Joe McCray spoke in support of his nomination. The FEMA accreditation was discussed. Mark Hepner spoke in support of his nomination.

Joe Lucas made a motion to close the nominations Director Position #3. The motion was seconded.

The volunteers collected the ballots.

Upon motion made, duly seconded and carried, Mark Hepner was elected to Director Position #3 on the Sauvie Island Drainage Improvement Company Board of Directors.

Multnomah County Commissioner Jules Bailey:

DF introduced Commissioner Jules Bailey. Commissioner Bailey reported being asked to by the Governor to co-chair the Oregon Solutions project on levee replacement. Commissioner Bailey spoke to working with Senator Betsy Johnson on legislation that should provide a better pathways to funding for upgrading and repairing the levees.

Election of Directors: continues

DF stated that nominations are now in order for the office of Director Position #4. The term of office for this position will terminate in 2017. As Board Chairman David Fazio nominated Director Skip Klarquist. **DF** asked if there were any other nominations for this position.

Hearing no other nominations, nominations are closed for the Director Position #4 and will proceed to the vote.

DF asked for all those in favor for Skip Klarquist as Director Position #4.

Votes in Favor: Countless

Votes against: None

Upon motion made, duly seconded and carried, Skip Klarquist was elected to Board Position #4 on the Sauvie Island Drainage Improvement Company Board of Directors.

DF stated that nominations are now in order for the office of Director Position #5. The term of office for this position will terminate in 2016. As Board Chairman David Fazio nominated Director Tim Schillereff. **DF** asked if there were any other nominations for this position. Hearing no other nominations, nominations are closed for the Director Position #5 and will proceed to the vote.

DF asked for all those in favor for Tim Schillereff as Director Position #5 .

Votes in Favor: Countless

Votes against: None

Upon motion made, duly seconded and carried, Tim Schillereff was elected to Board Position #5 on the Sauvie Island Drainage Improvement Company Board of Directors.

District Managers Report:

Tim Couch gave the District Managers report. **TC** reported;

Operations- Automatic float system for main pumps combined with not running interior pumps in winter time is providing energy cost savings.

Levee maintenance- Have been mowing with same contractor last two years. Board elected to fund fence removal from the levee, to increase the efficiency of mowing.

Tree Cutting- Tree cutting is on hold as the USACE continues to develop their policy.

USACE Inspection- No annual inspection performed in 2014 but a periodic inspection is scheduled for 2015.

Ditch Erosion- Continuing to place cement tiles along the A-1 canal for erosion control. Tiles were donated by Tony Fazio.

Safety Grants-The 2013 safety grants from the SDAO was used to place safety fencing around the discharge line outfalls.

Terry Hoffart asked about erosion control on other ditches.

FEMA Accreditation Update:

Director Mark Hepner gave an update of the FEMA accreditation inspection. **MH** reported that the process to begin the FEMA inspection had taken much longer than had been anticipated. **MH** reported that under the Provisionally Accredited Levee program, there is a two extension that would allow until 2019 to complete the inspection. The cost for the inspection could be about \$400,000. **MH** reported that there are still many unknowns such as funding and boring samples. The Board is looking for funding and grants. **MH** reported that delaying Phase One of the inspection, allowed the SIDIC to obtain Phase One at no cost.

Dick Springer asked about the value of the county roads and PGE infrastructure. Tim Mackaness asked about taking a look at a current assessment mythology review. **MH** stated that there had not been a consensus on the Board for changes to the mythology. Joe McCray stated that the large property owners must compromise.

FEMA Inspection Details:

Dave Illias and **TC** gave a presentation on the technical aspects of the FEMA accreditation inspection. **DF** introduced Dave Illias, a forty veteran of the USACE. **TC** spoke about the operation criteria for the inspection. **DE** spoke about the design criteria for the inspection. **DE** stated that there are several evaluations to be completed for the inspection including; freeboard, scouring, under seepage, through seepage, interior drainage, structural, electrical, mechanical, closures, slope stability and settlement.

Questions were asked about pump replacement. **MH** reported that the pending interior drainage analysis may answer some question about the need for pump replacement. A canal maintenance program was asked about.

MH reported that the SIDIC had been spending money on tree cutting over the last few years instead of ditch cleaning to keep from raising the annual budget. Questions were asked about encroachment. **TC** reported working on listing all encroachments for addition to the operation plan. **DI** spoke about past flood events.

DF introduced Jason McBain, Levee Safety Program Manager, and Lance Helwig, Chief- Engineering and Construction Division of the USACE. **JMB** stated that the SIDIC was much farther ahead in the inspection process than any other district, and that there have been no other districts approaching the USACE this far in advance of the inspection to get started. **JMB** reported that the SIDIC needs to have a 5% federal sponsor for the USACE to perform the FEMA inspection. Renewing a commitment for the sponsorship with the Natural

Resources Conservation Service is in the process. **JMB** commended the staff and Board of the SIDIC for continuing to be proactive in the FEMA inspection process and the Rehabilitation and Inspection Program. **JMB** spoke about ways the SIDIC and the USACE are working together to save cost and time with both the FEMA inspection and RIP. **JMB** stated that the inspection could be completed in one year. Lance Helwig and Jason McBain answered several question from the membership. Anthony Fazio thanked Jason and Lance for coming out to the meeting to speak and for maintaining a good relation with the SIDIC.

Voting results were announced.

Non Agenda Items:

David Fazio asked if there was any more business to discuss or any more comments.

Adjournment:

Director David Fazio asked for a motion to adjourn.

A motion was made to adjourn.

Upon motion made, duly seconded and carried the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Membership was adjourned.

The Annual Meeting of the Sauvie Island Drainage Improvement Company was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Bob Egger, Secretary