

Horseshoe Irrigation Company

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2023

7:00 PM

Horseshoe Irrigation Company held the regular board meeting September 15, 2023, at 7:00 pm. The meeting was held in the Spring City municipal building 45 S 100 E, Spring City, Utah.

Roll Call:

- Board Members:** Randy Strate, John Stevens, Scott Sunderland, Chad Beck, Matt Francks (absent), Mike Black, Cody Harmer.
- Staff Members:** Kristy English, Ken Jensen.
- Others:**
- Executive Business:**
 - Bank Statement:** The current bank statements were reviewed by the board.
 - Share Transfer Requests:**

From	To	Shares and assessed-acres	System	Less than average water right acknowledgement
Rod Alan Smith	William Rex Gooch & Jennifer Ann Gooch	2 well shares	#W135	NA
Larrey Seth Wright	Aj Ata Chu-Shing	3 shares 1 ac	Last Chance	NA
Larrey Seth Wright	Rodney K. Kelsch	2 shares 1 ac	Last Chance	NA
Larrey Seth Wright	Bryan & Stephanie Olsen	2 shares 1 ac	Last Chance	NA
Samuel S. Stewart	Ashley Webb	5 shares only	Unallocated to City	NA
Bob or Margaret Olsen	Kelly or Janet Olsen	2 shares only	B30 L4 to B30 L7	NA
Bob or Margaret Olsen	Margie Aagard	1 share only	B30 L4 to Unallocated	NA
Bob or Margaret Olsen	Patty or Larry Edmunds	1 share only	B30 L4 to	NA
Bob or Margaret Olsen	Julie or Jay Nielsen	1 share only	B30 L4 to Unallocated	NA
Bob or Margaret Olsen	Linda or Dave Shepherd	1 share only	B30 L4 to Unallocated	NA
Bob or Margaret Olsen	Kevin Olsen	1 share only	B30 L4 to Unallocated	NA

Motion to approve: Randy Second: Scott Question on the motion: All Aye

3. Bills to be paid:

To	Service	Amount
Verizon		\$175.88
Sinclair		\$362.85
SouthWest Plumbing		\$4512.96
Rocky Mountain Power		

Jeff Watson		\$1857.00
Sanpete Recorder	Easement recording fee	\$40.00

Motion to approve: John Second: Randy Question on the motion: All Aye

4. **Minutes:** Motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting: Chad Second: John
 Abstained: Cody Question on the motion: All Aye
5. **Ashley Webb access request:** Ashley would like to change some irrigation water shares to wells for houses on property east of town that hasn't been watered. Randy researched the area and found that part of the property was in the Cox Decree. In January the 8 acres of property that was originally in the Cox Decree was approved by the board to be added to the company maps as part of the high-water mapping because it can be serviced by the Lund ditch during high water times. It was mistakenly put on the 1-acre layer instead of the high-water layer and at the August meeting the board decided it should be corrected and moved to the high-water layer. Ashley made the decision to buy more water shares and move forward with hiring an engineer for the project based on his property being included in the one-acre layer. He asked the board what the problem would be with connecting to the line that runs along the east side of his property. Randy explained that others have asked to be added to that system to use that line and they were denied their requests for adding additional acreage to be serviced by that line due to current pressure problems. Ashley said he is open to exploring all options with the company to solve the problem. He suggested he, and anyone else who owns land that was mapped in the Cox Decree, should be allowed to put the water in wells because that wouldn't contribute to pressure problems. Randy explained the requirements from the state about turning the water by to account for the wells and why the maps had to be revamped to make sure the land to shares ratio is accurate, and that land that can't be serviced isn't included. Ashley feels there is a solution that can benefit and not harm the company. One suggestion was he could get together with the neighbors and create a new system for the Lund ditch. Randy suggested that if a line was put in the Lund ditch then the high water could reach his property. Ashley also asked about connecting to the main City line but Randy explained that the system was under designed and it would cause pressure problems if that many acres were added to the city system. Ashley doesn't feel it would be different to use his shares there instead of at his house, but the board disagreed. Ashley wants permission to hire an engineer to get the data to determine the impact of him connecting to the city line. Randy said he wouldn't give permission unless he knows what he's going to do specifically, and they would need to be in contact about this issue. Randy asked Ashley to present any proposals to the board at another meeting because the board needs to move on tonight. The board members expressed that they wouldn't necessarily approve him connecting to the line even with the engineering data.
6. **Company improvement projects-prioritize:**
 - a. Kent Kummer is going to flush the penstock line and he should be in touch with Ken about it. Randy suggested it's best if it's done in the off-season so the water just goes down the creek instead of filling the settling ponds with silt.
 - b. Feeder canals and several other projects were discussed but the priority of each wasn't decided at this meeting.
7. **CUCD and Sanpete Conservancy District discussion:** Randy went to a meeting at the County courthouse about Sanpete County pulling out of the Central Utah Conservancy District. There is \$5M available for projects in Sanpete County, but only if the projects are shovel ready before the

county pulls out. Randy voiced concerns at the meeting about Horseshoe Irrigation planning to use some of that money for grant projects, but we've been held up for years by the government red tape, so the projects aren't ready to start. Randy will attend the Sanpete Conservancy District meeting at the end of the month to voice concerns and ask if there is time for Horseshoe to get some projects shovel ready before they pull out.

8. **Concerns with PL566 grant:** Mike and Randy are very frustrated with JUB engineering because they haven't been able to meet with them about funding and the projects, and nothing is moving forward. Randy is very nervous that restrictions and contingencies are going to be put on the project to the point that it won't ever be completed. He wonders if the company would be better off walking away from the grant project and pursuing other grants with less red tape. At this point costs have increased so much that the company will struggle to cover their portion of the projects.
9. **2024 Budget:** Randy proposed some numbers for the budget and the board reviewed and discussed the anticipated expenses. At this point the board expects to keep the assessments the same as last year because the company has the cash on hand to cover the deficit.
10. **Open discussion:**
 - a. Mike mentioned there may be a problem with Reeder Ditch and Randy said he'd go walk it and check the conditions.
 - b. John talked to Nathan Holyoak and he said he'd be happy to do some work for the company on feeder canals, or whatever else, but he can't be available as much as Jeff Watson has been for company work.
 - c. Broken riser fees of \$50 barely covers the parts anymore so Ken suggested the fee be raised to \$100. Scott made the motion that broken risers, at the fault of the shareholder, be raised from \$50 to \$100 starting November 1st. Second Chad Question on the motion: All Aye

Next meeting date: October 20th 7:00 pm

Adjourned: 9:10 pm

Kristy English - Secretary