

# Horseshoe Irrigation Company

## Regular Board Meeting Minutes

November 29, 2023

6:00 PM

Horseshoe Irrigation Company held the regular board meeting November 29, 2023, at 6:00 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, Mike Black, Cody Harmer.
- Staff Members:** Ken Jensen (excused), Kristy English.
- Others:** Neil Sorensen, Courtney Syme
- 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
Pamela Jorgensen	Jeffrey & Kimberly Lytle	1 share only	1 <sup>st</sup> North to B74 L5	NA
Pamela Jorgensen	Jeff & Denise Van Woerkom	2 shares only	1 <sup>st</sup> North to ASD1 L2,3	NA
Dalane Evensen	Donald Watson	5 shares only	Chimney	NA
Cody & Katy Harmer	Suzi C. Poyfair	1 share	Unallocated	NA
Wendy Cannon	Brandon Scott Johnson	1 share	W226 to unallocated	NA
Edith Sawyer Trust	Greg Hansen	9 shares only	B 48 L 1	NA
Riley & Nikki Hansen	Dan & Stacey Rasmussen	2 shares 1.06 ac	B 72 L 3	NA
David & Gail Harvey	Tyler & Skye Evans	2 well shares	Deerfield Estates lot 1	NA

Motion to approve: Mike

Second: Matt

Question on the motion: All Aye

### 3. Bills to be paid:

To	Service	Amount
Verizon		\$176.20
Sinclair		\$223.30
Emery Water Conservancy		\$75.00
Rocky Mountain Power		\$17.15
Jeff Watson		\$550.00
Postmaster	Annual Box rental	\$70.00

Sanpete County Treasurer	Property Tax	\$13.08
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Utah State Division of Finance	Pipeline loan	\$21,100.00
CAN Surety	Treasurer Bond	\$250.00
Dynamic Integrations	Computer support	\$150.00
Randy Strate	Reimburse for meeting food	\$86.14

Motion to approve: Chad

Second: Scott Question on the motion: All Aye

4. **Minutes:** Motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting: Cody Second: Chad  
Question on the motion: All Aye
5. **Gordon’s Pond and Sherm’s Pond:** Kenny from MKJ construction cleaned the ponds. Cody and Randy said they did an excellent job on Gordon’s, and they probably have another day or so to do at Sherm’s.
6. **Concerns with PL566 grant:** As previously discussed, Randy has concerns about the lack of progress of the grant. The NRCS continues to put additional requirements on the program that didn’t exist at the time the grant was approved. The results of the cultural study, and mitigating action that will have to be done, will delay the projects so much Randy feels like the increase in the cost of the projects will be more than the company can afford. The opportunities for additional funding were discussed and Randy wasn’t optimistic about many of previously explored options.
  - a. **Freeman Allred:** Randy suggested an idea of subdividing the company property and selling lots to pay for the cost of the reservoir. The reservoir project would have to be downsized to cost less if it’s going to be done by the company. Matt Francks pointed out that the purpose of the irrigation company isn’t land development, and the reservoir doesn’t seem to provide a lot of benefit to the company considering it would only extend watering for about two weeks on years there is enough water to fill it so it might not be worth it to take on the project without the grant. Neil Sorensen and Courtney Syme both voiced their opinions as shareholders that the company shouldn’t pull out of the grant process yet. Courtney also agreed that the city and irrigation company need to have a work meeting to discuss grievances and strategize how to negotiate with JUB and the NRCS about getting this project moving. Randy was on board with having a meeting and felt the city has responsibility in this also and he would like them to start getting more serious about this project. December 12<sup>th</sup> was discussed as a date for the meeting. Mike will try to get the city council there and choose another date if necessary.
  - b. **Point Ditch:** This project will be difficult to fund without a grant and will be further discussed after the board decides if the grant process will continue.
  - c. **3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> North Ditch:** This project will be further discussed after the board decides if the grant process will continue.
  - d. **Residential connection meters:** It was discussed that meters will be a huge expense to the company to maintain after the meters are installed. The board suggested the company should file for an exemption with the state even if the board decides to install meters in the future. Matt suggested that education for new shareholders is more important and should be discussed.

7. **New diversion for Cox acreage:** Randy showed the board the map and discussed where a point of diversion needs to be added to the change application. Randy suggested he and Chad meet with Earl Petersen about this because the Petersens are the property owners in the area. Installing a diversion would be a company expense and this one would have to be big enough to handle the high water in the Spring. Scott and Chad questioned if it would be a valid company expense and if it benefits the entire company. Mike suggested the landowners be talked to about if this would be valuable enough to them to pay for it. Randy will contact them.
8. **Move/update diversion for Sherm's pond:** This diversion barely functions and would work much better if it was moved. If it's going to be moved, now is the time to do it since the change application is being refiled. The type of structure to be built, and where it would be best located was briefly discussed.
9. **Replacing undersized section of the transmission line:** As previously brought up by Mike, there is a section of the transmission line that needs to be replaced. It will be expensive, but Randy felt like it needs to be HDPE and it should be buried 3 feet. Mike motioned that bids for replacing the section of the transmission line be obtained. Second: Cody Question on the motion: All Aye (Matt excused)
10. **Open discussion:** Cody discussed the requirements for how many shares are required to go into wells with the county employees. The county said it's up to the irrigation company. Cody suggested the company require 2 shares to meet the county requirements to make it easy and fair to everyone in the future. Currently some people have been allowed to transfer one share through the change application for their well if they have other irrigation shares they can use for outside use, but that's difficult to keep track of to ensure the later owners also have the surface water for outside use. Cody made the motion that the well policy be changed to require a minimum of 2 shares per residential change application, pending legal opinion from the company attorney. Second: John Question on the motion: All Aye (Matt excused)
11. **Next meeting date:** January 19, 2024 6:00 pm

**Adjourned: 9:05 pm**

Kristy English

Secretary