

Hello Fellow Patrons,

ELECTIONS:

Over the last year myself and other Patrons have gone door to door to get Patrons registered to vote in the TID elections. As many as 45% of Patrons in some divisions have not been registered. In April at the Patron meeting at the Cascades Academy on Tumalo Reservoir Rd, I set up a table outside for patrons to stop by and register if they wanted.

Well, Chris Schull, the District Manager, was so upset that he immediately wrote a policy for the Board to approve that prohibits patrons from personally giving registration cards to other patrons to register. The vote on that policy has now been tabled twice and not voted on yet. At the September Board meeting after Chris affirmed that the policy had been reviewed by legal counsel, Director Yves Teirlynck pointed out that the ORS referred to in the first sentence of the policy was incorrect. He pointed out some other errors also. So again the vote was tabled meaning that until the policy goes into effect if another patron hands you a registration card so that you can register please do so immediately before any such prohibition becomes policy. In the meantime, Office Manager, April, has mailed registration cards to anyone not registered in Divisions 2,4,& 5. If you have received one, please mail back, or drop off at the office. If you are not registered with TID you will not be able to vote in the upcoming election in November. Regardless of your division, you may at any time go to the office and register.

Divisions 2, 4, & 5 are in the election cycle this year.

As of this writing the following have picked up nominating forms.

Div 2 incumbent, Dave Hampton (I endorse him)

Div 4 incumbent, Jeff Stuermer (I endorse him)

Div 5 incumbent, Martin Warbington (unsure)

Any person who turns in a nomination form and is unopposed will automatically win that seat. Currently, all 3 are unopposed

CONCERN RE POSSIBLE USE OF TID MONIES TO FUND CONFERENCE GOING of the DM FOR OTHER AGENCIES. *Please see the attached letter* that I wrote to the Board concerning this topic. This was presented at the September board meeting and the Board appointed Directors Jack Billings and Yves Teirlynck to investigate my concern. That is *refreshing* since the previous Board would have ignored me and just rubber stamped the costs without checking to see if the expenses were lawful and in the best interest of TID.

RE the OGEC Ethics Violation Complaint against District Manager Schull.....The OGEC Board meets on Sept 11 to review the Investigative Report done by the agency to decide if DM Schull committed any ethics violations that personally benefited himself as an employee of TID.

RE the OGEC Investigation into the Grievance against the previous board regarding inappropriate use of Executive Sessions.....The OGEC meets on Sept 11 to decide if the previous Board violated any law pertaining to what they discussed in Executive Session. I have already seen the Investigative Report and recommendation to the OGEC Board. The recommendation is to dismiss the Grievance. My personal opinion, after reading the findings in the Investigative Report, is that the information given to OGEC, guided by their attorney, misrepresented reality. That being said, since the occurrences were during closed Executive Session there is no way to counter. Nor would it be a good use of time especially since 4 of those 5 Board Members are no longer on the Board. Having to go through the painful process does, hopefully, bring new awareness of the obligation to follow the law even during private meetings. Also the way Executive Sessions were used has now been modified by the current Board to be in compliance with actual law.

SEPT 8TH BOARD MEETING:

Was great to see that the Board didn't just rubber stamp whatever was put under their noses. They actually read things and studied them to see if they were accurate and appropriate.

1. Members of the Board, not the DM who should have, caught the violation of Federal Law that had occurred in the manner the RFP notice was done for this winter's 6B piping project and required that it be redone per Federal Law. The engineer for the project, Kevin Crew was there to explain the error. Thus the start of the project is delayed. There will be a Board Meeting on Thursday Sept 17 to take the next step in

righting this error. You can see other agenda items by calling April at TID and requesting that she send you the Board Packet and request that she put you on the list to automatically receive the Board Packet anytime there is going to be a Board Meeting.

2. DM Schull had a contract ready for the Board to sign that gave the engineering part of the 6B piping project this winter to Black Rock (Kevin Crew). This contract included awarding Black Rock all of the future piping projects as well. The Board decided that the awarding of the engineering contracts should each have their own competitive RFP bidding process per Federal Law and would not sign the contract as presented saying the awarding of future contracts must be removed.

3. For years myself and other Patrons have asked for an Asset Management Plan. Again, deaf ears. No long term strategy for staying on top of breakdowns and maintenance costs of aging equipment and no plan as to how to prevent management by crisis. So a couple of weeks ago 2 aging ditch rider trucks that had been costing much to keep them going were out of commission. Our Management by Crisis DM thus wanted an emergency Board Meeting to approve a new truck purchase immediately. Fortunately our new Board members recognized this as reactionary and slowed the process down. The 2 trucks are able to limp along until a well thought out plan was put in place. One Board Member connected the DM to the State Motor Pool who has contracts with dealerships and does the negotiation for you and the dealer has to honor that negotiated price. You will be seeing 2 new ditch rider trucks soon. The Board also is requiring that all of the equipment be evaluated and that a sensible thought out ahead strategy for replacing aging equipment be put in place. No more Management by Crisis. Thank you Board Members!!! Looking forward to more strategy and less crisis in all areas, thus better advance budget planning.

Thank you Patrons for staying involved!! Patrons are the Owners of TID. Everyone, Board Members, DM and all staff are accountable to us, in proper hierarchy. Our responsibility as owners is to ensure that TID, through the Board, provides and maintains a well oiled, efficient operation that maximizes benefits to the owners. Ensuring all of that requires Patrons to be diligent and accept responsibility for their Irrigation District as well.

This will be also be posted on <https://tidpatrons.com>

Responses are welcome. Please send to: info@tidpatrons.com

Thank you,

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