



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2018

The Board of Directors of the Farmers Irrigation District met on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, at the district office for the purpose of conducting its regular monthly business. Those in attendance were directors Erick von Lubken, Tim Annala, Don Chandler, Bill Munk and Pete Siragusa; District Manager, Les Perkins; Office Manager, June Brock and Attorney, Don Hull.

Chairman Erick von Lubken called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

The minutes of the March 21, 2018 board meeting were presented and discussed. It was moved by Tim Annala and seconded by Pete Siragusa to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed with all in favor.

The O&M bills for the month of April 2018 were presented and discussed. It was moved by Bill Munk and seconded by Pete Siragusa to approve the bills in the amount of \$70,256.48. The motion passed with all in favor.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

a) A/R Report – Les reported that the district has received \$882,744.29 to date representing 88% of total 2018 assessments charged vs 82% last year. 1 lien has been satisfied. Balance including reserves as of April 12th was \$1,819,227.75.

b) Hydro Production – March's production was projected at 3.05 million kWh. Actual production was 2,966,150 kWh (see attached). Hydro revenue for March was projected at \$224,693.00. Actual revenue was \$223,121.53. April is on track to exceed projections by 100,000 kWh barring any unforeseen issues.

c) Manager's Report – Les reported that both the upper and lower reservoirs are full and spilling. Snotel at North Greenpoint SWE is still below normal but has gained in recent days and could be near normal by the beginning of May depending on the weather. Mt. Hood SWE = 52.8" which is above average. Plant 2 is running 111 cfs and Plant 3 is running 37 cfs. Irrigation lines are being charged.



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Reservoir Project – Road closure signs were removed on Tuesday by someone, not sure who. Rick found part of the barriers and one sign thrown out in the trees. Due to the amount of trespassing that's taking place at the reservoir, the District and HR Co. Forestry Dept will install new signs and gates. Temporary gates could be installed for the next two years using inexpensive ranch style gates. Elias will fabricate the gates for the south end of the reservoir and the north end of the road going to the lower reservoir.

Land trade agreement is slated to be finalized by the Hood River County Commissioners meeting in May.

On April 11th, Les, Niklas, Alexis and Sandy met with representatives from the Army Corp of Engineers and Division of State Lands to discuss wetland delineation and permitting. Looks like we have a path forward but will know more as soon as we have the plan formulated and put down on paper. Stay tuned. Les has a meeting with the head of DSL, Regional Solutions, Business Oregon, Crystal Springs, and the Port of Hood River later this week to discuss big picture solutions around wetland mitigation for the entire County.

OWRD's seasonal varying flows study numbers came in higher than expected, also there were some questions regarding ecological base flows. Les, Rick, and Niklas will continue to work with OWRD. If the numbers are too restrictive, FID may have to reconsider the dam raise project as the water rights would be conditioned in such a way that it would be difficult to fill the new volume.

Telemetry/Scada – Sierra Controls are visiting the District next Monday to learn more about our system and our needs so that they can provide an estimate for upgrading our telemetry, also the pump station's PLC needs replaced (spare PLC from P2). Reprogramming the PLC's will increase efficiencies. Les will have an estimated cost within the next month.

Hydro/REC's – Les informed the board that he would like to include a budget line item to aid in funding (together with grants and other agencies) an "Energy Planning Position" specifically to represent renewable Hydro. This position would be housed with Mid Columbia Economic Development District. Les will bring back a proposal to the Board. Funding was allocated in the 2018 budget for energy related work.

The District received a donation request from Wy'East Middle School robotics team. The team took first place at the Oregon state competition and are now off to Houston for the World Competition for FLL Robotics. It was moved by Don Chandler and seconded by Bill Munk to donate \$300. The motion passed with all in favor.

LEGAL: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None



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OTHER BUSINESS: Hood River Saddle Club requested a break in their billing due to being a non-profit organization. Their request was denied.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Signed: _____ Erick von Lubken, Chairman

Attest: _____ Bill Munk, Secretary