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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2018**

The Board of Directors of the Farmers Irrigation District met on Wednesday, August 15, 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, Diana McDougle.

Chairman Erick von Lubken called the meeting to order at 11:55 a.m.

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

The minutes of the July 18, 2018 board meeting were presented. It was moved by Don Chandler and seconded by Bill Munk to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed with all in favor.

The O&M bills for the month of August 2018 were presented. It was moved by Don Chandler and seconded by Bill Munk to approve the bills in the amount of \$203,903.46. 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 \$1,038,652.27 to date representing 99% of total 2018 assessments charged versus 97% of last year's assessments. New definitive lien language will be applied as necessary to delinquent accounts.

Total accounts balance, including reserves, as of August 9th was \$1,888,660.05.

b) Hydro Production – July's production was projected at 900,000 kWh. Actual production was 685,793 kWh (see attached) putting hydro production at 76.20% for the month and trending at 65.38% for the year. Hydro revenue for July was projected at \$66,303.00. Actual revenue was \$51,274.66, (low river flows).

c) Manager's Report – Les provided the board with a graph of the reservoir levels. At the current burn rate, and control of district forebays and PRV's, we will make it through the end of the irrigation season, (see attached). All three irrigation districts sent out conservation letters in July due to high demand, high temperatures, low snow pack and low river flows (see attached).



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Two tentative sub-divisions are currently under planning. Willow Ponds Phase 2 and 678 Rocky Road, both are proposing 18 unit developments each.

A tap was provided for dust and fire suppression from the Walmart line at Cascade St.

Water Quality – July’s water samples had higher-than-normal results (coliform bacteria counts) from Farmers Canal at Ditch Creek (73.3 MPN/100 mls), and Forebay 2 (98.8 MPN/100mls). Additional samples were taken on August 6th including a sample from the diversion on the Hood River. These new samples also indicated higher-than-normal results, including a fairly high baseline reading from the river (35 MPN/100 mls). We will continue to monitor our water samples (higher air temperatures may be a contributing factor).

Reservoir Expansion – Permitting is still on-going, however, we have made headway with ACOE and DSL mitigation. A swale/wetland area which will include willows and other native plantings will be introduced at the south west end of the reservoir at the new high water mark.

DEQ Loan – Our current loan is valid, however, we may need to submit an environmental assessment if permitting requires it. Worst case scenario would be the need for a full blown Environmental Impact Statement which could take as long as a year. Unlikely, but still a possibility. We will be preparing and submitting the EA by the end of August.

Land Trade – The Land Trade Agreement is set to close soon, at which time the district will pay the difference of the assessed value of timber.

ACS Telemetry – Les was notified by ACS that Verizon will no longer (as of 1/1/2020) support our cellular sites. The upgrade to 4G would cost over \$1,200 per site and we have 10 sites. We will be working with Sierra Controls to move back to a radio communication system for our telemetry sites.

Coalition – Les provided the board with a proposal from Gary Marcus of Falls Creek Hydro (see attached). This proposal is aiming to submit a bill into legislation called the “Oregon Small-Scale Hydro Act of 2019” mandating Investor Owned Utilities (IOU’s) to follow PURPA and to pay fair share costs for power, including negotiation for avoided costs and capacity payments. Gary and REC are requesting FID’s financial assistance to move this legislation. Les will be working with REC members and OWRC to decrease the cost.

Seasonal Varying Flows – Les is meeting on Thursday with OWRD, ODF & W, and the CTWS to discuss the handling of our reservoir water rights and to discuss the limits set on the seasonal varying flows from our reservoir filling creeks.

LEGAL: None



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EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 12:32p.m.

Signed: _____ Erick von Lubken, Chairman

Attest: _____ Bill Munk, Secretary