



## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2019**

The Board of Directors of the Farmers Irrigation District met on Wednesday, May 15, 2019, 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; Watershed Project Manager, Megan Saunders and Attorney, Don Hull.

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

### **MONTHLY BUSINESS:**

The minutes of the April 17, 2019 board meeting were presented and discussed. It was moved by Bill Munk 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 May 2019 were presented and discussed. It was moved by Pete Siragusa and seconded by Bill Munk to approve the bills in the amount of \$428,928.75. 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 \$995,066.81 to date representing 93% of total 2019 assessments charged versus 94% last year.

**b) Hydro Production** – April's production was projected at 3 million kWh. Actual production was 2,789,732 kWh (see attached). Hydro revenue for April was projected at \$235,650.00. Actual revenue was \$223,480.89. EOM balance for April including reserves as of May 9th was \$1,624,829.16. This does not include the \$107,454.99 that was reimbursed for the Davenport Screen retro-fit, received on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

**c) Manager's Report** – Les reported that both upper and lower reservoirs are full and spilling. Irrigation lines are charged throughout the district. Snowpack at North Greenpoint is zero and Mt. Hood snowpack is below normal. It looks like the water for this year may be tight due to lower stream flows and warm temperatures.



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Reservoir Enhancement Project – Our DSL permit is approved, and we are working on our “final” Water Right order from OWRD. On Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> ODFW’s Fish Biologist, Rod French, along with their State Screen Coordinator, Ken Loffink and The Dalles Screen Shop Manager, Hillary Douglas toured the Reservoir and the District’s diversions located at Gate Creek, Cabin Creek and Rainy Creek. These diversions may require new screens in the future to meet required ODFW specifications. If new screens are required, they will have to be installed prior to utilizing the new storage right for the expanded reservoir.

Les, Megan, and Rick will be touring the Stanley Smith Pipeline and the Gate, Cabin, and Rainy diversions with USFS on May 29<sup>th</sup>. USFS is working on a timber sale that will impact the entire length of the Stanley Smith Pipeline. The USFS personnel will also be asked for input on replacement of the Gate, Cabin and Rainy screens and what level of permitting will be required.

Les had a conference call with the Army Corp of Engineers on May 14<sup>th</sup>. The ACOE are still questioning our multiple submittals, (feels like an old gramophone needle when it gets to the end of the record!). The NMFS consultation and 401 certificate are still needed.

DEQ-CWSRF and EPA said in absolute no uncertain terms that the District is not allowed to “Self Fund” phase II of the Reservoir Project. Les is meeting with Crestline Construction this week to see where they stand. At this juncture it looks like Phase II will be put on hold until 2020.

A new flow meter was installed at the P3 pump station and was calibrated on Tuesday. The pump controls seem to be oscillating between lead and lag, Zach will be meeting with Sierra Controls on May 16<sup>th</sup> to resolve the issue. Les received a quote from Sierra Controls, NV in the amount of ~\$46K for upgrading the District’s telemetry and SCADA systems, moving away from our cellular connections and move to radio transmitters due to the remote areas of our telemetry sites This quote included radio work for P3, transfer SCADA data, Headgate telemetry, camera data, migration, alarms etc. The District will work on new licensing and antenna (repeaters/routers) agreements. Les is pursuing a grant from OWRD for telemetry funding.

Hydro Market/Policy – House Bill 3274 was pulled. Opposition to the bill came from the Oregon Environmental Coalition stemming from an agreement with the Investor Owned Utilities from the 2015 session when 1547 was passed. The window to make changes was way too short and too much uncertainty existed with the proposal from PAC and PGE.

Les will be giving a District wide tour to an Oregon PUC commissioner on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

LIHI Recertification – We have received an extension for our LIHI recertification, negotiations will be needed as MOA’s with ODFW and DEQ will be required for continued certification. Les and Megan will have a conference call with both agencies in the next couple of weeks.



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**LEGAL:** Red Barn (Copper Dam Road Agreement) email from Ben Roby discussion. The board's decision was "Not To Sign" the proposed agreement.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Les will provide to the Board a draft Policy for "Dust Control", as we have received another request from contractors to provide irrigation taps on existing pipelines for dust control. The board agreed that this cost should be \$1,500 per occurrence.

OWRD has been enquiring as to the Point of Diversion POD for Parker Town water (which is just above the Free water diversion). Rick is working with them to provide all necessary information.

GIS mapping – The staff are thoroughly enjoying the new GIS mapping program, every morning at our round table we discuss the exact locations (hopefully within a few inches) of pipes, valves, taps etc, then we can true them up on the district map.

Les is touring with mayor Blackburn on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Les would like to point out the multiple district users that are within the UGB.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Erick von Lubken, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Bill Munk, Secretary