



**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2020**

The Board of Directors of the Farmers Irrigation District met on Wednesday, November 18, 2020, at the district office and via zoom under COVID guidelines for the purpose of conducting its regular monthly business. Those in attendance were directors Erick von Lubken, Don Chandler, Tim Annala, 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 12:05 p.m.

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

The minutes of the October 21, 2020 board meeting were presented. Tim Annala pointed out one correction that was needed regarding a statement in the minutes by Les Perkins on the fee increases. It was moved by Don Chandler and seconded by Pete Siragusa to approve the minutes as amended. The motion passed with all in favor.

The O&M bills for the month of November 2020 were presented. It was moved by Tim Annala and seconded by Don Chandler to approve the bills in the amount of \$864,880.46. The motion passed with all in favor.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

A/R Report – Les reported that the district has received \$1,077,350.78 to date representing 100% of total 2020 assessments charged versus 100% of last year’s assessments.

End of Month balance, including reserves, as of November 12th was \$1,696,991.34.

Hydro Production – October’s production was projected at 1,400,000 kWh. Actual production was 1,376,989 kWh (see attached hydro report) putting hydro production at 98.36% for the month and trending at 72.33% for the year. Hydro revenue for October was projected at \$115,192.00. Actual revenue was \$115,110.15.

Manager’s Report – Les told the board that the reservoir is slowly being filled by the Stanley Smith pipeline at a rate of 7 cfs (12 cfs total inflow with 5 cfs going through the reservoirs for hydro. The snow/water equivalent Snotel site at North Greenpoint is reading 127%. Here’s to a wet/snowy winter



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and spring. The last few rain falls have produced a fair amount of sediment in the Hood River and therefore in the Davenport Screen and Farmers Canal (worse than normal). The crew have been diligently flushing the bridge drains and cleaning the Davenport Screen. The crew are also making ongoing system repairs including replacing valves and airvac's, as necessary. One of the pumps at P3 will be sent in for the rotating re-build/maintenance in January or February.

Plant 2 reprogramming – Les reported that Waylon Bowers from OS Engineering was on site last week to reprogram Plant 2 and install revenue meters. Plant 2 was sending out alarms which caused us to shut down P2. Apparently, some rodents (grey diggers) had chewed through wiring on 39 circuits. Bryan Zurcher of North Ridge Electrical and Zach were able to make the repairs and rewiring, along with a robust rodent control protocol.

Reservoir Expansion – Crestline Construction is wrapping up for the year and moving out. The last project that can be done due to weather conditions is the grinding of woody debris and mulching at strategic locations on site. The reservoir project will continue next June when the materials will be dry enough for placement and finish the rock work, along with campground work and the wetland area.

Site surveys and wetland delineations have been completed for the Gate and Cabin Creek screen sites. Tentative drawings for the screens have been sent to ODFW and USFS. Most of the Cabin Creek screen can be done in house, however, the Gate Creek screen is a tough site and will require lots of outside help. Neither site will likely be installed until 2022 due to permitting timelines. The district will not be able to access its new water right for the reservoir until the screens are completed. Les spoke with CWSRF and they are willing to provide more funding if necessary. As soon as 60% designs are complete, Les will get a construction quote from Crestline. The project is likely large enough to require competitive bid.

SCADA/Telemetry – The district has a 5-year window to gather data from Mainstem Greenpoint (Megan, Jeff and Zach) are working on upgrading this site, but due to adverse weather conditions the remaining sites will be installed late spring. We are still waiting to see the status of the repeater at Middle Mountain which is currently on the US Cellular tower but will likely move to the ODOT tower.

Cabin – It was decided to table the Cabin discussion until we are COVID-19 free.

Les informed the board that our insurance agent; Scott Reynier will be stopping by to discuss 3 possible options for Hydro insurance. Les will inform the board (possibly with a short meeting) to evaluate our options as soon as they are available.

Les also informed the board that he would like to find a Water Rights Lawyer, he knows of 3 potential candidates, as the district needs clarification on certain water rights and water right laws (especially the new water right for the reservoir).



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LEGAL: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 12:46p.m.

Signed: _____ Erick von Lubken, Chairman

Attest: _____ Bill Munk, Secretary