



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Farmers Irrigation District met on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, 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, and Bill Munk; District Manager, Les Perkins; Office Manager, June Brock; Watershed Manager, Megan Saunders and FCA Director, Julie O'Shea.

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

FCA: Julie O'Shea gave the board an update on the installation of the 600cfs Derby Dam fish screen on the Truckee River, Reno, NV. This project is funded through the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR). Construction of the fish screen (5 screens in total), bypass, and attenuation bay is going very well and is scheduled to be completed by the end of October. An excellent slide show of the construction to date gave a bird's eye view via a camera installation provided by FCA. Julie provided the board with two reports, the first being the dollar amounts for the Davenport Retrofit and CFD modeling (see attached) and FCA royalties paid to FID to date (see attached), this included a check delivered by Julie in the amount of \$120,000.00 for the Derby Dam. The electrical contractor for the Derby project will tour the Davenport Screen on Wednesday, February 19th. It is hoped that the construction of the Derby Dam fish screen will lead to future large screen installations. The board thanked Julie for her presentation.

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

The minutes of the January 15, 2020 board meeting were presented and discussed. 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 February 2020 were presented and discussed. It was moved by Bill Munk and seconded by Tim Annala to approve the bills in the amount of \$194,887.28. 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 \$740,278.79 representing 69% of total 2020 assessments charged versus 67% last year. The EOM balance, including reserves as of February 13, 2020 was \$1,175,585.07 (see attached).



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b) Hydro Production – January’s production was projected at 2.9 million kWh. Actual production was 2,836,475 kWh (see attached). Hydro revenue for January was projected at \$238,612.00. Actual revenue was \$237,492.51. Actual trending kWh for the year is at 12.02%.

c) Manager’s Report – Les reported that the upper reservoir was closed on January 10th and is currently full and spilling. Crew have started to slowly close the lower reservoir. The snow water equivalent (SWE) at Greenpoint is ~7.2” with the SWE trending at 44% of normal. More rain/snow is forecasted for the end of the week. This week saw unseasonably mild/dry weather conditions with many orchardists requesting and applying spray water. The parts list for the Puccinelli line have been ordered and is scheduled to be replaced/installed before the start of irrigation. Doug has rocked the dual 48” pipe access road from Portland Drive to Draw 2. Plant 3 tripped offline and was down for approximately 5 days in early February due to worn brushes on the exciter. In the future brushes will be replaced when wear reaches 50%. During the outage the windings were tested to ensure no damage occurred. The windings testing showed no damage.

Projects Update: Reservoir Expansion – Megan was happy to inform the board that we have received the Army Corp of Engineers 404 (fill/removal permit). The 1200C and DOGAMI permits are out for agency comment. Les and Megan are meeting with Crestline Construction on Thursday to discuss upcoming construction timelines. Megan is also working on water right monitoring and the installation of 6 sites throughout the district/basin. The LIHI Recertification application has been submitted and will be open for comment. It is hoped the District will have its LIHI Recertification by the end of April. Les has been working with legal counsel to finalize the Timber Sale contracts.

SCADA/Telemetry: We are currently waiting for the radios to arrive from Sierra Controls. Les mentioned to the board that there is a parcel of land at the end of Reed road that is owned by Andy von Flotow. The parcel is extremely steep and encompasses a section of the upper Farmers canal as well as river frontage. This site has the potential of being a radio signal site between the headgates and Plant 3.

General Operations: Jeff Cook has taken on the task of updating safety policies and scheduling any necessary/mandatory safety classes and or trainings. CPR and basic First Aid is scheduled for February 27th. Jeff will be meeting with a representative from SDAO/SDIS to review our policies and procedures to ensure they meet OSHA requirements.

Energy Trust of Oregon is compiling a feasibility study for a Microgrid and Battery Plus Solar with the location being at Plant 3 (in the event that Hood River should lose power). ETO will be out for a site visit and economic analysis.

CPA, Ken Onstott has acquired all the necessary information needed for the 2017 and 2018 audits. Les will provide him with the Management’s Discussion and Analysis letters to complete the audit process.



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The board asked Les if the district will continue to pay coalition fees. It is hoped that the Oregon Water Resources Congress will be able to fund a lobbyist to cover water districts coalition, legal and REC affairs.

The board also asked the situation of our legal counsel.

Les is still working on debt reduction strategies and employee reviews and goals.

LEGAL: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

OTHER BUSINESS: Bill Munk attended the annual SDAO conference in Seaside. He reported that SDAO was not in compliance with ADA for website navigation for the blind.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Signed: _____ Erick von Lubken, Chairman

Attest: _____ Bill Munk, Secretary