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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 2021

The Board of Directors of the Farmers Irrigation District met on Wednesday, July 21, 2021, at the district office for the purpose of conducting its regular monthly business. Those in attendance were directors Tim Annala, Don Chandler, Bill Munk and Pete Siragusa; Office Manager, June Brock; Watershed Project Manager, Megan Saunders; Attorney, Jeremy Hull, and Hydro/Telemetry operator, Zach DeHart.

Vice Chairman, Pete Siragusa called the meeting to order at 12:00p.m.

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

The minutes of the May 19, 2021, board meeting were presented and discussed. It was moved by Tim Annala and seconded by Don Chandler to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed with all in favor. There was NO June board meeting.

The O&M bills for the month of June and July 2021 were presented and discussed. It was moved by Tim Annala and seconded by Bill Munk to approve the bills in the amount of \$35,553.13 for June and \$230,857.07 for July. The motion passed with all in favor.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: None

CORRESPONDENCE: FCA District Update, FCA provided a District Update for the board. The update covered topics of NRCS and FCA Watershed Plan EA, a scoping meeting, water loss data collection on Farmers Canal, EFID ribbon cutting ceremony, Derby Dam newsletter and video, FCA new hires, and funding opportunities. Megan reported that the scoping period comments should be available in the near future (see attached).

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

a) A/R Report – June reported that the district has received \$1,189,065.97 representing 98% of total 2021 assessments charged versus 98% last year. The EOM balance, including reserves as of July 13, 2021 was \$1,601,685.75 (see attached).

b) Hydro Production – June's production was projected at 1.1 million kWh. Actual production was 876,193 kWh (see attached). Hydro revenue for June was projected at \$90,508.00. Actual revenue was \$69,937.57. Actual trending kWh for the year is at 59.78%. July's hydro looks to be below average due to warm temperatures and high irrigation demand.

c) Manager's Report – District Manager, Les Perkins was unavailable due to foot surgery today, however Les previously provided a manager's report to the board. This report was covered by Watershed Project Manager, Megan Saunders and Megan provided answers to the board's questions. (see attached). The lower reservoir was opened last month and the upper reservoir last week. Flows are dropping in the Hood River. Mitch McCafferty has opened the intake/flume of the Farmers Canal which was blocked with rocks after the Eliot Glacier shift.

Reservoir Expansion: Crestline Construction has been farming materials to be removed from the borrow area and the piles for their July timeline of the dam raise. Following the dam raise, focus will be on building the wetland and campgrounds. A 6" clay pipe was unearthed during excavation; the pipe was filled with grout by Jensen Drilling Company.

Water Rights: Megan discussed the new water right for the reservoir. The right has many conditions limiting when and how FID can divert water, based on Seasonal Varying Flow (SVF) conclusions. The SVF was built on very limited/old data and FID has been clear about our concerns regarding the reliability of that data as the basis of SVF conclusions throughout the whole process. OWRD recently decided that while they could change the SVF based on the data FID is required to collect, they would not be able to change the water right conditions. This puts FID in a difficult position, as based on current data, there is a strong likelihood that we will not be able to fill the new storage capacity under the existing water right conditions. Les and Megan are meeting with the water right attorney and discussing options for moving forward. This is likely to be an ongoing that will take many years.

Zach covered questions from the board regarding cyber and firewall securities of our infrastructure.

LEGAL: Attorney, Jeremy Hull has reviewed the new draft personnel policy and will return it to Les with his edits. The board would like to review the policy before adoption.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

OTHER BUSINESS: Due to conflicting schedules, the August board meeting has been cancelled.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Signed: _____ Erick von Lubken, Chairman

Attest: _____ Bill Munk, Secretary