

FARMERS IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2011

The Board of Directors of the Farmers Irrigation District met on Wednesday, February 16, 2011, at the District office for the purpose of conducting its regular monthly business. Those in attendance were directors Don Chandler, Tim Annala and Bob Nickelsen; District Manager, Mike Kleinsmith; Financial Administrator, Cathy Roberts; Administrative Assistant, June Brock and Attorney Jeff Baker. Guest Randy Frazier was also in attendance.

Chairman Don Chandler called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

**MONTHLY BUSINESS:**

The minutes of the January 19, 2011 board meeting were presented and discussed. It was moved by Bob Nickelsen and seconded by Tim Annala to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed with all in favor.

The O&M bills for the month of February 2011 were presented and discussed. It was moved by Tim Annala and seconded by Bob Nickelsen to approve the bills in the amount of \$229,404.45. The motion passed with all in favor.

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:**

- a) A/R report – Cathy Roberts reported that the District has received \$20,820.55 in payments since the January board meeting. The Coefield lien has been satisfied. Hydro production for the month of January was projected at 2.64 million kWh, with an actual production of 3,021,869 kWh. Hydro revenue was projected at \$158,000.00 with actual revenue of \$179,612.69. The District’s end of month balance for January was \$1,563,272.46.
  
- b) Manager Mike Kleinsmith reported that the reservoirs remain closed. The Green Point Snotel station snow water equivalent is reading 5.1” and 3” of new snow with more snow in the forecast. Plant 3 is flowing 105.2 cfs and Plant 2 flowing 26.2 cfs. A wind storm late on Saturday night, February 12<sup>th</sup> brought down several trees into the Farmers Canal in various locations, the District’s telemetry and phones lines were

disrupted until Sunday afternoon. Tuesday morning the farmers canal was back to full flow.

Mike also informed the board that the District has joined the Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System (WREGIS). The District is also waiting approval from the California Energy Commission (CEC); our application was submitted on January 13<sup>th</sup>. Once approved the District will be eligible to sell Tradable Renewable Energy Certificates to California.

Mike informed the board that he has become a member of the Hood River Watershed oversight operations committee. Now that PacifiCorp's Powerdale Dam has been removed there is ongoing discussion as what's going to happen with the 500cfs of water rights that was handed over to the Land Trust. Mike is working with Craig at Middle Fork and his water rights attorney Doug McDougall to follow up on this. There is some concern about the amount of water PacifiCorp put to use. A decision on this could potentially impact all three districts, (Farmers Irrigation District, Middle Fork Irrigation District and East Fork Irrigation District).

John Lowe (Team Leader of Renewable Energy Coalition REC) will be retained by the District in two months time at a cost of \$750.00 per month. Mr. Lowe has been working with coalition members towards a bill that will allow vintage contract owners to claim their REC's as ownership.

The District received a letter from Yakima Power in regards to Pacific Rim Energy's claim that Yakima Power is willing to buy any power produced by Pacific Rim Energy. (see attached).

FCA – Tim Annala on behalf of FCA requested that the Farmers Conservation Alliance be allowed to postpone paying the royalty check to the District from the Three Sisters Irrigation District. (see attached). It was moved by Bob Nickelsen and seconded by Tim Annala to accept FCA's request to postpone the royalty payment. The motion passed with all in favor. Chairman Don Chandler was in Washington, DC last week. Don spoke with Representative Greg Walden in the La Grande office. Many letters of support have been sent on FCA's behalf to Oregon's political leaders to change the screening criteria that would allow the installation of small 1-5 cfs Farmers Screen.

**LEGAL:** None

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tim Annala, Secretary

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Don Chandler, Chairman