

FARMERS IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2011

The Board of Directors of the Farmers Irrigation District met on Wednesday, April 20, 2011, at the District office for the purpose of conducting its regular monthly business. Those in attendance were directors Don Chandler, Tim Annala, Allan Henderson and Bob Nickelsen; District Manager, Mike Kleinsmith; Water Rights Specialist, Rick Brock; Administrative Assistant, June Brock and Attorney Jeff Baker. Also present was guest Maggie Baker; Jeff's daughter for job shadowing.

Chairman Don Chandler called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

**MONTHLY BUSINESS:**

The minutes of the March 16, 2011 board meeting were presented and discussed. It was moved by Allan Henderson and seconded by Bob Nickelsen to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed with all in favor.

The O&M bills for the month of April 2011 were presented and discussed. It was moved by Bob Nickelsen and seconded by Allan Henderson to approve the bills in the amount of \$83,214.59. The motion passed with all in favor.

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

The board of Directors reviewed a minor partition application from Craig Cleary and Linda Snyder (see attached). It was moved by Allan Henderson and seconded by Bob Nickelsen to approve the application. The motion passed with all in favor.

**REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:**

- a) Supplemental Irrigation Certificate 74304 – Certificate 74304 is a supplemental irrigation water certificate. The supplemental water was used between 1969 and 1994 in drought years and has not been used for seventeen years due to irrigation pressurization projects which started in 1995. OWRD informed Rick as to the process for certificate cancellation. Rick has drafted a letter to inform middle district users of the certificate cancellation (see attached). It was moved by Bob Nickelsen and seconded by Tim Annala to approve the cancellation of Certificate 74304. The motion passed with all in favor.

- b) A/R report – June Brock reported that the District has received \$152,589.35 in payments since the March board meeting. Accounts receivable stands at 88% this year versus 78% last year.
- c) Manager’s report - Mike Kleinsmith reported that both reservoirs are full. The Green Point Snotel station snow water equivalent is reading at 15.1” with 36” of snow.

Hydro production for the month of March was projected at 2.42 million kWh, with an actual production of 3,029,915 kWh. Hydro revenue was projected at \$171,000.00 with actual revenue of \$182,266.83. The District’s end of month balance for March was projected at \$1,857,299.90 with an actual balance of \$2,088,597.85.

Irrigation Projects – The Orchard Road extension will be completed by the end of April. A large sediment tank to settle out debris has been installed at the Ditch Creek diversion on the High Line canal.

Mike informed the board that House Bill 3571 passed in Salem. HB 3571 assigns renewable energy certificate to the owner of facility generating renewable energy resulting in certificate. This could possibly result in \$220,000 in revenue annually for the District.

California Energy Commission (CEC) – the District received a certificate on April 19, 2011 approving Farmers Irrigation District’s eligibility to sell renewable energy certificates to California (see attached).

On Tuesday, May 3, 2011 there will be a second Powerdale Stakeholders’ meeting. Doug McDougall attorney for the Middle Fork Irrigation District will be representing the local irrigation districts. Mr. McDougall sent a letter to the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs (CTWS) stating that their requests for minimum in-stream flow were not acceptable (see attached). Attorney Jeff Baker will also attend the meeting.

**LEGAL:**

Mike informed the board that he had received a letter from Bill Sumerfield of 3890 Hays Dr. (see attached). A copy was also sent to Don Wiley of the Hood River Public Works. Mr. Sumerfield’s complaint is that storm water drainage on his property is hindered due to the pressurization projects (open canal to pipe) located near his property. Mike asked that Mike Matthews, Hood River Co. Health supervisor take a look at Mr. Sumerfield’s property to assess the situation. Mr. Matthews’s findings are attached, in the form of an email to Mike Kleinsmith and Mr. Sumerfield. Mike has forwarded Mr. Sumerfield’s letter to Jeff Baker for review.

Methodist Road Pump Station (MRPS) – The MRPS building situated at the corner of Barrett

and Methodist has been abandoned, and is no longer in use since the completion of the Indian Creek Corridor Project. There was discussion as to removing the building which sits on Jim Trammel's property, Mike did not like this idea seeing as the building was erected in 2004, and district users may think this a waste of District funds. Mr. Trammel was interested in obtaining the building, but requested several provisions prior to acceptance. There was much discussion and the board agreed that Mr. Trammel would have to accept the building "as is".  
To be continued.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

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

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