

FARMERS IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2011

The Board of Directors of the Farmers Irrigation District met on Wednesday, May 18, 2011, at the District office for the purpose of conducting its regular monthly business. Those in attendance were directors Don Chandler, Tim Annala, Steve Benton, Allan Henderson and Bob Nickelsen; District Manager, Mike Kleinsmith; Financial Administrator, Cathy Roberts; Water Rights Specialist, Rick Brock; Administrative Assistant, June Brock and Attorney Jeff Baker.

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

**MONTHLY BUSINESS:**

The minutes of the April 20, 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 May 2011 were presented and discussed. It was moved by Tim Annala and seconded by Steve Benton to approve the bills in the amount of \$83,087.00. The motion passed with all in favor.

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

The board of Directors reviewed a minor partition application from Mary Nelson (see attached). It was moved by Allan Henderson and seconded by Tim Annala to approve the application. The motion passed with all in favor.

**REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:**

- a) A/R report – Cathy Roberts reported that the District has received \$26,750.47 in payments since the April board meeting. Accounts receivable stands at 93% this year versus 85% last year. Final lien warning letters will be sent out the first week of June.

Hydro production for the month of April was projected at 3.3 million kWh, with an actual production of 3,163,202 kWh. Hydro revenue was projected at \$198,000.00 with actual revenue of \$190,186.47. The District's end of month balance for April was projected at \$2,033,879.90 with an actual balance of \$2,276,519.26.

- b) Health Insurance Renewal – The 2011 health insurance was presented to the board for review (see attached). The board discussed the various options. It was moved by Steve Benton and seconded by Tim Annala to approve the 2011 health insurance as presented. The motion passed with all in favor.
- c) Manager’s report - Mike Kleinsmith reported that the Green Point Snotel station snow water equivalent is reading at 3.3” with 12” of snow. This is above the forty year average.

Hydro Report- As of May 15<sup>th</sup>, the district has produced 1.3 million kWh which was the projected amount of kWh for the whole month of May.

Both Plant 2 and Plant 3 are currently off line due to an emergency shut down. The irrigation district crew, with the assistance of Crestline Construction, has completed the shutdown for emergency inspection and repairs of its main pipeline for the Lower District service area. The work was completed on Tuesday evening (May 17<sup>th</sup>), and irrigation water service should be restored to all water users by Thursday evening (May 19<sup>th</sup>). During the October shutdown, repairs will be done to the penstock as necessary. Mike would like to see an inspection of the penstock once every five years.

Mike offered the board a tour of Plant 3 and the new Forebay 2 debris screen at the June 15<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

Mike received a funding increase request from Anne Saxby of the Hood River Watershed Group (see attached email). The increase would be an additional \$3000.00 totaling \$10,000.00 per annum. It was moved by Tim Annala and seconded by Allan Henderson to approve the funding increase for three years. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mike informed the Board that he will be attending the North West Hydroelectric Association Technical Operations Workshop at the Hood River Inn on May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Staff members Jerry Bryan and Jamie Kind will provide a tour of Plant 3 and the new Forebay 2 debris screen on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.

**LEGAL:**

On Tuesday, May 3, 2011, Jeff Baker and Mike Kleinsmith attended the second Powerdale Stakeholders’ meeting. (see attached).

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Steve Benton enquired about Methodist Road Pump Station (MRPS). As the MRPS building is currently owned by the State, the District can not relinquish the building to Mr. Trammel until the SRF loan has been paid off which will be January 2012.

Bob Nickelsen enquired about the relocation of the Peach Tree SUG service vault. Currently the service vault is in the middle of Peach Tree Dr. access road. It was mentioned that due to utility lines (gas) this was the only access area readily available. Mike will discuss the relocation of the vault with the irrigation foreman.

FCA- After much discussion it was moved by Steve Benton and seconded by Allan Henderson to loan FCA \$40,000 and possibly up to \$60,000 until September 2011. The motion passed with all in favor.

Bill Sumerfield – Mr. Sumerfield was informed by Hood River County Health Inspector Mike Matthews to lengthen his septic drain field.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

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

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