

FARMERS IRRIGATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2011

The Board of Directors of the Farmers Irrigation District met on Wednesday, August 17, 2011, at the district office for the purpose of conducting its regular monthly business. Those in attendance were directors Don Chandler, Steve Benton, , Bob Nickelsen, Tim Annala and Allan Henderson; District Manager, Mike Kleinsmith; Financial Administrator, Cathy Roberts; Attorney, Jeff Baker and Administrative Assistant June Brock. Guests in attendance were Randy Franz and Fritz von Lubken.

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

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

The minutes of the July 20, 2011 board meeting were presented and discussed. It was moved by Bob Nickelsen and seconded by Tim Annala to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor.

The O&M bills for the month of August 2011 were presented and discussed. It was moved by Tim Annala and seconded by Steve Benton to approve the bills in the amount of \$212,175.30. The motion passed with all in favor.

LDPP Disbursement #14 was presented and discussed (see attached). It was moved by Bob Nickelsen and seconded by Allan Henderson to approve the payments in the amount of \$13,260.45. 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 \$4,340.49 in payments since the July board meeting (96% this year versus 90% last year). The end-of-month balance for July was projected at \$1,693,496.40 with an actual ending balance of \$1,918,753.07.
- b) Water Supply and Production – Mike Kleinsmith reported that Hydropower production for July was projected at 660,000 kWh. Actual production was 994,065 kWh. Hydro

revenue for July was projected at \$39,600. Actual hydro revenue was \$59,120.18. As of today the District has produced 431,904 kWh, with August's projected kWh at 440,000 kWh. The upper reservoir is down 1.5 feet and the lower reservoir is down 9 feet. Plant 2 is running 40 cfs, Plant 3 is off line. The upper and middle districts are using 29 cfs and the lower district is using 23 cfs. Director, Allan Henderson asked why Plant 2 is running at 40 cfs? Mike said that this is due to pressurized pipe, conservation and a wonderful snow pack this year.

- c) Mike informed the Board that an agreement is being proposed between DEQ, ODFW and FID regarding the minimum 250 cfs in-stream flow. Should flows fall below 250 cfs the District would not be allowed to divert water for hydro production.
- d) Fritz Von Lubken asked the question of attrition in the District. Don Chandler informed the Board that due to all the dynamics of the present day District, Jer Camarata had been hired full time as a program and special projects manager. Fritz Von Lubken said that Jer Camarata would be a great asset to the District.

LEGAL:

- a) Attorney, Jeff Baker presented a letter to the Board from Mr. Jim Trammel. (see attached). Mr. Trammel is seeking rental fees for the Methodist Road Pump Station Building which is on his property. Since April 2010 the Methodist Road Pump Station (MRPS) lies empty due to the relocation of the pumps to Plant 3 as part of the Indian Creek Corridor Project. After much discussion it was moved by Tim Annala and seconded by Allan Henderson to direct Attorney, Jeff Baker to draft a letter to Mr. Trammel stating that due to DEQ loan repayment constraints, the District would not be providing a rental check and the District could not address the future of the MRPS building until the DEQ loan was paid in full on January 2012. The motion passed with all in favor.
- b) Resolution 05-11 Mail-In Vote (see attached). It was moved by Tim Annala and seconded by Allan Henderson to adopt Resolution 05-11 specifying that the November 8, 2011 election for Division 3 and Division 5 be conducted by mail-in vote. The motion passed with all in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS:

There will be a Public Notice in the Hood River News for the vacancy of Board positions for Division 3 and Division 5. Petitions will be available as of August 25, 2011 from the District office.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Chairman Don Chandler adjourned the meeting at 11:53 a.m.

Signed: _____
Don Chandler, Chairman

Attest: _____
Tim Annala, Secretary