

FARMERS IRRIGATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2011

The Board of Directors of the Farmers Irrigation District met on Wednesday, October 19, 2011, at the district office for the purpose of conducting its regular monthly and budget committee business. Those in attendance were directors Don Chandler, Steve Benton, Tim Annala, Bob Nickelsen and Allan Henderson; Assistant Manager, Jer Camarata; Financial Administrator, Cathy Roberts; Water Rights Specialist, Rick Brock; Administrative Assistant, June Brock and Attorney Jeff Baker. Also in attendance were Budget Committee members Bob Benton, Rich Hanners, Randy Franz, Andy VonFlotow and Kevin Asai.

BUDGET COMMITTEE WORK SESSION

Chairman Don Chandler asked that the budget meeting be reconvened until Wednesday, October 26, 2011.

It was moved by Steve Benton and seconded by Tim Annala that a revised 2012 budget be mailed out to the Budget Committee for review prior to October 26th. The motion passed with all in favor.

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Chairman Don Chandler called the regular meeting of the board to order at 11:03 a.m.

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

The minutes of the August 17, 2011 and September 21, 2011 board meetings 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 months of September 2011 and October 2011 were presented and discussed. It was moved by Allan Henderson and seconded by Bob Nickelsen to approve the bills in the amount of \$402,834.94 for September and \$69,092.30 for October. The motion passed with all in favor.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: none

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) The Board of Directors reviewed a MOU from the Larch Water Association (see attached). It was moved by Steve Benton and seconded by Allan Henderson to approve

the application as presented. The motion passed with all in favor.

- b) The Board of Directors reviewed a MOU from Fairway Estates (see attached). It was moved by Steve Benton and seconded by Allan Henderson to approve the application as presented. The motion passed with all in favor.
- c) The Board of Directors reviewed a subdivision application from HPC Properties (see attached). It was moved by Steve Benton and seconded by Allan Henderson to approve the application as presented. The motion passed with all in favor.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

- a) A/R report – Cathy Roberts reported that the district has received \$438.13 and \$979.72 in payments since the August board meeting. The A/R balance is at 96% versus 90% last year. The end of month balance for September was projected at \$1,191,063.00 with an actual ending balance of \$1,321,375.27.
- b) Hydro production – September’s production was projected at 660,000 kWh. Actual production was 921,187 kWh. Hydro revenue for September was projected at \$39,600. Actual revenue was \$55,236.49.
- c) Manager’s report – In the manager’s absence, Assistant Manager Jer Camarata reported that the Annual Shut Down went well. The Plant 2 penstock was re-grouted and the upper penstock after inspection was reported to be in excellent condition. Jer Camarata provided a schematic of the upper penstock and pointed out that there were some low sections that would require drains and possibly some air vacuum relief valves at a future date.
- d) Jer Camarata had a display on the white board of District achievements to date and future projects/expectations for the board members and budget committee to read. Achievements to date included the Lower District Pressurization Project, Indian Creek Corridor Project, Forebay 2 Restoration Project, LIHI certification, CEC certification, Highline Sediment Management, Orchard Road extension, Selfridge Line upgrade, etc. Future projects included Intake Spill Gate, replacement of Willamette Valve, replacement of P3 Spherical Valve, Actuator for Waterman Gates, Airvacs for Penstock, P2 Bypass Valve, expansion of Davenport Screen sediment management, Water Level Control at P3 debris screen and upgrading the existing (antiquated) billing/water rights program.
- e) Renewable Energy Certificates (REC’s) – Jer Camarata informed the Board that he has submitted a response to an RFP for REC procurement (see attached). Currently the District has 22,864 REC’s/MWH’s logged in with the Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System (WREGIS).

LEGAL:

- a) **Election** Division 3 - Don Chandler submitted a valid petition for the position of Director for Division 3. No other petitions were received.
Division 5 - No petitions were submitted for Division 5. The board will appoint a Director for Division 5 at the January 2012 board meeting.
- b) FCA – License Agreement Amendment - FCA submitted an amendment to the License Agreement seeking term extension of the fish screen patent (see attached).
- c) Crossing Agreement City of Hood River – A crossing agreement between the City of Hood River and Farmers Irrigation District was executed for the driveway to the Glass Family Orchard on Riverdale Road. (see attached).
- d) Jim Trammel letters – Attorney Jeff Baker informed the Board that the District has received two letters from Mr. Trammel (see attached). Mr. Trammel is seeking reimbursement (rental fees) for the vacant Methodist Road Pump Station which is on his property. This subject was tabled until the January 2012 board meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

At 12:00 p.m. It was moved by Steve Benton and seconded by Allan Henderson to move into executive session. The motion passed with all in favor.

It was moved by Steve Benton and seconded by Allan Henderson to direct Attorney Jeff Baker to follow up on discussion in the executive session. The motion passed with all in favor

EXTENSION SCHEDULE:

At 12:49 p.m. Chairman Don Chandler extended the October monthly meeting to Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. with a budget specific meeting to follow at 11:00 a.m.

Signed: _____
Tim Annala, Secretary

Attest: _____
Don Chandler, Chairman