

FARMERS IRRIGATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2012

The Board of Directors of the Farmers Irrigation District met on Wednesday, July 18, 2012, at the District office for the purpose of conducting its regular monthly business. Those in attendance were directors Don Chandler, Steve Benton, Allan Henderson and Bob Nickelsen; District Manager, Jer Camarata; Financial Administrator, Cathy Roberts; Administrative Assistant, June Brock and Attorney Jeff Baker. Also in attendance was FID employee, Jamie Kind.

Chairman Steve Benton called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

The minutes of the June 20, 2012 board meeting were presented and discussed. It was moved by Bob Nickelsen and seconded by Allan Henderson to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed with all in favor.

The O&M bills for the month of July 2012 were presented and discussed. It was moved by Don Chandler and seconded by Bob Nickelsen to approve the bills in the amount of \$58,786.36. 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 \$4,293.15 in payments since the June board meeting. Accounts receivable stands at 94% this year versus 95% last year.

Hydro production for the month of June was projected at 1.2 million kWh, with an actual production of 1,912,799 kWh. Hydro revenue was projected at \$78,000.00 with actual revenue of \$124,555.81. The District's end of month balance for June was projected at \$1,126,000 with an actual balance of \$1,241,981.92.

- b) Manager's report – Jer Camarata reported that the upper reservoir is full and lower reservoir is down 4.5 feet and dropping. Mt. Hood Snow Water Equivalent (SWE)

readings are above average. The Hood River is flowing in the mid-to-high 600 cfs range this week. Irrigation delivery and service is running very smoothly this year.

Hydro Report- Jer reported that as of the end of June the District has produced approximately 1.912 million kWh and has reached approximately 105.42% of our 2012 projected trending annual hydro revenue (see attached). Unit 1 went offline on June 1st and Unit 2 went offline on June 14th due to irrigation demand.

Insurance Claim Update – Jer reported that SDAO has provided evidence that coverage for Lowline Canal had been removed from the District’s property schedule effective 2008. Board members agreed that they were never notified by our Agent of Record or SDAO regarding this change in coverage. Due to this and similar events regarding Business Interruption coverage exclusion, and a general feeling of lack of communication, support, and service from our broker, the Board asked Jer to shop for new insurance brokers and bring them before the Board for an interview. SDAO’s Mike Hackbart has been provided with all the necessary claim materials inclusive of possible coverage for payroll overtime from the Ice Storm. Once the SDAO claim has been finalized, the District can then submit any uncovered claims to FEMA.

LPFP – Large Pipe Facilities Project Status – Jer announced that the project is on track and that all necessary permits are almost in place for the Lowline phase of the project. A change order has been made and approved to change the upper reach of Lowline Canal from a 36” pipe design to 42”. It is projected that this change will result in efficiency gains of up to 2-3 cfs. A Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference for contractors interested in placing bids for the project will be held on July 20, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the District Office.

Jer also informed the Board that a kickoff meeting to discuss the McCurdy Draw (Portland Dr.) segment of the Farmers Canal phase of the LPFP will be held on July 20, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.

LEGAL:

Attorney Jeff Baker informed the Board that an Agreement between Jim Trammel and Farmers Irrigation District has been executed (see attached). Jeff will be filing the necessary paperwork.

Resolution 09-12. Resolution To Accommodate Hood River Supply Association’s Drainage Requirements for Development at 12th St. Hood River, Oregon was adopted on June 25, 2012. (see attached).

Resolution 10-12. A Resolution To Approve the Sale of Spoils to Hood River Supply (see attached) was passed and adopted on July 18, 2012.

Jeff Baker also informed the Board that a Relinquishment of Easement has been filed at the Hood River Co. Records and Assessments office between DeHart/Gaylord and Farmers Irrigation District.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Trails/Easements – Jamie Kind informed the Board that he has attended several public meetings regarding trails within Hood River County and FID. Several of these trails, traffic patterns, and impacts are encroaching on District easements and infrastructure and becoming a serious concern to District operations and safety. FID staff is being asked, with greater frequency, what District policy is regarding the public’s use of trails and paths on District infrastructure. Last weekend a permitted mountain bike race took place between Kingsley reservoir and Post Canyon where several hundred mountain bikers and pedestrians crossed the upper Kingsley reservoir dam without District permission. After much discussion the Board was in agreement that “No Trespassing” signs are to be posted on District easements where it is practical and reasonable, starting with those areas that staff have the greatest concerns for public safety and protection of sensitive infrastructure such as dams, canal banks, power plants, diversions, etc. Jamie will be attending another trail meeting on July 31st and will convey the message that all traffic on District infrastructure and easements is limited to District staff conducting District business, with the exception being servient landowners and other easement owners, so long as they are not interfering with the District’s easement rights and infrastructure.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Signed: _____
Tim Annala, Secretary

Attest: _____
Steve Benton, Chairman