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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2013

The Board of Directors of the Farmers Irrigation District met on Wednesday, December 18, 2013, at the district office for the purpose of conducting its regular monthly business. Those in attendance were directors Tim Annala, Rich Hanners, Pete Siragusa and Erick von Lubken; District Manager, Jer Camarata, and Office Manager, June Brock. Also in attendance were Bill Munk and Julie Hammond.

Chairman Chandler was unable to attend because he was not feeling well. Vice-Chairman Tim Annala called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

The minutes of the November 20, 2013 board meeting were presented and discussed. It was moved by Rich Hanners and seconded by Pete Siragusa to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed with all in favor.

The O&M bills for the month of December 2013 were presented and discussed. It was moved by Erick von Lubken and seconded by Rich Hanners to approve the bills in the amount of \$270,100.94. The motion passed with all in favor.

LPFP Disbursement #10 was presented (see attached) in the amount of \$1,659,990.48. This amount was previously approved at the October board meeting.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

2014 Insurance Renewal – Insurance Broker, Julie Hammond of Brown and Brown presented the board with coverage options for 2014 (see attached). Julie gave a detailed overview of the District's current policy. Much discussion ensued regarding deductibles, premiums, exclusions, business interruption, hydro facility coverage, and potential dam coverage options. Special Districts Insurance Services (SDIS) covers the District's property and auto coverage, while G-Cube covers the District's hydro plant and flood coverage. After reviewing the proposed options it was moved by Erick von Lubken and seconded by Pete Siragusa to stay with the "Pre-existing Option" (so labeled) for the 2014 season. Dam insurance was deemed both unaffordable and inadequate at this time. The motion passed with all in favor. The Board thanked Julie for her presentation and on-going support.



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CORRESPONDENCE:

Memorandum(s) of Understanding were received from:

James Irrigation Group

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

a) A/R Report – Jer reported that the district has received \$238,714.13 in payments since the November board meeting. The A/R balance is at 25% versus 22% last year. One lien has been satisfied.

b) Hydro Production – November’s production was projected at 2,950,000 kWh. Actual production was 1,649,658 kWh (see attached). Hydro revenue for October was projected at \$188,239.50. Actual revenue was \$40,061.71. End of Month balance was projected for \$1,120,069.30 with an actual balance of \$1,140,434.28

c) Manager’s Report – Jer reported that the Hood River was flowing ~700 cfs. Plant 3 and Plant 2’s unit#2 are currently on-line, but production is/will be low in December due to residual construction activities and ongoing dry conditions. Also, the District was hit by a ~10,000+ cfs flood on December 1st and Farmers Canal was shut down for about a week for clean out due to rocks and debris. North Green Point pipeline was also hit by a small rock slide cutting off 50% of the Low Line water supply. Repair of the North Green Point line will take place as soon as the ordered materials arrive, scheduled for the first week in January. A substantial leak was found in Schedule B of the Farmers Canal near Daums which facilitated piping approximately 140’ of open canal. Landowner issues are still on-going regarding ground water and potential pipeline leaks at certain locations, but Crestline is working diligently to assess for and contain any leakage and ultimately ensure that we have a 100% leak-free product. Pete Siragusa would like a report of overages and extra time that has been spent on Schedule E by the next board meeting.

Oregon Water Resources Depart (OWRD) inspected and provided the District with its annual dam assessment this month, which was very favorable. OWRD finds the dams in good condition, and commended the District for its recent efforts, improvements, and maintenance of the dams.

Jer informed that board that the Deschutes River Conservancy (DRC) and WestWater entered into an agreement with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs (CTWS) recently to assess the “value of water” in the Hood River.

Fish Salvage – Jer reported that a very successful fish salvage took place during the October shut-down. Both Pacific and River Lamprey were found and saved at the Davenport Fish Screen. CTWS supported



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and appreciated this effort and Jer and the tribes have written up a report of the salvage that can be found on the district's website.

The new water accounting program has been successfully implemented and the 2014 annual billing statements were mailed out as of November 14th. So far, the new water program has been working like a dream and credit card acceptance has been a huge success. FID is happy to offer this new service to patrons.

LEGAL: None

OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Signed: _____ Rich Hanners, Secretary

Attest: _____ Don Chandler, Chairman