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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2014

The Board of Directors of the Farmers Irrigation District met on Wednesday, March 19, 2014, at the district office for the purpose of conducting its regular monthly business. Those in attendance were directors Don Chandler, Tim Annala, Bill Munk, Pete Siragusa and Erick von Lubken; District Manager, Jer Camarata; Office Manager, June Brock; and Attorney, Jeff Baker.

Chairman Don Chandler called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

The minutes of the February 19, 2014 board meeting were presented and discussed. It was moved by Erick von Lubken and seconded by Tim Annala to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed with all in favor.

The O&M bills for the month of March 2014 were presented and discussed. It was moved by Erick von Lubken and seconded by Bill Munk to approve the bills in the amount of \$260,296.50. The motion passed with all in favor.

LPFP Disbursement #13 (final disbursement) was presented (see attached) in the amount of \$85,702.99. It was moved by Erick von Lubken and seconded by Bill Munk to approve LPFP Disbursement #13. The motion passed with all in favor.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

An application to partition/subdivide on legal description 3N-10-35-SE/SW-2200 was submitted by Byron Roberts (see attached). After review, the application was approved by the Board.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

a) A/R Report – Jer reported that the district has received \$77,801.73 in payments since the February board meeting. The A/R balance is at 70% versus 64% last year. Two liens have been satisfied.

b) Hydro Production – February's production was projected at 3 million kWh. Actual production was 2,434,159 kWh (see attached). Hydro revenue for February was projected at \$205,560. Actual revenue was \$170,101.07. End of Month balance was projected at \$1,339,276.70 with an actual balance of \$1,508,132.88.



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c) Manager's Report – Jer reported that the Hood River is flowing ~1,700 cfs, and that both the upper and lower reservoirs are full and spilling. The snow pack according to Snotel at Greenpoint is below average for this time of year, but better than anticipated a month ago with the snow fall received over the last 3 weeks. NRCS is still forecasting a mild to moderate drought year (see attached). Many farmers have requested spray water and the crew has been charging lines and prepping for the upcoming irrigation season. The pumps at Plant 3 are on a rotation basis for rebuild and maintenance and the small ICC pump has been rebuilt and is scheduled for reinstallation very soon. The District dealt with another ~10,000 cfs flood on March 9th causing the Farmers Canal/Pipeline to be shut down for 3 days, impacting hydro operations at ~75%. Also Plant 2's, unit 2 was shut down due to sediment issues.

The district signed up for the Oregon Cooperative Procurement Program (ORCPP). Currently the district is in dire need of replacing its old backhoe and at least one crew truck. This program will hopefully save the district a significant amount in current and future vehicle and equipment purchases. Staff members are also working with Peterson and Case representatives and resellers to locate needed equipment. Jer plans to use the received reimbursement dollars from LPFP Disbursement #13 for the purchases.

Jer paid off the remaining ETO obligated REC's for the Low Line project and we have met our contractual requirements with ETO.

Installation of fencing and gates around the Plant 3 property is complete. Many other safety walkways and ladders around the District have been installed in the last two months by District staff.

On March 17th, Jer and Rick met with Erin and Ben Roby of Red Barn Orchards (formerly the Copper Orchard) to discuss road access and maintenance. Jer will be submitting a proposal letter to the Roby's in the near future.

Turgo Financing Update – Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) has been moving very slowly on the potential Turgo project funding and has indicated that they will likely not meet District deadlines. Concurrently, District staff has been positioning DEQ CWSRF as an alternative and preferred funding source. The District has also met with Columbia State Bank to seek interim financing should a secured loan be executed in the very near future. Presently, Gilkes is holding their quoted price.

The Bonneville Environmental Foundation (BEF) sent a memo to the district with their desire to work with FID on piloting funding for renewable energy projects (see attached).

LEGAL: None

OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.



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Signed: _____ Pete Siragusa, Secretary

Attest: _____ Don Chandler, Chairman