



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2014

The Board of Directors of the Farmers Irrigation District met on Wednesday, July 16, 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 June 18, 2014 board meeting were presented and discussed. It was moved by Bill Munk 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 July 2014 were presented and discussed. It was moved by Erick von Lubken and seconded by Tim Annala to approve the bills in the amount of \$93,661.66. The motion passed with all in favor.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

a) A/R Report – Jer reported that the district has received \$8,371.35 in payments since the June board meeting. The A/R balance is currently at 96% versus 92% last year. Eight liens have been satisfied.

b) Hydro Production – June's production was projected at 1,600,000 kWh. Actual production was 1,118,451 kWh (see attached). Hydro revenue for June was projected at \$109,632. Actual revenue was \$77,450.79. The District's trending percentage of actual to projected kWh for the year currently sits at 96.41%.

c) Manager's Report – Jer reported that several large rocks had rolled into the Farmers Canal main flume about two weeks ago, restricting flow by ~20cfs for several days. McCafferty NW Land Development was hired to remove the rocks with their big excavator. Rick Brock supervised the work. The upper reservoir remains full and the lower is down ~3'. Water supplies are "holding steady and average."



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The recently repaired bypass valve motor at Plant 3 failed again and has been down for 10 days now, during which time the bypass has been controlled manually. The motor is being repaired under warranty. Design work on the major Plant 3 Valve Replacement Project is going well. Management, staff, and engineering will be meeting in a couple weeks to begin preliminary excavation work.

Sediment Management – The district has received several recent complaints regarding sediment/silt/algae build-up in private filters within the lower district. Flushing these private systems is the best way to control this issue, and landowners have been advised, and assisted where appropriate.

This October the District is hoping to construct/install a sediment sluicing facility in the upper 3 outlet bays of the Davenport screen and or an ~40,000 square foot sediment stilling basin, which should not only address customer water quality complaints against silt, but will hopefully cut down District O&M pump station and hydro expenses as well. The project(s) are currently being designed by management and engineering.

A gearbox broke on the trackhoe while commissioned on routine Lowline easement maintenance work and will need ~\$5k worth of repairs.

Turgo - Gilkes has provided the District with a new intake design for Plant 2, original drawings had depicted two intakes, but after further design and assessment, Gilkes has opted for one intake (see attached) that should enhance estimated production estimates.

Jer is working on a Water Intake - Major Partition Application for property located under and around the Davenport screen. Mr. Tim Heltzel has agreed to the major partition of this land. This land is where Jer would like to build the new aforementioned sediment management facility.

Jer is assessing paying the interest accrued on the Large Pipe Facilities Project loan starting this year, rather than waiting until the project has been completed near the end of 2015. Other options may include making advanced debt service payments on higher interest loans that the District carries. Discussion to be continued at the August meeting after more information and assessment has been conducted.

Gates and barriers will be installed at the McCurdy and McAllister properties on Portland Drive. The land owners have had several issues with people driving on their property and the District's pipeline easement.

Finally, the long awaited, revised and fully overhauled personnel policy (August 2014 version) was sent out to board members for review in early July. After review and discussion it was moved by Erick von Lubken and seconded by Tim Annala to adopt the new personnel policy as presented. The motion passed with all in favor.



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LEGAL:

A motion was made by Erick von Lubken and seconded by Bill Munk to move into Executive Session. The motion passed with all in favor.

Executive Session – 1:13 p.m. – The board moved into executive session as per ORS 192.660 (2) (h) and discussed the Schedule E claim. Post discussion, it was moved by Tim Annala and seconded by Eric von Lubken to move out of executive session. The motion passed with all in favor.

Back in the regular board meeting, it was moved by Erick von Lubken and seconded by Tim Annala to have attorney Jeff Baker add a confidentially clause to the proposed claim response agreement per executive session discussion. The motion passed with all in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS:

June Brock reported that staff would like to revise the district’s Lien and Foreclosure policies. Once a proposed revision policy has been drafted by staff and management, the language will be sent to legal council for review.

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

Signed: _____ Pete Siragusa, Secretary

Attest: _____ Don Chandler, Chairman