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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2014

The Board of Directors of the Farmers Irrigation District met on Wednesday, September 17, 2014, at the district office for the purpose of conducting its regular monthly business. Those in attendance were directors Don Chandler, Bill Munk, Erick von Lubken and Pete Siragusa (Pete arrived late); District Manager, Jer Camarata; Office Manager, June Brock; Water Right Specialist, Rick Brock; Attorney, Jeff Baker and Anderson Perry's Senior Technician, Lyle Umpleby.

Chairman Don Chandler called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

The minutes of the August 20, 2014 board meeting were presented and discussed. It was moved by Bill Munk and seconded Erick von Lubken by to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed with all in favor.

The O&M bills for the month of September 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 \$300,098.55. The motion passed with all in favor.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Anderson Perry and Associates Senior Technician, Lyle Umpleby presented to the Board of Directors a framed poster board depicting projects completed by FID and Anderson Perry over the years; a colorful collage of before and after photos of the headgate and flume rebuild, Low Line Canal, Farmers Canal, the Lower District Pressurization Project, the Indian Creek Corridor Project and the Forebay 2 Inlet Facility. The Board thanked Lyle and Anderson Perry for this thoughtful gesture and their years of service.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Water Right Application – The board of directors reviewed a water right request application from Mary and Stanley Graves. After much discussion the topic was tabled until the October board meeting.

Water Right Application – The board of directors reviewed a water right request application from Naaman & Alyssa Smith. It was moved by Erick von Lubken and seconded by Bill Munk to accept the application. The motion passed with all in favor.



REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

a) A/R Report – Jer reported that the district has received \$5,819.73 in payments since the August board meeting. The A/R balance is currently at 97% versus 93% last year. Three liens have been satisfied.

b) Hydro Production – August’s production was projected at 600,000 kWh. Actual production was 561,145 kWh (see attached). Hydro revenue for August was projected at \$41,112. Actual revenue was \$39,051.15. The District’s trending percentage of actual to projected kWh for the year currently sits at 96.94%.

c) Manager’s Report – Jer reported that the upper reservoir is down 16 feet and that the lower reservoir is down 12.5 feet from spill. Irrigation demand is slowing down and many of the orchardists are in harvest mode.

Plant 2’s hydraulics continues to experience issues. Alstom and Gilkes are currently working on the new Turgo electrical design, on-site, and have been able to provide some assistance with the troubleshooting endeavor. We hope to have the hydraulic issues worked out prior to hydro season going into full swing mid-October.

OWRD Storage Feasibility Study Grant Application – The district received this grant in the amount of \$32,000, Niklas Christensen PE, Jer, FID Staff and Cindy Thieman have started to do the ground work on this study and it is to be completed by June of 2015.

Patent – Jer and Julie interviewed two patent attorneys last month. Douglas Hancock of Hancock Hughey LLP is the newly designated patent attorney.

Training – Jer attended SDAO’s General Liability training class in Bend and a Bio-Med (Drug and Alcohol) Reasonable Suspicion compliance class this month.

Major Partition Application (Heltzel/Davenport fishscreen property) – we have not yet heard from the Hood River County Planning Dept if this application has been approved.

October Shut-Down – Jer and the crew are preparing for the upcoming October Shut-Down. Major projects include replacement of the large Spherical and Willamette valves at Plant 3, expansion and enhancement of the forebay retention support walls in Forebay 3, Farmers Canal Pipeline inspection, leak repair on Farmers Canal Schedule F; ~ 120 feet of open canal will go in pipe (with concrete headwalls), a broad-crested weir installation at ‘Draw 2’ upstream from the McCurdy property, a headgate and possibly tunnel cleanout (pending dewatered conditions), a P3 bearing inspection, and residual electrical inspections at P2 and the Switchyard.



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TIFLA - Jer and Jerry met with Chris Brun and Joe McCanna, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, and Brett Golden of the Deschutes River Conservancy (DRC) on Tuesday to discuss potential Tribal In-Stream Flow Agreement Proposal (TIFLA) options and interests.

LEGAL:

Adoption of Resolution 07-14 Mail-in Vote (see attached). It was moved by Erick von Lubken and seconded by Bill Munk to adopt Resolution 07-14 specifying that the November 12, 2014 election for Division 3 and Division 5 be conducted by mail-in vote. The motion passed with all in favor.

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 – 1:10 p.m. – The board moved into executive session as per ORS 192.660 (2) (h) and discussed the Schedule E claim/release agreement. Personnel recommendations were also discussed. Post discussion, it was moved by Bill Munk and seconded by Pete Siragusa 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 Bill Munk to have attorney Jeff Baker add 720’ of 8” pipe to the proposed Schedule E claim settlement agreement, have director Siragusa hand-deliver the agreement, and also accept management’s recommendation for payroll reduction strategy and bookkeeping outsourcing as per executive session discussion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Draft 2015 Budget – Jer presented a draft 2015 budget for the board members to review. Jer went through the budget line-by-line, fielded questions, and requested that any additional comments be made at least a week prior to the October 15th board meeting when the final budget will be presented to the budget committee.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

Signed: _____ Pete Siragusa, Secretary

Attest: _____ Don Chandler, Chairman