



**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2014**

The Board of Directors of the Farmers Irrigation District met on Wednesday, October 15, 2014, at the district office for the purpose of conducting its regular monthly and budget committee 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; Attorney, Jeff Baker. Budget Committee members Bob Benton, Kevin Asia, Randy Franz, and Jim Widenmann were also in attendance.

Chairman Don Chandler called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

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**BUDGET COMMITTEE WORK SESSION**

A budget committee work session took place from 11:03 a.m. until 11:55 a.m. At the commencement of the meeting it was moved by Bob Benton and seconded by Kevin Asai to elect Randy Franz as Budget Committee Chairman. The motion passed with all in favor. Mr. Franz asked that District Manager, Jer Camarata lead the budget committee through a detailed line-by-line summary of the draft 2015 budget. The board members and budget committee collectively reviewed the draft 2015 budget as-presented by Jer, and discussed the facets of debt service, insurance, hydro-revenue, operational efficiencies, payroll, benefits, and O&M rates. There was general acceptance and praise of the proposed budget in its balanced form. It was moved by Bob Benton and seconded by Kevin Asai to recommend to the Farmers Irrigation District Board that the draft 2015 Budget be adopted as-presented, with no changes. The motion passed with all in favor and the budget committee work session was adjourned.

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Chairman Don Chandler called the regular meeting of the board back to order at 12:05 p.m.

The board returned to regular board session. It was then moved by Bill Munk and seconded by Erick von Lubken to accept the budget committee's recommendation to adopt the draft 2015 budget as-presented by Mr. Camarata. The motion passed with all in favor.



## **MONTHLY BUSINESS:**

The minutes of the September 17, 2014 board meeting were presented and discussed. It was moved by Erick von Lubken 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 October 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 \$132,254.85. The motion passed with all in favor.

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:** None

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Draft Phelps Creek Letter – Mr. & Mrs. Graves applied for water rights allocated from the Upper District, Phelps Creek. It was moved by Erick von Lubken and seconded by Tim Annala that the application be put on the upper district water rights waiting list. The motion passed with all in favor.

## **REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:**

**a) A/R Report** – Jer reported that the district has received \$3,634.32 in payments since the September board meeting. The A/R balance is at 97% versus 93% last year.

**b) Hydro Production** – September's production was projected at 600,000 kWh. Actual production was 673,800 kWh. Hydro revenue for September was projected at \$41,112. Actual revenue was \$47,025. End of Month balance in the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) ~ \$1.5 million.

**c) Manager's Report** – October Shutdown – Jer presented a slide show of projects completed and under construction during the October shutdown. The photos showed both before-and-after shots of the replacement of the bearings at Plant 3, the broad-crested weir at FC Draw 2 with flow metering, Forebay 3 clean-out and wall extension (Phase-2), Plant 3 generator and exciter cleaning, Plant 3's 20" turbine shut-off valve removal and Wey valve replacement, Plant 3's 36" bypass isolation valve removal and replacement; (upon filling penstock 3; a manufacturer's defect pinhole leak was found in the new Wey valve, which means reassembly and a substantial delayed turn-in. A new valve (at no charge) is being shipped with an arrival date of October 21<sup>st</sup>); Inspection and repair of the 36" penstock 3 inlet, inspection of the Farmers Pipeline dual 48" pipes along Schedule A & E, pipe installation repairing the Schedule F leak of the Farmers Canal, and the Davenport Headgate/tunnel cleanout.



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**LEGAL:**

a) Attorney, Jeff Baker informed the board that a signed agreement was accepted by LeRoy Nickerson on September 30, 2014.

**b) Election 2014:**

Division 3 – Don Chandler submitted a valid petition for the position of Director for Division 3. No other petitions were received.

Division 5 – Pete Siragusa submitted a valid petition for the position of Director for Division 5. No other petitions were received.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:21 p.m.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Pete Siragusa, Secretary

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Don Chandler, Chairman