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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2015**

The Board of Directors of the Farmers Irrigation District met on Wednesday, September 16, 2015, at the district office for the purpose of conducting its regular monthly business. Those in attendance were directors Erick von Lubken, Tim Annala, Don Chandler, Bill Munk and Pete Siragusa; District Manager, Jer Camarata; Office Manager, June Brock; and Attorney, Jeff Baker. Guests in attendance were Julie O'Shea of FCA and district patron Bob Anderson.

Chairman Erick von Lubken called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

**MONTHLY BUSINESS:**

The minutes of the August 19, 2015 board meetings were presented. It was moved by Bill Munk and seconded by Don Chandler to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed with all in favor.

The O&M bills for the month of September 2015 were presented. It was moved by Tim Annala and seconded by Bill Munk to approve the bills in the amount of \$300,500.59. The motion passed with all in favor.

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**

Julie O'Shea of Farmers Conservation Alliance (FCA) provided the board members with a memo titled: The Farmers Screen International Trademarking Decision (see attached). Julie explained some general detail regarding the costs and potential of international trademarking of the Farmers Screen™. The United States-based Farmers Screen™ trademark will be owned by FID once management completes navigation through the US Patent and Trademark process. Much discussion ensued. Les Perkins will be traveling to Australia in October and will be a keynote speaker at a major irrigation conference where he will be discussing the Farmers Screen™. It was moved by Don Chandler and seconded by Pete Siragusa to table the Farmers Screen™ foreign topic until Les returns from his voyage and gives the board a trip report and sales opportunity update. The motion passed with all in favor. Camarata encouraged creation of a professional sales-based market analysis and prospectus report consisting of numerical-based estimates prior to any decision making. Director Munk asked how the Farmers Screen™ would be linguistically translated into non-english speaking countries. The inquiry was left largely unanswered, but for the record, Camarata felt the need to burst out that he thought the question was "absolutely brilliant".

Mr. Bob Anderson of Reed road proclaimed that he has been having problems with his driveway since the new FID pipeline went in last year. The old bridge driveway was replaced with a gravel road



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driveway to which the rubber-on-the-road elevation was raised by approximately two feet, with the pipeline passing underneath, which Mr. Anderson claimed has unintentionally resulted in undesirable up and downstream egress grade. Camarata stated that the district would have staff regrade Mr. Anderson's driveway. There were no objections from the board.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** none

**REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:**

**a) A/R Report** – Camarata reported that the district has received \$993,504.23 to date representing 97% of total 2015 assessments charged. 1 additional lien has been satisfied. Camarata announced that “June is awesome” and thanked her for her tenacity.

Total accounts balance, including reserves, as of September 2<sup>nd</sup> was \$1,597,399.10 Camarata gave a short preamble of unclassified and classified revenue and expense items received, incurred, and anticipated subsequent to this meeting's prepared financial reports.

**b) Hydro Production** – No production. All plants are down for planned maintenance.

**c) Manager's Report** – Camarata reported that the upper reservoir is empty and that the lower reservoir supply only has the potential to last until Sept 20<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> sans wet weather, and if current demand continues as-is. June has notified patrons off of the highline system.

Farmers Canal – last week from September 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, the Farmers Canal/Pipeline was down for Plant 2 Penstock re-connection. Forebay 2, the HG Davenport tunnel, and fish screen were cleaned out during this outage.

Schedule B - On Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, the district responded to a small land slide into the canal. Crew found that a 2” pipe from a private orchard was open and had super saturated the upslope soil profile and washed away a large section of the canal embankment. Crews quickly diverted upstream water to Ditch Creek and rectified the potential disaster. Camarata noted that this sort of issue used to happen nearly monthly when the Low Line Canal was still a ditch.

The district received a return of \$10,230.26 from SDIS Workers' Compensation Final Audit for policy year 2014-2015. The district also received \$1,866 in REC sales.

The final Heltzel property survey and new easement descriptions will be available this week for management review.



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Draft Budget – The board members were provided with a draft 2016 budget for review. Some discussion ensued regarding strategy, and a few requests for line item clarification were made by directors Munk and Siragusa. It was decided that the October board meeting, which includes budget adoption activities, will be held 1 day earlier than standard and to be consolidated with on the Turgo’s ribbon cutting ceremony on Tuesday October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

**LEGAL:**

Camarata re-presented the board with a draft Public Meeting and Public Records Policy for review. This issue was tabled from last month. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Chandler and seconded by Siragusa to adopt the presented Public Meeting and Public Records Policy (see attached). The motion passed with all in favor.

Elections - Resolution 09-15 (Mail-In Vote, attached). It was moved by Chandler and seconded by Siragusa to adopt Resolution 09-15. The motion passed with all in favor.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

The board took a field tour of Plant 2 construction. No decisions were made.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Bill Munk, Secretary

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Erick von Lubken, Chairman