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## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2015**

The Board of Directors of the Farmers Irrigation District met on Wednesday, November 18, 2015, at the district office for the purpose of conducting its regular monthly business. Those in attendance were directors Erick von Lubken, Don Chandler, Tim Annala, Bill Munk, and Pete Siragusa; District Managers, Jer Camarata and Les Perkins; Office Manager, June Brock. Also in attendance were Julie Hammond, Insurance Broker; Cindy Thieman and Megan Saunders of the Hood River Watershed Group.

Chairman Erick von Lubken called the meeting to order at 11:57a.m.

### **MONTHLY BUSINESS:**

The minutes of the October 20, 2015 board meeting were presented and discussed. It was moved by Pete Siragusa and seconded by Bill Munk to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed with all in favor.

The O&M bills for the month of November 2015 were presented and discussed. It was moved by Don Chandler and seconded by Pete Siragusa to approve the bills in the amount of \$177,284.22. The motion passed with all in favor.

### **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**

Cindy Thieman of the Hood River Watershed Group gave an annual progress report to the board and presented handouts (see attached). Cindy's topics included budgets, engineering, staff costs, basin studies, irrigation water management training, outreach for irrigation upgrades, field tours and grant funding.

Megan Saunders informed the board that she is currently monitoring 6 sites in the Hood River basin, unfortunately one temperature logger was lost, and luckily the CTWS had a temperature logger at this site so she will be able to obtain this data for her report. The report should be available by February of 2016, it will be interesting to see this report due to this summer's drought, low river and stream flows and above average water temperatures. The board thanked Megan and Cindy.

2016 Insurance Renewal – Insurance Broker, Julie Hammond of Brown and Brown presented the board with coverage options for 2016 (see attached). Julie gave an overview of the District's current policy. Much discussion ensued regarding deductibles, premiums, exclusions, business interruption, and coverage for cyber-attacks. Special Districts Insurance Services (SDIS) covers the District's property and auto coverage, while G-Cube is used to place insurance (currently placed with Lloyds's of London) covering the District's hydro plants, hydro-related business interruption, earthquake, and flood



coverage. Julie is also waiting for insurance quotes from Chubb and Startech. No decisions were made at this time. The Board thanked Julie for her presentation and on-going support.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:**

**a) A/R Report** – To date, the district has received \$996,453.73 in payments towards the 2015 irrigation season = 98% of collections. Lien has been satisfied.

Jer reported that the 2016 Annual Billing was sent out on November 16<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$1,004,346 representing 5783.24 Water Right Acres and 1841 accounts.

**b) Hydro Production** – October’s production was projected at 300,000 kWh. Actual (revised due to 4 days of lost production) production was 1,605,578 kWh (see attached). Hydro revenue for October was projected at \$20,556. Actual revenue was \$112,517.52. The District’s trending percentage of actual to projected kWh for the year currently sits at 97.73%.

**c) Manager’s Report** – Jer reported that the crew has completed their winterization chores.

Plant 2 was down yesterday due to spiked river flows of 9,000 cfs.

Budget – A revised 2016 budget was presented to the board, revisions included the insurance coverage for a retired employee under ORS 243.303. Much discussion ensued and Director Munk questioned the liability to the District, Legal counsel will check into this. The board also authorized the District to donate \$5,000 annually to the Hood River Watershed Group instead of \$4,000. It was moved by Don Chandler and seconded by Tim Annala to adopt the revised 2016 budget as presented. The motion passed with all in favor. The board suggested that the additional funds go towards Megan’s salary.

Drought Report – The board was presented with a November 9<sup>th</sup> OWRD drought report (see attached).

Jer informed the board that there was interest in the sale of the retired Francis Unit from Plant 2. As per Resolution 07-15, Jer is authorized to sale the Francis Unit “As Is”. Legal Counsel and staff will draft a Bill of Sale.

**LEGAL:**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:38 p.m.



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

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