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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2016

The Board of Directors of the Farmers Irrigation District met on Wednesday, April 20, 2016, 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, Les Perkins; Office Manager, June Brock and Attorney, Jeff Baker.

Chairman Erick von Lubken called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

The minutes of the March 16, 2016 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 April 2016 were presented and discussed. It was moved by Don Chandler and seconded by Pete Siragusa to approve the bills in the amount of \$211,159.01. The motion passed with all in favor.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

A Water Right Application was submitted by Miguel De La Rosa (see attached). It was moved by Don Chandler and seconded by Bill Munk to approve the application as presented. The motion passed with all in favor.

A Water Right Application was submitted by Richard and Kasi Griggs (see attached). It was moved by Don Chandler and seconded by Bill Munk to approve the application as presented. The motion passed with all in favor.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

a) A/R Report – Les reported that the district has received \$851,180.94 to date representing 84% of total 2016 assessments charged.

b) Hydro Production – March's production was projected at 3 million kWh. Actual production was 3,170,388 kWh (see attached). Hydro revenue for March was projected at \$205,560. Actual revenue was \$221,947.42. End of Month balance for March including reserves was \$1,624,846.54.



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Les mentioned that it would be very difficult (almost impossible) to meet the projected April production (3,100,000 kwh) due to only having 30 days in the month and irrigation season starting during very hot weather. It would require generating 103,333 kwh hours per day. May will be difficult for similar reasons with the projected production at 3,035,000 kwh.

c) Manager's Report – Les reported that both the upper and lower reservoirs are full. Snotel at North Greenpoint SWE as of today is at 7.6" with an average SWE of 10.74". Plant 2 is running 110 cfs and Plant 3 is running 36 cfs. Plant 3 is having some bearing temperature issues which may just be a sensor reading high as the bearings do not feel warm. Sensor can be replaced during shut down this summer. Ryan from Northwest Engineering was on site Monday to review the P3 controls and logic for the P3 Control upgrade planned for this summer. Irrigation season is underway and staff are charging lines accordingly, including repairing unforeseen breaks in lines and PRV's.

OWRD – Les updated the board as to the status of the Kingsley Reservoir Enhancement and Lowline Pipeline Project (see attached). Multiple applications were submitted to OWRD and FID's application was ranked 9th. Les submitted a letter to Governor Kate Brown requesting the necessity of utilizing 100% of the funds this year for these projects for the benefit of agricultural, fish, stream enhancement etc. Letters from David Meriwether, Representatives and Senators are also being requested. The district is hoping to replace 1.7 miles of dilapidated pipeline for North Greenpoint this fall. Les will begin working on contracting documents and pipe procurement in order to meet fall construction deadline. OWRD will make funding decision mid-May. Goal is to have contracting work completed so we can move quickly on the RFP process.

Lowline Insurance – Les and Yani had a conference call with the forensic engineers from the insurance company on April 19th regarding the last 600' of pipe, much discussion ensued regarding the pipe's deflection limits. Insurance has paid \$400,000 to date and will be making a determination on the balance shortly.

Logging is taking place on and close to our pipeline easement at Phelps Creek. Les and Sal were onsite for inspection.

PUC and PacifiCorp – PUC recently ruled against PAC's request to decrease the avoided cost rate and to shorten PURPA terms to 3 years. There will be 2 open seats on the PUC in the next couple of months. FID will work closely with CREA and the Renewable Energy Coalition to push for appointment of candidates who understand small renewable energy and PURPA.

The district will purchase a \$600 GIS mapping tool, this has been necessitated due to staff being called out to aid with small users unable to locate their valves and infrastructure. Goal will be to map the private systems to decrease the amount of staff time spent locating private valves.

Australian Trademark should be completed June of 2016.



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The Computational Fluid Dynamics engineer from Gilkes will be here the week of April 25 to work on screen modeling. Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) researchers will be here the same week to deploy their sensor fish technology on the screens. Data from the PNNL work will aid in the creation and calibration of the CFD modeling. PNNL is doing the research for free under a small grants program.

Les and Erick attended a meeting regarding Reserved Water Rights for Basin Wide Storage on April 19th also in attendance were Waterwatch and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. New rules regarding the extension of the reserved water rights will be put forward to the Water Resources Commission for adoption to extend the rights for another 20 years.

LEGAL: Mr. Baker has been working on the Heltzel Agreement.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 12:35p.m. the board moved into Executive Session.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:54 p.m.

Signed: _____ Erick von Lubken, Chairman

Attest: _____ Bill Munk, Secretary