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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2016**

The Board of Directors of the Farmers Irrigation District met on Wednesday, August 17, 2016, at the district office for the purpose of conducting its regular monthly business. Those in attendance were directors Erick von Lubken (arrived late), Tim Annala, Don Chandler, Bill Munk and Pete Siragusa; District Manager, Les Perkins; Office Manager, June Brock; Water Rights Specialist, Rick Brock; and Attorney, Jeff Baker.

Vice-Chairman Pete Siragusa called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

The minutes of the July 20, 2016 board meetings were presented. It was moved by Bill Munk and seconded by Tim Annala to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed with all in favor.

The O&M bills for the month of August 2016 were presented. It was moved by Tim Annala and seconded by Don Chandler to approve the bills in the amount of \$313,518.44. The motion passed with all in favor.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: None

Chairman Erick von Lubken arrived at 12:23 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A Water Right Application was submitted by Rodney Olmstead (see attached). This application was denied. It was suggested that the applicant have the past due issues associated with his account settled prior to application for water rights.

A Water Right Application was submitted by Charles & Greta Hein (see attached). It was moved by Erick von Lubken 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 \$986,802.69 to date representing 97% of total 2016 assessments charged versus 97% of last year's assessments.



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Total accounts balance, including reserves, as of August 11th was \$1,787,931.26.

b) Hydro Production – July’s production was projected at 1 million kWh. Actual production was 751,147 kWh (see attached) putting hydro production at 75.11% for the month and trending at 84.36% for the year. Hydro revenue for July was projected at \$62,850.00. Actual revenue was \$52,073.47.

c) Manager’s Report – Les reported that as of August 16th, the upper reservoir was down 6’ and the lower reservoir was down 10.75’. Les estimates that we have ~ 39 days of reservoir water left if we continue at the current burn rate.

P3 Upgrade – Equipment continues to arrive including the Main Unit Breaker this week. Tear out will begin within the next two weeks and are expected to be completed by late October. The HPU will be the final piece of equipment to arrive.

Switchyard Upgrade – Shutdown of Plant 2 and the switchyard due to transformer neutral ground and CT installation, this was a requirement by PacifiCorp’s interconnection agreement and the installation of last year’s Turgo turbine. Work must be completed by August 30th to allow for PAC to complete their testing and sign off. Hage will be doing the PT installation work while ABB will be doing the CT install work.

North Greenpoint Pipe Project – Proposals were received August 10th. The construction is estimated to start October 1st with a November 15th completion date. Staging of materials will begin once the contract and agreement are executed.

Reservoir Expansion – Les will meet with Hood River County Forestry next week to iron out the details of a proposed land lease agreement, possible camp ground relocation, use of the county’s rock pit and borrow bit for materials.

Internet/connectivity improvement – On August 4th Hood River Electric Co-op installed the necessary cables and materials at the district office’s tower for a line-of-sight to existing HREC infrastructure on the east hills. Internet connection is now extremely fast and uninterrupted.

Resolution 07-16, A Resolution Adopting a Conserved Water Policy Pursuant to Oregon Administrative Rules 690-018-0025 - After review and discussion it was moved by Erick von Lubken and seconded by Bill Munk to adopt Resolution 07-16 as amended (see attached). The motion passed with all in favor. This policy was a requirement to meet OWRD’s grant funding.

LEGAL:



A motion was made by Tim Annala and seconded by Don Chandler to move into Contract Review Board session. The motion passed with all in favor.

CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD SESSION

Contract Review Board Session – 12:52 p.m. -- The board moved into contract review board and discussed the North Greenpoint Pipe Replacement Project proposals from contractors and pipe bidders. Proposals were submitted by Bianchi, Crestline Construction, and Emery & Sons, all of whom attended the mandatory pre-proposal meeting on August 3rd. Per the Review Committee’s report and proposal scoring, it was the Contract Review Board’s decision and recommendation to award the project to Crestline Construction. Crestline won 9 out of 12 categories and also provided the lowest bid. Pipe bids were provided by Ferguson and HD Supply, the lowest bid and pipe contract was awarded to HD Supply. Post discussion, it was moved by Erick von Lubken and seconded by Bill Munk to move out of contract review board session at 1:00 p.m. The motion passed with all in favor.

Back in the regular board meeting, it was moved by Erick von Lubken and seconded by Don Chandler to accept the contract review board’s recommendation to award the project to Crestline Construction and HD Supply. The motion passed with all in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 1:10p.m.

Signed: _____ Erick von Lubken, Chairman

Attest: _____ Bill Munk, Secretary