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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2016**

The Board of Directors of the Farmers Irrigation District met on Wednesday, September 21, 2016, at the district office for the purpose of conducting its regular monthly business. Those in attendance were directors Erick von Lubken, Tim Annala, 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 11:56 a.m.

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

The minutes of the August 17, 2016 board meetings were presented. It was moved by Bill Munk 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 September 2016 were presented. It was moved by Tim Annala and seconded by Bill Munk to approve the bills in the amount of \$280,939.96. The motion passed with all in favor.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

A Water Right Application was submitted by Nevin TR (see attached). It was moved by Tim Annala and seconded by Pete Siragusa 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 \$988,604.55 to date representing 97% of total 2016 assessments charged versus 97% of last year's assessments.

Total accounts balance, including reserves, as of September 14th was \$1,481,060.75.

b) Hydro Production – August's production was projected at 700,000 kWh. Actual production was 327,071 kWh (see attached) putting hydro production at 46.72% for the month and trending at 82.90% for the year. Hydro revenue for August was projected at \$43,995. Actual revenue was \$22,924.72.



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c) Manager's Report – Les reported that river flows have fallen and the average daily flow is around 270cfs. Irrigation demand has dropped off and there is still enough water in the reservoirs to see us through to the end of the season.

P3 Upgrade – Plant 3 controls have been disassembled. The new generator control panel, Programmable Logic Controllers (PLC), main breaker unit (MBU), capacitor coupled voltage transformers (CCVT) batteries and wiring are currently being installed. The HPU from Gilkes will not arrive until late October requiring a 4 day shut-down for installation.

Switchyard Upgrade – Plant 2 was shut down the end of August to accomplish required switchyard work (part of our IA with PacifiCorp). We were able to get our PT's installed as designed by NES however, PAC was unable to complete their testing due to a faulty RTU on their end. We met our obligation and ultimately the testing was completed. During the same shutdown, ABB attempted to install our CT on our new transformer (should have been included with the transformer when it was originally installed) at ABB's cost. The ABB employees damaged the new CT and so it had to be removed and a new one will be installed during our second shutdown in late October.

North Greenpoint Pipe Project – North Greenpoint diversion has been turned off, but Dead Point is still on. Removal of the old pipe has begun, with fusing of the new pipe and pipe elbows happening concurrently with the removal. Construction is looking to be completed by October 31st.

Reservoir Expansion – Les and Niklas met with Gerry Heslin, a geotech engineer last week to review the plans for the reservoir expansion project. Mr. Heslin suggested doing the expansion in two phases. The first phase consisting of removing the old outlet pipe and installing the new one in fall of 2017. The second phase would be to build up the dam in 2018. Land acquisition and camp site relocation are still under discussion with Hood River Forestry Department.

Les met with Hood River City planning department to discuss city limits, zoning and the urban growth boundary. It may be that in the future that customers within the UGB and city limits will receive their irrigation water from the city (much discussion ensued). The most likely first step would be to pull service from the city limits, and then look to pull service as the city annexes property. Les will continue to perform due diligence and keep the Board updated as new information arises.

Elections: Resolution 08-16 (Mail-in-Vote) attached. It was moved by Pete Siragusa and seconded by Erick von Lubken to adopt Resolution 08-16. The motion passed with all in favor.

LEGAL:

Heltzel: Partition approval is in limbo and Mr. Heltzel has until September 30th to finalize and sign contracts with Farmers Irrigation District.



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EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 12:44p.m.

Signed: _____ Erick von Lubken, Chairman

Attest: _____ Bill Munk, Secretary