



**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2017**

The Board of Directors of the Farmers Irrigation District met on Wednesday, February 15, 2017, at the District office for the purpose of conducting its annual meeting and monthly business. Those in attendance were directors Tim Annala, Don Chandler, Bill Munk, Pete Siragusa and Erick von Lubken; District Manager, Les Perkins; Office Manager, June Brock and Attorney, Don Hull.

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

ANNUAL BUSINESS:

Directors Tim Annala, Don Chandler, Bill Munk, Pete Siragusa and Erick von Lubken took official oaths of office.

Erick von Lubken opened the nominations for Chairman.

A motion was made by Pete Siragusa to nominate Erick von Lubken for Chairman, Don Chandler seconded the motion. The unanimous ballot was cast with Tim Annala, Bill Munk, Pete Siragusa and Don Chandler voting aye.

Chairman Erick von Lubken opened the nominations for Vice-Chairman.

A motion was made by Don Chandler to nominate Pete Siragusa for Vice-Chairman, Erick von Lubken seconded the motion. The unanimous ballot was cast with Tim Annala, Don Chandler, Bill Munk and Erick von Lubken voting aye.

Chairman Erick von Lubken opened the nomination for Secretary-Treasurer.

A motion was made by Erick von Lubken to nominate Bill Munk for Secretary-Treasurer, Don Chandler seconded the motion. The unanimous ballot was cast with Tim Annala, Don Chandler, Pete Siragusa and Erick von Lubken voting aye.

BUDGET COMMITTEE:

The directors announced that the budget committee members will remain the same as last year.

DEPOSIT OF FUNDS:

A motion was made by Don Chandler and seconded by Bill Munk to adopt Resolution 01-17 appointing Columbia State Bank as the District's depository for 2017 with additional funds to be held at Oregon State Treasury -- Local Government Investment Pool. The Board of Directors, General Manager, and Water Rights Specialist are authorized to sign on the accounts with two signatures required, one of which must be from a director. Office Manager, June Brock has been instructed and authorized by the General Manager, Les Perkins to serve as Custodian of Records and will make Local Government Pool

account transactions per newly revised guidelines and protocols. The motion passed with Tim Annala, Don Chandler, Bill Munk, Pete Siragusa and Erick von Lubken in favor.

REGULAR MEETING DATES:

A motion was made by Don Chandler and seconded by Bill Munk to adopt Resolution 02-17 setting the regular meeting days for 2017 on the third Wednesday of each month according to the following schedule:

January through December—12:00 p.m.

Any necessary changes to the schedule will be posted via public notice.

All meetings will be held at the District office located at 1985 Country Club Road, Hood River, Oregon. The motion passed with Tim Annala, Don Chandler, Bill Munk, Pete Siragusa and Erick von Lubken in favor.

ANNUAL BOARD MEETING DATE:

A motion was made by Pete Siragusa and seconded by Bill Munk to adopt Resolution 03-17 establishing January 17, 2018, at 12:00 p.m. as the date of the Year 2018 Annual Board Meeting. The meeting will be held at the District office located at 1985 Country Club Road, Hood River, Oregon. The motion passed with Tim Annala, Don Chandler, Bill Munk, Pete Siragusa and Erick von Lubken in favor.

BILLING AND COLLECTION OF CHARGES:

It was moved by Tim Annala and seconded by Bill Mink to adopt Resolution 04-17 citing the specific manners in which the District will charge for required funds. The motion passed with Tim Annala, Don Chandler, Bill Munk, Pete Siragusa and Erick von Lubken in favor.

AGENT OF RECORD:

It was moved by Don Chandler and seconded by Pete Siragusa to designate Julie Hammond of Brown & Brown as Agent of Record for the District's General Liability Coverage. Special Districts Insurance Services (SDIS) will remain the primary insurer for the District's health, vehicle and property coverage. The motion passed with Tim Annala, Don Chandler, Bill Munk, Pete Siragusa and Erick von Lubken in favor.

ATTORNEY OF RECORD:

It was moved by Don Chandler and seconded by Bill Munk to designate Don Hull of Annala, Carey, Thompson and Vankoten as Attorney of Record for the District. The motion passed with Tim Annala, Don Chandler, Bill Munk, Pete Siragusa and Erick von Lubken in favor.

AUDITOR OF RECORD:

It was moved by Bill Munk and seconded by Tim Annala to designate Barnett and Associates as the Auditor of Record for the District. The motion passed with Tim Annala, Don Chandler, Bill Munk, Pete Siragusa and Erick von Lubken in favor.

ENGINEER OF RECORD:

It was moved by Don Chandler and seconded by Bill Munk to designate Niklas Christensen, P.E. as Engineer of Record for the District. The motion passed with Tim Annala, Don Chandler, Bill Munk, Pete Siragusa and Erick von Lubken in favor.

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

Chairman Erick von Lubken called the monthly regular meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

The minutes of the December 21, 2016 Board meeting were presented and discussed. There was no January board meeting due to inclement weather. It was moved by Don Chandler 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 January and February 2017 were presented and discussed. It was moved by Don Chandler and seconded by Pete Siragusa to approve the bills in the amount of \$97,775.41 for January and \$201,169.55 for February. The motion passed with all in favor.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

MANAGER REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

A/R report – Les reported that the District has received \$676,408.21 in payments since the December Board meeting representing ~65% in accounts receivable vs 65% last year. End of month balance as a February 9th was \$1,800,080.09 (including reserves)

Hydro report – Hydro production for the month of January was projected at 2.9M kWh, with an actual production of 2,138,095 kWh. Hydro revenue was projected at \$198,708. with actual revenue of \$147,646.19 (see attached).

The Snotel report for North Green Point as of today reports 19.9” snow water equivalent (SWE) versus the average of 13.5” over the past 18 years. The Mt. Hood site is at 34.3” versus the average of 38.22”.

On-going maintenance and chores are being performed throughout the District by crew members, however the heavy snowfall has made many maintenance chores difficult if not impossible. A 12” valve broke at the Dieke vault ~ two weeks ago. There was discussion regarding valve replacement and Air Vacs for the Penstock. Les warned the Board that expenditures on valve replacement may be higher than anticipated to make up for past deferred maintenance.

Les informed the board that our current 4-trax has a broken axle. Les provided information on how the 4 wheeler with tracks is used to access high altitude diversions and the inherent risk of injury, stranding, and accidents with using a single open air piece of equipment. A fully enclosed heated cab side by side with tracks is one of the few alternatives that would allow the crew to safely travel to and from the remote diversions in the winter and still have a useful function during irrigation season. He found bids from three distributors for a replacement side-by-side Kubota with attachments and after discussion it was moved by Don Chandler and seconded by Tim Annala to allow Les the purchase of the Kubota not to exceed \$23,000. The motion passed with all in favor.

Legislation - Les was in Salem last Monday to testify on behalf of CREA. Les will email the board with his findings. Les informed the Board that there will be increased need for testimony and other support in Salem as several new bills work their way through the legislature this session.

Kingsley Reservoir – The District bought the Shulten property and paperwork was finalized today at Amerititle. Les is now working on SHPO/NEPA, and land trade with HR County, our only hold up is the State required analysis which needs to be performed by the State on “seasonal variation flows” (SVF) to meet our construction deadline of this fall.

Subdivisions/City Limits/Small Lots – At this juncture two subdivisions off Belmont within the urban growth boundary but proposed to be annexed by the City will receive their domestic water from Ice Fountain Water District for the foreseeable future. Ice Fountain notified FID that they will not be able to provide irrigation water to these parcels for at least a couple of years. This will mean that FID will need to provide irrigation in the interim. Les is working with Ice Fountain and the City to come up with a long term plan of action that allows FID to withdraw from these properties when the City takes over the water infrastructure. Les will continue working on the properties within the City limits and a plan moving forward.

Telemetry/GIS – After running a cost analysis on battery replacement for telemetry sites as well as overall functionality, Les would like to have an engineer provide a telemetry system analysis and create a master plan. Waylon Bowers will provide a proposal for a master plan for replacing outdated and untrustworthy telemetry sites along with new sites needed at the Reservoir and Highline locations. There was also discussion as to using micro hydro turbines. Les has been working with MFID and EFID and they will most likely participate in the analysis. GIS – Les met with the County regarding a service contract for GIS technology for all basin irrigation and water districts. This will continue to evolve.

2017 Goals, Priorities and Projects – Les provided the board with the 2017 goals, priorities and projects for 2017 for their review (see attached).

LEGAL: Resolution 05-17 A resolution Recommending Restoring Recreation Immunity Rights (see attached). It was moved by Bill Munk and seconded by Pete Siragusa to accept Resolution 05-17 as presented. The motion passed with all in favor.

Heltzel Property – A petition from Tim and Ellen Heltzel requesting that their properties be included within the District’s boundaries (see attached). After review and discussion with legal counsel, it was moved by Don Chandler and seconded by Pete Siragusa that the Petition be accepted as presented. The motion passed with all in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Chairman Erick von Lubken adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Signed: _____

Bill Munk, Secretary

Attest: _____
Erick von Lubken, Chairman