



## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2016

The Board of Directors of the Farmers Irrigation District met on Wednesday, December 21, 2016, 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 Manager, Les Perkins; Office Manager, June Brock, Attorney; Jeff Baker. Also in attendance was Attorney, Don Hull.

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

### MONTHLY BUSINESS:

The minutes and executive minutes of the November 16, 2016 board meeting were presented and discussed. 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 December 2016 were presented and discussed. It was moved by Don Chandler and seconded by Bill Munk to approve the bills in the amount of \$249,073.15. Also approved were bills in the amount of \$83,749.00 to Crestline Construction for the North Greenpoint Pipe Replacement Project. The motion passed with all in favor.

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:** None

### CORRESPONDENCE:

A Water Right Application was submitted by Tony Ackerman (see attached). It was moved by Don Chandler 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** – To date, the district has received \$351,326.00 in payments towards the 2017 irrigation season representing 34% of collections vs 25% last year. 2 liens have been satisfied. EOM balance = \$1,587,011.06.

**b) Hydro Production** – November's production was projected at 2,550,000 kWh. Actual production was 1,925,479 kWh (see attached). Hydro revenue for November was projected at \$174,726.00. Actual revenue was \$133,522.58. The District's trending percentage of actual to projected kWh for the year currently sits at 79.05%. Hydro production was ~\$40K short, we hope to make up the difference and exceed in December.



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**c) Manager's Report** – Les reported that Plant 3 Controls Upgrade project has been completed, albeit there are minor wires and sensors that need replaced. Farmers Canal was shut down on Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> due to high flows, but is now restored and up to full flow as of today.

North Greenpoint Pipe Replacement Project: The NGP project has been completed, inclusive of 2 change orders the project came in under budget.

Reservoir Enhancement Project: There is still paperwork to be completed and filed regarding Hood River county and land trade. Les has been finalizing the necessary paperwork with the Schulten family and the District. The next step is compiling a SHIPO report.

Users in the City limits/small lot subdivision: Tabled from November's meeting. Les provided the board with a summary (see attached). Much discussion ensued as "how to handle" new subdivisions and annexation of properties within the City limits. Possible changes to our Bylaws may be an option as in the past the city didn't have the infrastructure to provide irrigation water to city dwellers. Consideration may have to be taken regarding larger lots, baseball fields, school grounds, etc. The board was in agreement that the District needed to draft new bylaws regarding "subdivisions", historically the District provided water to large agricultural parcels and as of late these large parcels are sold and divided into small parcels ranging in size from 0.05 to 0.25 water right acres.

SCADA: In January Les would like an engineer to come and look at our SCADA/Telemetry system, with the hopes of updating our existing system and possibly with some cost-share including telemetry sites within the East Fork Irrigation and Middle Fork Irrigation Districts. Our current GIS mapping costs to the district are increasing each year, our goal is to do our own GIS in-house.

#### **LEGAL:**

2017 Budget: Tabled from October's meeting. The 2017 budget was presented to the board for review.

It was moved by Don Chandler and seconded by Tim Annala to accept the 2017 budget as presented. The motion passed with all in favor.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Attorney, Jeff Baker introduced attorney, Don Hull. As Jeff will be leaving us to take on his new position as judge in Klickitat county. Jeff highly recommended Don as our new Attorney of Record effective January 1, 2017. Don has been a District Attorney, judge and lawyer over the years and is glad to be taking on this position with the District. Don's son, Jeremy Hull is currently working in Portland and will also be hired on with Annala, Carey, Baker, Thompson and VanKoten. As time allows Don and Jeremy will job-share their duties with the District. The board thanked Jeff for his many years of dedicated work, he will be greatly missed.



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**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

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

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