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BOARD MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2017

The Board of Directors of the Farmers Irrigation District met on Wednesday, September 20, 2017, 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, Don Hull. Also in attendance were Cindy Thieman and Jordan Kim.

Chairman Erick von Lubken called the meeting to order at 11:58 a.m.

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

The minutes of the August 16, 2017 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 September 2017 were presented. It was moved by Don Chandler and seconded by Pete Siragusa to approve the bills in the amount of \$305,149.27. The motion passed with all in favor.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: Cindy Thieman of the Hood River Watershed Group (HRWG) provided the board with an update of the watershed's upcoming water conservation strategies, OWRD grants funded, actions and projects (see attached), which included the Odell Creek Dam removal and stream restoration. Grants awarded to EFID – Highline Lateral Pipeline, FID – Reservoir Expansion and Pipeline project, Neal Creek Instream Habitat Enhancement project and Hood River Water Bank Study. Pending projects include MFID – Coe Branch Pipeline and On-farm Irrigation Efficiency project. East Fork Hood River Restoration project and Hood River Watershed Strategic Action Plan.

Jordan Kim of the Hood River Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) provided the board with an update and overview of the notable activities over the past year (see attached), this included the ODA Agricultural Water Quality Management Area program, Odell watershed Strategic Implementation Area, Irrigation Water Management (IWM) Training project, (also provided in Spanish), Water Conservation Outreach, OWEB Small Grant program raised from \$10K to \$15K, Hood River Pesticide Stewardship Partnership, HRV Groundwater Monitoring Conservation Outreach and the HRSWCD Native Plant Sale. The board thanked both Cindy and Jordan for their presentations and support and thanks to Megan Saunders for water temperature monitoring.



CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

a) A/R Report – Les reported that the district has received \$1,013,471.80 to date representing 98% of total 2017 assessments charged versus 97% of last year's assessments. 1 lien satisfied.

Total accounts balance, including reserves, as of September 14th was \$1,749,436.23.

b) Hydro Production – August's production was projected at 600,000 kWh. Actual production was 743,374 kWh (see attached) putting hydro production at 123.90% for the month and trending at 104.15% for the year. Hydro revenue for August was projected at \$41,112.00. Actual revenue was \$52,181.34.

c) Manager's Report – Les reported that he sold 20,000 RECs for each year over a 3 year term at a price of just over \$1.00 per REC.

The fee increase discussion and adoption has been tabled to the October board meeting.

Plant Inspections – The insurance agent from Starr Technical Risks Agency, Inc. (Hydro-electric facilities) inspected both plants last week and was thoroughly satisfied with his findings.

Plant 3 went on-line yesterday and is currently flowing 17.4 cfs.

October shutdown is scheduled to start October 16, projects include the cleanout of forebay 2, Farmers Canal and tunnel cleanout, the replacement of the Deick valve and any necessary plant maintenance.

Several lines required repairs mostly due to pressure spikes within the last two weeks, the Pucinelli line (twice), the Logan line and the Lahti line.

The Barrel Springs subdivision is now complete. On-going subdivisions are Avalon, Kitts and Multnomah.

The Rand road line is to be abandoned and replaced with a line from 30th street, this will also eliminate the insistent leak on May St. Also a PRV was installed on the Walmart line.

Reservoir Expansion – Les provided the board with photos of the dam and excavation to date. The soil has been good to work with and the valve and pipe installation looks to be in place early next week followed by concrete work. Kevin Dowd provided plat maps of the reservoir's old and new high water marks. Terra Surveying is wrapping up the exchange agreement with the Hood River Forestry Dept. Storage Rights need to be secured as they are waiting on the completion of Seasonal Varying Flows analysis by OWRD.



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On-line Bill Pay– The district decided to go with ACS, as they waived the initial installation costs but a monthly billing will be applied. Customers will be charged the credit card transaction fees. This new feature will be available as of the 2018 irrigation billing cycle (November 2017).

GIS– Les and Rick met with Lisa Lee a GIS specialist that works for Central Oregon Irrigation District (COID). The district is looking to move away from FireWhat (current contract expires February 2018), so the district can build its own GIS program allowing for better functionality and layering properties.

Website–Les and June met with Betsy Frazier last week to review the new website, minor changes were needed. The new website should be a better resource for district patrons and staff having the ability for editing daily or upcoming irrigation outages. The website will also have a link to on-line bill pay.

Telemetry–Les has received a draft proposal from Waylon Bowers, this has been tabled to the October board meeting.

Les also informed the board that much of his time has been involved with CREA/REC and Hydro concerns with alternative options and sales models. The industry and market is changing rapidly and there are other options besides PURPA that could be implemented but it will take some legislative work. Les will be attending a Demand Response and Battery Storage conference next week. Also Les attended a tour of a potential 600 cfs FCA screen installation for the Bureau of Reclamation on the Truckee River in Reno last week.

Driving and using mobile devices–beginning October 1, 2017 individuals who hold and use a mobile device while driving will be ticketed or fined with a maximum penalty of \$2000. This new law will be incorporated into the district’s Personnel Policy and adopted at the next board meeting.

Elections: Resolution 08-17 (Mail-in-Vote) attached. It was moved by Pete Siragusa and seconded by Erick von Lubken to adopt Resolution 08-17. The motion passed with all in favor.

LEGAL: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 1:12p.m.

Signed: _____ Erick von Lubken, Chairman



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Attest: _____ Bill Munk, Secretary