



## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2017**

The Board of Directors of the Farmers Irrigation District met on Wednesday, October 18, 2017, at the district office for the purpose of conducting its regular monthly and annual budget committee 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. Budget Committee members Bob Benton, Art Carroll, and Randy Franz were also in attendance.

Chairman Erick von Lubken called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

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### **BUDGET COMMITTEE WORK SESSION**

A budget committee work session took place from 11:03 a.m. until 11:50 a.m. At the commencement of the meeting Randy Franz was elected Budget Committee Chairman. Mr. Franz and the board thanked the District Manager, Les Perkins for the well written and extremely informative narrative that was provided with the budget spreadsheet. The board members and budget committee collectively reviewed the draft 2018 budget presented by Les, and discussed the facets of debt service, insurance, hydro-revenue, operational efficiencies, payroll, benefits, and O&M rates. Les noted that an account fee increase of \$10 is included in the 2018 budget to help cover the increase in the cost of operations and in particular the disproportionate cost of serving small parcels. Much discussion ensued and there was general acceptance and praise of the proposed budget and planned pro-forma. It was moved by Randy Franz and seconded by Art Carroll to recommend to the Farmers Irrigation District Board that the draft 2018 Budget be adopted as-presented. The motion on the floor passed with all in favor and the budget committee work-session was adjourned.

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

Attorney Hull arrived for the regular board meeting.

The board returned to regular board session. It was then moved by Don Chandler and seconded by Pete Siragusa to accept the budget committee's recommendation to adopt the draft 2018 budget as-presented by Mr. Perkins. The motion passed with all in favor.



## **MONTHLY BUSINESS:**

The minutes of the September 20, 2017 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 October 2017 were presented and discussed. It was moved by Don Chandler and seconded by Bill Munk to approve the bills in the amount of \$101,756.28. The motion passed with all in favor.

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

## **REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:**

**a) A/R Report** – Les reported that the district has received \$1,016,905.77 to date representing 98% of total 2017 assessments vs 97% last year. 1 lien has been satisfied.

**b) Hydro Production** – September's production was projected at 800,000 kWh. Actual production was 1,190,624 kWh. Hydro revenue for September was projected at \$54,816.00. Actual revenue was \$83,429.68. End of Month balance including reserves as of October 12, was \$1,464,728.00.

### **c) Manager's Report** –

**Shutdown:** Shutdown is under way from October 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>. Zach has performed the necessary mechanical and electrical maintenance for Plant 2 and Plant 3, including a new cooling system for Plant 3. Forebay 2 was cleaned out by McCafferty NW Land Development. The crew has been working diligently cleaning out the tunnel, flume, fish screen, and open pipe stretches of the Farmers Canal, also including necessary maintenance required during shutdown.

**Reservoir** – Crestline Construction has been working long hours cutting down the dam and installing the new outlet pipe and valve, pouring a rat slab, screening fill materials, transferring materials and conducting compaction tests, all this has being hindered by rainfall. It is hoped that the first phase (2017) of the Reservoir Enhancement Project will be completed in the next few weeks.

**GIS:** Our GIS service provider (GeoSpatial Solutions/FireWhat) filed bankruptcy last week. Jer Camarata was able to obtain a copy of our GIS data layers prior to the company going into receivership. We will now have to accelerate our planned move to a new GIS platform. We have 2 proposals in house and will work to get a third as quickly as possible and then make a decision within the next month. We will be without our GIS system for a month or two which will make Rick's job difficult as we have lots of building



and subdividing of parcels going on in our district. The goal will be to get a better, more stable system with a lower cost.

Telemetry: A proposal was received from Waylon Bowers (~\$315K), after reviewing this estimate, the District will send out a Request For Proposals (RFP) for the Telemetry upgrade project.

Energy Legislation/PURPA: Les is heavily involved with Renewable Energy Coalition (REC), CREA and other energy producer related groups. As the District’s current power purchase agreement will retire in 2025, it only seems logical to seek alternative options for selling our small scale hydro power. The 2019 legislative session will bring several new proposals that could allow new market based options for selling locally produced power. Les will be very involved in trying to help shape proposals going before the legislature and in building support for concepts that would allow FID to access new markets. This work will entail an increase in costs associated with outreach and concept development. Les will continue to update the Board as this rapidly changing work progresses.

**LEGAL:**

Election 2017 - Division 3 – Don Chandler submitted a valid petition for the position of Director for Division 3. No other petitions were received. Division 5 – Pete Siragusa submitted a valid petition for the position of Director for Division 5. No other petitions were received.

Revised Safety Policy: Effective October 1, 2017 new state ruling regarding the use of a mobile electronic device while driving is prohibited (see attached). It was moved by Bill Munk and seconded by Tim Annala to accept the policy as presented. The motion passed with all in favor.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:29 p.m.

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

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