



## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 2018**

The Board of Directors of the Farmers Irrigation District met on Wednesday, June 20, 2018, 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, and Bill Munk and Pete Siragusa; District Manager, Les Perkins; Office Manager, June Brock; and Attorney, Don Hull.

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

### **MONTHLY BUSINESS:**

The minutes of the May 16, 2018 board meeting were presented and discussed. It was moved by Pete Siragusa and seconded by Bill Munk to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed with all in favor.

The O&M bills for the month of June 2018 were presented and discussed. It was moved by Tim Annala and seconded by Bill Munk to approve the bills in the amount of \$82,206.44. The motion passed with all in favor.

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:** None

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

A Water Right Application was submitted by Adeline Schull Trustee (see attached). It was moved by Don Chandler and seconded by Bill Munk 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 \$1,868,119.93 to date representing 97% of total 2018 assessments charged vs 96% last year.

**b) Hydro Production** – May's production was projected at 2.2 million kWh. Actual production was 1,980,736 kWh (see attached). Hydro revenue for May was projected at \$162,074.00. Actual revenue was \$148,554.19. EOM balance for May including reserves as of June 14<sup>th</sup> was \$1,868,119.93. Les projected June's revenue/production to be considerably less than projected due to high irrigation demand and low river flows.

**c) Manager's Report** – Les reported that the reservoirs are holding steady and meeting irrigation demand with approximately 1.76 cfs going out. Les also reported that the irrigation season is going well,



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Plant 3 is now off line and Plant 2 is currently flowing ~45-48 cfs. The crew has had time to work on irrigation repairs, service valves, repairing and monitoring flow meters. Rick compiled a spreadsheet with taps, gpm and acreage for the upper, middle and lower districts. The plan is to repair and read existing meters and prioritize installation of new meters based on suspected over use issues.

The Port of Hood River is expanding and moving their Flight Operations Base (FOB) north of their existing location and relocating behind the WAAAM building. Rick has been working with the Port regarding easements, right of ways, and the relocation of the district pipeline.

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) will be widening the intersection of Country Club and Barrett on both sides of the road. This will entail the district moving an existing irrigation vault and PRV 150 feet north, this project is scheduled for after the end of irrigation season with a cost of approximately \$13,000.00. Rick has prepared project drawings and a parts list. Niklas is reviewing the parts list and ODOT's proposed drawings.

Pump Station – Sierra Controls LLC (Water Measurement and Control Systems) submitted a proposal to the district for Plant 3's Pump Station Programmable Logic Controls (PLC) replacement and upgrades, (see attached). This proposal also includes staff trainings. The proposal cost is \$40,000. It was moved by Bill Munk and seconded by Pete Siragusa to approve the proposal as presented. The motion passed with all in favor. The project is slated to begin after irrigation season in November.

Plant 2 MIV – The main inlet valve was not closing due to a stuck solenoid. Gilkes is sending a new solenoid and is scheduled for replacement during the October shutdown.

Reservoir Expansion Project – The second delineation went well, unfortunately there is not a lot of opportunity for wetland mitigation on site. Both DEQ and ODFW are supportive of the project and we are hoping this will help in attaining final approval from Division of State Lands and the Army Corp of Engineers. We will submit a mitigation plan that includes "off-site" mitigation that details all of the project benefits.

The Land Trade Exchange Agreement was approved by Hood River County Commission last Monday, signatures and recording to follow. Expected closing by the end of July or early August.

Last Friday Les met with OWRD and ODFW to determine an acceptable number of cfs for the Ecological Base Flow portion of the Seasonally Varying Flow criteria, the number for the final report was reduced from 120 cfs to 90 cfs. The report is open for a six week public comment.

Hydro Policy/Policies – Les provided the board with a working draft of the Hood River Energy Plan Implementation Project. Les would like the board to fund a portion of the position for a Renewable Energy Coordinator. This funding would be for one year at a cost of \$9,000.00. Ultimately this position



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would be regionally funded with aid from other irrigation, hydro and water utilities within Hood River County. It was moved by Pete Siragusa and seconded by Don Chandler to recommend that Farmers Irrigation District fund the position for 1 year in the amount of \$9,000.00. The motion passed with all in favor.

**LEGAL:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Les informed the board that FCA and Dr. Daniel Dang along with staff members from Pacific North West National Laboratories were compiling data from several fish screens throughout the district using sensor fish technology (data collection) today and tomorrow.

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

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

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