The Board of Directors of the Farmers Irrigation District met on Wednesday, September 19, 2018, at the district office for the purpose of conducting its regular monthly business. Those in attendance were directors Erick von Lubken, Tim Annala and Bill Munk; District Manager, Les Perkins; Office Manager, June Brock; and Attorney, Victor Vankoten.

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

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

The minutes of the August 15, 2018 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 2018 were presented. It was moved by Tim Annala and seconded by Bill Munk to approve the bills in the amount of $271,737.35. 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 $1,041,211.12 to date representing 99.19% of total 2018 assessments charged versus 97% of last year’s assessments. 2 liens satisfied.

Total accounts balance, including reserves, as of September 13th was $1,547,836.87.

b) Hydro Production – August’s production was projected at 600,000 kWh. Actual production was 704,051 kWh (see attached) putting hydro production at 117.34% for the month and trending at 68.38% for the year. Hydro revenue for August was projected at $44,202.00. Actual revenue was $53,177.28.

c) Manager’s Report – Les reported that Plant 3 went on-line as of September 4th and is currently flowing 10.3 cfs with Plant 2 flowing 63 cfs. The reservoir has an additional 6 days of water remaining due to an early harvest, cooler temperatures and less irrigation demand.
October shutdown is scheduled to start October 22, projects include the cleanout of forebays 2 and 3, Farmers Canal and tunnel cleanout, repairing Plant 3’s cooling water system, draining of the penstock, repair of steel plates at headgates intake and any necessary plant maintenance.

The Puccinelli line had a break last week, which spurred on the thought of replacing and re-routing the existing line to better serve patrons at the bottom of Tucker road. A parts list and pricing is being tabulated. There was also a small leak on the McCurdy farm private property.

A valve was added to the Walmart line at Cascade Avenue for dust suppression, as a new restaurant is being constructed at that location. Les stated that this line is one that would be good to replace if a new line could be run to the west of the current location. The current line follows the sewer line and has many joints to get around manhole structures. As development occurs, the line will be more difficult to repair as needed. Replacement with a straight fused HDPE line would be preferred if cost sharing could be developed.

The Country Club and Barrett intersection is slated to start work the middle of November, the Hood River County insists that the FID vault have a traffic rated lid in place, even though the vault is out on the edge of the right-of-way and unlikely to see any vehicle drive on it. The project will have a cost of ~$15,000 - $25,000.

Reservoir Expansion – Les provided the board with aerial photos of the reservoir’s old and new high water marks and the tentative wetland mitigation sites. The wetland mitigation sites are entirely within the footprint of the expanded reservoir. Water Storage Rights are near completion and much discussion ensued regarding senior and junior water rights, stream flows and the possible installation of a valve on the Stanley Smith pipe for flow control. Niklas is currently running a reservoir filling comparison model. The final joint permit for the Army Corp of Engineers and Division of State Lands wetland mitigation site will be submitted by the end of this week. The Confederated Tribe of Warm Springs timber sale “fish logs” contract is slated for completion by the end of September, however, Les has had a difficult time locating log haulers who can perform the work in a timely manner.

Pump Station PLC and Telemetry – Sierra Controls will be here the first week on November to install the new PLC’s at the pump station. Les also asked Sierra Controls for a quote to migrate our SCADA system to a server which would be located at Plant 3. The new server would allow FID to own and maintain their own SCADA/telemetry system and would allow migration of the remote plant controls away from WonderWare to Clear SCADA which needs to happen in the near future. Les will come back to the Board with a detail of cost and rationale for the additional expense.

Hydro Policy/Legislation – The Oregon Small Scale Hydro Act will be submitted next week. Les will be meeting with legislators in Salem on September 26th.
LEGAL: Elections: Resolution 05-18 (Mail-in-Vote) attached. It was moved by Bill Munk and seconded by Tim Annala to adopt Resolution 05-18. The motion passed with all in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 12:39 p.m.

Signed: ________________________ Erick von Lubken, Chairman

Attest: ________________________ Bill Munk, Secretary