



## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2019

The Board of Directors of the Farmers Irrigation District met on Wednesday, March 20, 2019, 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; District Manager, Les Perkins; Office Manager, June Brock; Water Right Specialist, Rick Brock, Hydro Technician, Zach DeHart and Attorney, Don Hull.

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

### MONTHLY BUSINESS:

The minutes from the January 16, 2019 board meeting were presented and discussed. It was moved by Bill Munk and seconded by Tim Annala to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed with all in favor. There was no February board meeting.

The O&M bills for the months of February and March 2019 were presented and discussed. It was moved by Don Chandler and seconded by Bill Munk to approve the bills in the amount of \$235,028.80 for February and \$222,033.36 for March. 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 \$752,115.91, representing 71% of total 2019 assessments charged versus 73% last year.

**b) Hydro Production** – February's production was projected at 2.9 million kWh. Actual production was 2,262,382 kWh (see attached). Hydro revenue for February was projected at \$227,795.00. Actual revenue was \$180,951.86. End of Month balance including reserves as of March 14th was \$1,314,767.02. March's hydro will be lower due to the Davenport Screen retro-fit, fortunately the business interruption will be reimbursed by the Bureau of Reclamation as they are funding this project. The District received \$154,260.00 from DEQ for the Kingsley Reservoir Disbursement #13.

**c) Manager's Report** – Les reported that the upper reservoir was closed on January 10<sup>th</sup> and is currently 44" from spill. The lower reservoir was closed March 11<sup>th</sup> and is 21" from spill, the Stanley Smith pipe is flowing 1.1 cfs. Snow pack (snow water equivalent) at the Greenpoint Snotel site is at 16.7", the average



median being 17.6". Several farmers have already requested spray/frost water and their lines are being charged.

SCADA/Telemetry System and Pump Station – Zach gave a presentation to the board demonstrating the new SCADA/Telemetry and Pump Station controls installed by Sierra Controls in December. The new controls are accessible on one screen versus three, enabling the crew to make changes/adjustments/set points to the pumps, forebay levels, flows, leads and lags etc. Zach explained that it was a seamless transition with similarities to the old program but with more robust functions and super cyber securities.

GIS - Rick gave a presentation to the board demonstrating the District's GIS mapping program. Rick covered the high-lights of the program which included water right transfers, In-stream leases, beneficial use, mapping layers (tax lots, ownership, boundaries, district pipe lines, private pipe lines, valves, taps, and other district infrastructure). The board thanked Zach and Rick for their presentations.

Airport Project – Rick gave the board an update on the Airport project, this project entails moving the existing Airport line to the north of existing route. All materials (20" and 4" HDPE pipe, HDPE molded tees, valves, couplers, etc.) will be paid for by the Port of Hood River and the project is to get underway late April. All irrigation users affected by the project will be notified. The Port is providing an easement to WAAAM across the pipe.

Reservoir Expansion Project – The delay in the second phase of the reservoir enhancement project is due to permitting restraints from DSL and the Army Corp of Engineers. Currently the ACOE permit is open to public comment and will close April 8<sup>th</sup>. The DSL public comment period closed a few weeks ago with no comment. DEQ 401 (Clean Water) certification requires a 30 day comment period after the ACOE is finalized. Regional Solution's Nate Tice has been working with the State offices to help move the process along. To date the permitting has already had four public comment periods. It is with hopeful intent that all permitting will be finalized and phase II of the reservoir project will proceed with mobilization in early June.

Davenport Screen Retro-fit – On March 18<sup>th</sup>, district staff and Crestline Construction began removing the old screen material in preparation for pouring concrete and installing new wedgewire screen materials, also upgrading the telemetry and installing a new webcam. The project is ahead of schedule and the Bureau of Reclamation will be out to see the new screen in early April. Les also informed the board that the Derby Screen, NV contract should be ready for signatures the first week of April. This large screen installation will provide the District with approximately \$120,000 in royalties.

Hydro Legislation/PUC Developments – HB 3274 a bill sponsored by Representatives Bonham and Helm, Senators Bentz and Roblam. This bill requires eight percent of electricity sold in this state by each electric company that makes sales to 25,000 or more retail electricity consumers to be generated by small-scale renewable energy facilities or certain biomass facilities. The hearing is scheduled for next



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week. Les will travel to Washington DC to speak at the National Hydropower Association (NHA) April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> regarding the importance of Small Scale Hydro and renewable energy.

**LEGAL:**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** As per ORS 192.660 the board moved into Executive Session to discuss a proposed property license agreement.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Bill Munk attended the annual SDAO meeting in Sun River February 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>. Bill informed the board that he attended a lecture on Cyber Crime. This presentation covered topics such as password hacking, email phishing, telephone attacks, social engineering, and online devices and how they are emerging threats against every organization. Bill will provide the board with an email link to this presentation.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

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

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Bill Munk, Secretary