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BOARD MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY JUNE 18, 2025

The Board of Directors of the Farmers Irrigation District met on Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at the district office and via zoom for the purpose of conducting its regular monthly business. Directors in attendance included: Bill Munk, Dani Annala, Don Chandler, and Pete Siragusa. Also in attendance were District Manager, Alexis Vaivoda; Watershed Project Manager, Megan Saunders; and Office Manager, Cassy Stintzi. Director Erick von Lubken was not in attendance.

Chairman Pete Siragusa called the regular meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: Pete Siragusa welcomed the two patrons in attendance, Bernie Yoo and Henry (Andy) Green. Bernie presented a letter to the board that provided his opinion about addressing the budget concerns through a public forum, including a suggested outline for a public meeting. Andy thanked FID and FID board member Don Chandler for time spent helping him with his private system and with general history of Hood River and Farmers Irrigation District.

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

The minutes of the May 21, 2025 board meeting were presented and discussed. Bernie, an FID Patron, requested that the board revise the minutes to include the suggestion that he could help with the Gate Creek project. Don Chandler moved, and Dani Annala seconded to approve the minutes with the revision requested. The motion passed with all those present in favor.

The updated O&M bills for the month of June were presented and discussed. The Directors requested a correction to a description error on the payables list. Don Chandler moved, and Bill Munk seconded to approve the corrected bills as presented in the amount of \$44,286.78. The motion passed with all those present in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION:

FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT:

- a. **A/R Report** – Alexis reported that the District has received \$2,254,877.17 as of June 12, 2025 which represents 93% of the 2025 assessments charged, versus 96% at the same time last year. The EOM balance, including reserves as of June 12, 2025 was \$2,015,143.02 (see attached).
- b. **Hydro Production** – May's production was projected at 1,7000.00 kWh. Actual production was 1,899,103 kWh (see attached). Hydro revenue for May was projected at \$139,876.00. Actual

revenue was \$158,459.94. Actual trending kWh for the year is 59.55% of predicted production for the year.

IRRIGATION & HYDRO STATUS REPORT:

- a. Hydro status:** May's production was good. Overall, the hydro production is ahead of projection for the year. This is most likely due to early snowmelt. Plant 3 was shut down on June 3rd; which is a couple weeks earlier than last year. The District ran into a couple issues with the shutdown of Plant 3. The crew worked very hard and had the pumps operational by 12:00 pm the next day.
- b. Reservoir status:** We have started pulling water from the reservoirs which is about three weeks earlier than last year. We will be working hard to track stored water usage to stay within the water right limits.
- c. System Maintenance:**
 - 1) Bilson Pump, Plant 3: In 2024, four properties adjacent to Plant 3 transitioned to a separate booster pump. The district has received several messages from these property owners with pressure and use issues. The crew did some troubleshooting and exploratory work on their system and found a rock in the regulator. We are evaluating different options that will be more reliable for these patrons.
 - 2) Switchyard, Plant 2: The timbers used to support the insulators at the switchyard are split on the ends. We have been monitoring these over the past year. During the process of getting an estimate for the work to replace these beams, Pacific Power increased the urgency to have the beams replaced. We will have three or four quotes by 6/20 and hope to have the work done on 6/23.

PROJECTS:

Alameda Separation of Service: A separation of services on N. Alameda was completed last month in hopes of resolving a historical issue within the District.

Gate/Cabin Fish Screens: We are in the process of writing a scope of work for an additional wetland delineation for the Gate Creek project. After a site visit with Cindy Theiman from the Hood River Watershed Group and some brainstorming, we have an idea for a mitigation site for the small amount of impacted wetlands.

Farmers Canal: Redlines are currently with Anderson Perry. These drawings should be complete by mid-July and will be ready for NRCS review.

Energy Trust of Oregon Grant: Alexis presented an opportunity for a design grant through the Energy Trust of Oregon with a cost match from CREP. This grant would fund a project to design a battery system at Plant 3 to incorporate smart grid technology, increase resiliency, and power a fleet of electric vehicles. This would require a \$0 investment from FID, but we would need to handle the cash flow for

reimbursements. The total cost of the work is \$39,750 and would include a 30% design, financial pro forma, and assessment report. Bill Munk moved to authorize the grant application, and Don Chandler seconded. The motion passed with all those present in favor.

WATER RIGHTS:

Megan provided an update on the local efforts to oppose SB 1153 at the Oregon Legislature. She also updated the board on the dry spring, earlier high water use, and predictions for low summer streamflow and how that will result in limited water supplies later in the season and the need for water conservation.

MISCELLANEOUS:

2024 Draft Audit- Alexis presented the letter to the board from Accuity regarding the 2024 audit.

2022 Audit Update- Alexis consulted an attorney regarding the 2022 additional invoice from Pauly Rogers for the 2022 audit. The attorney recommended paying the outstanding balance. Alexis paid the additional \$4,000 on June 17, 2025.

Policy #002-Alexis made a variety of edits to the draft Policy #002, including Dani's suggestions, some input from Bernie Yoo (FID patron), and other suggestions following various discussions at the previous board meetings. The board decided to further consider input regarding the policy #002 until the July board meeting.

Oregon Department of Agriculture did a site visit to review our pesticide applicator license documentation. Jeff had everything in order and all was good.

Alexis met with Tom Crawford, one of Maxine Dexter's staffers. Tom is going to see if he can't find a good source or contact for information regarding DOE Section 242 funding.

The City of Hood River is installing a small in-line hydro unit in the Dee area. There were previous discussions to have Zach step into an operation and maintenance role for this unit, but nothing recently.

LEGAL: None

OTHER BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

Signed: _____ Pete Siragusa

Attest: _____ Bill Munk