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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY JULY 16, 2025**

The Board of Directors of the Farmers Irrigation District met on Wednesday, July 16, 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, Erick von Lubken and Pete Siragusa. Also in attendance were Watershed Project Manager, Megan Saunders; and Office Manager, Cassy Stintzi. District Manager, Alexis Vaivoda 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 one patron in attendance, Bernie Yoo and two guests via zoom, whose names were not presented. Pete opened the floor for business and requested that speakers keep to the five-minute rule allowing the Board meeting to continue in a timely manner. Bernie requested that the Board add the letter he presented at the June board meeting to the June board minutes, and a copy be attached to the FID website. The board declined this request, stating the minutes would remain as-is. The two guests joining via zoom were asked if they had anything to discuss and both of them declined.

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

The minutes of the June 18, 2025 board meeting were presented and discussed. It was moved by Don Chandler, and Dani Annala seconded to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed with all those present in favor.

The updated O&M bills for the month of July were presented and discussed. It was moved by Erick von Lubken and seconded by Bill Munk to approve the bills in the amount of \$185,758.76. The motion passed with all those present in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION:

FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT:

- a. **A/R Report** – Megan reported that the District has received \$2,270,062.87 representing 94% of the 2025 assessments charged, versus 97% last year. The EOM balance, including reserves as of July 7, 2025 were \$2,096,744.37 (see attached).
- b. **Hydro Production** – June's production was projected at 1,1000.00 kWh. Actual production was 858,439 kWh (see attached). Hydro revenue for June was projected at \$90,508.00. Actual

revenue was \$71,390.03. Actual trending kWh for the year is 63.42% of predicted production for the year, which is close to the overall predictions for 2025 to date.

IRRIGATION & HYDRO STATUS REPORT:

- a. **Hydro status:** June's production was lower than projected. Plant 3 was shut down a couple weeks earlier than last year. The lower production this year is primarily due to the dry spring, low streamflows, and early high-water use.
- b. **Reservoir status:** Due to dry, hot weather and high-water usage we started using the reservoir 2-3 weeks earlier than normal. We are doing what we can to operate tightly and try to have enough water for the season.
- c. **System Maintenance:** Just the normal seasonal maintenance for this time of year, broken valves, leaks, etc. The crew is still working through some kinks with the Bilson pump and figuring out a game plan for the future.

PROJECTS:

Farmers Canal: Anderson Perry has finished up the design for the Farmers Canal Piping project and it has been submitted to NRCS for review and approval. The design needs to be approved before we can submit a construction funding request. We are hoping to get that submitted by early fall, in order to maintain our match funding from the state. Federal funding is hard to predict, but we are continuing to plan to start this project in October 2026.

Gate/Cabin Fish Screens: We need to complete a wetland delineation for the new areas and update the previous delineation because it has been five years since the last one. Fieldwork will be completed in August. We are still aiming to implement the summer 2026.

Switchyard: Riverline Power LLC completed the switchyard repairs in one day for \$6,700.00. Pacific Power approved the work, and we were back online that day.

WATER RIGHTS: Megan stated SB 1153 died with the end of the session. Unfortunately, the Governor has already stated she is bringing it back in a short session. Farmers ended up being the coordinator for the Basin partners and will likely continue to do so.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Policy #002 – There have been no changes to the Point of Delivery and Private Delivery Systems draft policy since the June meeting. Megan had emailed the board the public comment received about the draft. She asked the board members to highlight specific sections or issues that need more work before the August meeting and/or decide if they were ready to adopt the policy today. Dani had some thoughts based on the comment received that she would email to Alexis. Erick would like to look at the subdivision provisions more closely. Megan asked all board members to provide any comments or edits

to Alexis and her in the next week or so, to give Alexis time to work on the policy before the August meeting.

Policy #101 - FID Employee Personnel Policies and Procedures Handbook was recommended to the Board by the District Manager, Alexis Vaivoda. SDAO and HR Answers have reviewed the Handbook, and the majority of updates are to match current state laws. There are also some minor clarifications to the vacation leave. After much discussion, Erick von Lubken made a motion and Bill Munk seconded to adopt Policy #101 FID Employee Personnel and Procedures Handbook. The motion was passed with all those present in favor.

Budget Committee and Public Outreach – Alexis has started budget preparation and needs the board's clarity on some aspects, including the budget committee schedule, committee appointment process, and public outreach. The board was comfortable with the budget committee having a September meeting separate from the board meeting and an October meeting connected to the board meeting. The board elected to keep the current budget committee members and not implement an application process for this year. Lastly, the board was okay with Alexis holding a public meeting if she thought it would be useful.

LEGAL: None

OTHER BUSINESS: Pete noted a question about the 2024 audit. Alexis and/or Cassy will follow up with the board at the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Signed: _____ Pete Siragusa

Attest: _____ Bill Munk