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BOARD MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

The Board of Directors of the Farmers Irrigation District met on Wednesday, September 17, 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 District Manager, Alexis Vaivoda and Watershed Project Manager, Megan Saunders.

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

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: Pete Siragusa welcomed the patrons in attendance to speak to the Board. Tad McGeer discussed his concerns about FID's building permit signoff process (detailed in his letter). Megan and the Board addressed his concerns. Bernie Yoo thanked Alexis and Megan for, and summarized his thoughts on, the Information Session (detailed in his letter).

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

The minutes of the August 20, 2025 board meeting were presented and discussed. It was moved by Erick von Lubken and seconded by Don Chandler to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed with all those present in favor.

The updated O&M bills for the month of September were presented and discussed. It was moved by Erick von Lubken and seconded by Bill Munk to approve the bills in the amount of \$914,373.36. The motion passed with all those present in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: Alexis shared the communication she received from Columbia Bank discussing the bank's suggestion for reducing the risk of a stolen check in the future. Dani mentioned that this will include additional work for FID staff to implement the bank's proposed process, and the extra charge if it is input wrong. Bill suggested moving more transactions to ACH or online. The bank is monitoring FID's account for the time being. Alexis asked everyone to review the letter and she will bring more information to the next meeting.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION:

FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT:

- a. **A/R Report** – Alexis reported that the District has received \$2,312,596.42 in 2025 so far, representing 96% of the 2025 assessments charged, versus 97% last year. The EOM balance, including reserves as of September 8, 2025 were \$1,910,293.60 (see attached).

- b. **Hydro Production** – August’s production was projected at 500,000 kWh. Actual production was 170,740 kWh (see attached), as Plant 2 was off for much of the month due to low streamflows and high demand. Hydro revenue for August was projected at \$41,140.00. Actual revenue was \$14,518.53. Actual trending kWh for the year is 67.69% of predicted production for the year to date.

IRRIGATION & HYDRO STATUS REPORT:

- a. **Hydro Status:** Plant 3 will be off through shutdown. Plant 2 is back online, but flows are still low.
- b. **Reservoir Status:** The lower reservoir is empty and there is a little over one foot of usable water in the upper reservoir. Alexis is hoping to squeak through the season without rotation. Bill asked if water use dropped as a result of the postcards. Alexis believed so, although it was coupled with shorter days and cooler weather. She noted that there were more calls reporting leaks which was helpful.
- c. **System Maintenance:** Irrigation season ends September 30th and the crew is preparing for shutdown. Work will include the Plant 2 tailrace, Forebay 3 vertical screen repair, Forebay 3 cleanout, Lowline drain repair, 5-year electrical testing in both plants, an abridged penstock inspection, addressing a leak on lower Farmers Canal, and the normal annual maintenance.

PROJECTS:

Gate Creek: The wetland delineation has been completed and is being surveyed. FID can then coordinate with DSL on permitting. Alexis is still aiming for implementation in summer 2026.

Farmers Canal: NRCS has provided comments on the design and Niklas is submitting updated designs next week. Once the design is approved, FID can submit the construction funding request.

WATER RIGHTS: Megan asked the Board how they would like her to handle the building permit issue. They told her to continue following FID’s normal procedure.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Alexis has been advertising the Office Manager position, and received about 60 resumes. Interviews will be conducted this week/next week. Alexis is hoping to have someone start in mid-October.

The Information Session went well. Alexis also participated in a Rotary presentation with MFID and EFID.

FID is required to have an ADA-compliant website in January 2026. Alexis has elected to use Streamline for the new website, which should be an improvement over the current site and should be capable of accepting online payments.

The 2008 Toyota was not bid on again. Alexis asked what the Board wanted to do. They suggested running it again at \$1,000 minimum bid (or OBO).

LEGAL: Resolution 05-25 (Mail-In Vote) – Bill and Dani’s districts are up for election this fall. Alexis read the resolution aloud. It was moved by Erick von Lubken and seconded by Don Chandler to approve Resolution 05-25. The motion passed with all those present in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:49 p.m.

Signed: _____ Pete Siragusa

Attest: _____ Bill Munk