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BOARD MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 19, 2025

The Board of Directors of the Farmers Irrigation District met on Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at the district office and via zoom for the purpose of conducting its regular monthly business. Directors in attendance included: Bill Munk, Don Chandler, Erick von Lubken, Pete Siragusa, and Dani Annala (arrived at 12:05 p.m.). Also in attendance were District Manager Alexis Vaivoda, Watershed Project Manager Megan Saunders, and Office Manager Erika Guth.

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

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: None

INSURANCE UPDATE:

Scott Reynier's insurance update was moved to the front of the agenda. SIDS is interested in covering Farmers Irrigation District hydro facilities, but they may not be ready until the 1st quarter of 2026. SDIS would need to inspect the facilities before establishing coverage. STARR coverage could be terminated if/when the SDIS coverage is approved. Scott will have the STARR renewal and vehicle/equipment/property coverage deductible options in the next week or so. The small trailing flood insurance policy was moved under STARR, after a lost check issue.

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

The minutes of the October 15, 2025 board meeting and budget meeting were presented and discussed. Bernie Yoo requested it be noted that he was in attendance for the October budget meeting. It was moved by Erick Von Lubken and seconded by Bill Munk to approve the minutes with this addition. The motion passed with all those present in favor.

The updated O&M bills for the month of November were presented and discussed. One check was added to correct a payment error for a patron. It was moved by Erick Von Lubken and seconded by Bill Munk to approve the bills in the amount of \$461,131. The motion passed with all those present in favor (Don Chandler was absent).

CORRESPONDENCE:

The 2026 annual invoices were sent out the first week of November. Alexis Vaivoda reported a lot less correspondence compared to last year, but the district is still fielding calls requesting a senior or low-income discount. Bernie Yoo sent a letter to Alexis regarding the private system policy. Alexis will include the letter in the December board meeting agenda.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION:

FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT:

- a. **A/R Report** – Alexis reported that the District has received \$167,966 to date which represents 7% the 2026 assessments charged, versus 5% at the same time last year. The EOM balance, including reserves as of November 8, 2025 was \$876,843.50. Alexis acknowledged a typo in the board packet as the number is correct, but the date is not (see attached).
- b. **Hydro Production** – October's production was projected at 1,200,000 kWh. Actual production was 1,230,7433 kWh (see attached). Hydro revenue for October was projected at \$98,736. Actual revenue was \$103,475. Actual trending kWh for the year is 97.20% of total production.

IRRIGATION & HYDRO STATUS REPORT:

- a. **Hydro Status:** Both plants have been operating well. The penstock inspection report showed minimal change since the last inspection. The electrical inspection reports will likely be available by the December meeting.
- b. **Reservoir Status:** The reservoir is holding steady and FID is passing hydro water through.
- c. **System Maintenance:** The FID crew has primarily been focusing on vegetation maintenance and repairing air vents/valves. Zach is fixing the Deep Cut telemetry site. Some trees will be removed from the Stanley Smith pipeline.

PROJECTS:

HREC Fiber Line to Plant 2: The Plant 2 transition from T1 to fiber is moving forward and Alexis is learning more.

WATER RIGHTS: None

MISCELLANEOUS:

OWRC Conference: The OWRC conference is in Hood River on December 1st through 3rd.

SCADA and Sierra Controls: After an alarm system issue with Twilio, Sierra Controls will take over management of the Twilio account. The alarm system is functional, but still not quite back to normal.

Website: The kickoff meeting with Streamline took place last week and the new website should be active in February 2026.

LEGAL: None

OTHER BUSINESS:

The board asked about and discussed the loan repayment schedule for 2026. They were interested in opening up cash flow. It was moved by Erick Von Lubken and seconded by Bill Munk to pay off R6322 first. The motion passed with all those present in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Signed: _____ Pete Siragusa

Attest: _____ Bill Munk