

FARMERS IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2008

The Board of Directors of the Farmers Irrigation District met on Wednesday, March 19, 2008, at the district office for the purpose of conducting its regular monthly business. Those in attendance were directors Steve Benton, Don Chandler, Tim Annala, Bob Nickelsen and Allan Henderson; District Manager, Mike Kleinsmith; Office and Finance Administrator, Cathy Roberts; Water Rights Manager Rick Brock; Attorney, Jeff Baker; Administrative Assistant, June Brock; Hydro-System Operator, Joe May and System Supervisor, Jamie Kind

Chairman Steve Benton called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

**MONTHLY BUSINESS:**

The minutes of the February 20, 2008 board meeting were presented and discussed. It was moved by Don Chandler and seconded by Bob Nickelsen to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor.

The O&M bills for the month of March 2008 were presented and discussed. It was moved by Don Chandler and seconded by Bob Nickelsen to approve the bills in the amount of \$71,385.84. The motion passed with all in favor.

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:**

- a) A/R report – Cathy Roberts reported that the district has received \$32,929.00 in payments since the February board meeting (68% this year compared to 61% last year). End of Month balance for February was projected at \$575,518.04 with an actual ending balance of \$588,934.13 resulting in a gain of \$13,416.09.
- b) Water Supply and Production – Hydro production for February was projected at 2,250,000 kWh. Actual production was 2,815,377 kWh, resulting in an additional income of \$59,000. The plants are operating at full capacity. Plant 2 is flowing 105 cfs and Plant 3 is flowing 35 cfs. Our snow pack at Greenpoint measures 75 inches with the snow water equivalent measuring 30 inches.

- c) Mike Kleinsmith reported to the board that a meeting was held on March 5, 2008 at the District office. Those in attendance were Mike Kleinsmith, Jerry Bryan, Steve Benton, Peter Richardson (Energy Law Attorney) of Richardson and O'Leary PLLC and Paul Woodin, Executive Director of CREA (Community Renewable Energy Assoc.) and Craig DeHart of Middle Fork Irrigation District. Their meeting covered many topics including Oregon Avoided Cost Rates and Rules, New Power Sales Contracts, potential power sales opportunities including the sale of Green Tags and renewable energy. After extensive discussion it was suggested by the Board that Mr. Richardson and Mr. Woodin be invited back to give a presentation at the April board meeting.
- d) In-Stream water lease – Rick Brock presented an application to the board for In-Stream water right leasing through OWRD. This OWRD application allows 63.15 water right acres to be leased in stream for the 2008 irrigation season thereby preserving the water rights.

**LEGAL:**

Jeff Baker is working with Mike on updating the rules for the CRB (Contract Review Board). Jeff is also working with Mike on drafting a letter to the County regarding the District's intentions with the storm water drainage issue at Tucker Road.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Steve Benton informed the board that the District would be participating in taking irrigation water samples for GAP (Good Agricultural Practices). These water samples would be taken at the source (Hood River) twice a year and the test results would be available to District farmers participating in the GAP program.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Steve Benton, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tim Annala, Secretary