

FARMERS IRRIGATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2008

The Board of Directors of the Farmers Irrigation District met on Wednesday, May 21, 2008, at the district office for the purpose of conducting its regular monthly business. Those in attendance were directors Tim Annala, Steve Benton, Don Chandler and Bob Nickelsen; District Manager, Mike Kleinsmith; Office and Finance Administrator, Cathy Roberts; Administrative Assistant, June Brock and Attorney Jeff Baker

Chairman Steve Benton called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

The minutes of the April 16, 2008 board meeting were presented and discussed. It was moved by Bob Nickelsen and seconded by Don Chandler to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed with all in favor.

The O&M bills for the month of May 2008 were presented and discussed. It was moved by Tim Annala and seconded by Don Chandler to approve the bills in the amount of \$224,133.29. The motion passed with all in favor.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) The Board of Directors reviewed a minor partition application from Craig McMahon (see attached). It was moved by Don Chandler and seconded by Tim Annala to approve the application. The motion passed with all in favor.
- b) The Board of Directors and the District staff received a Thank You card from Anita Kramer and Anita Hasegawa. The District donated \$250.00 to the family to aid in their bereavement costs.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

- a) A/R report – Cathy Roberts reported that the district has received \$33,878.74 in payments since the April board meeting, 89% of receivables this year compared to 88% last year.
The EOM balance was budgeted for \$755,000 with an actual EOM balance of \$1,132,218.86.
- b) Hydro generation for April was projected at 2.35 million Kw, with an actual production

of 2, 86 million Kw; producing an additional 510,000 Kw. Hydro revenue was projected at \$258,784 for April with actual revenue of \$312,550. Currently there are 80cfs flowing through Plant 2 and 30cfs running through Plant 3. Irrigation demand is at 60%. The upper reservoir is full and spilling 10.7cfs into the lower reservoir. The lower reservoir is 14 feet from spill.

- c) Mike Kleinsmith presented to the Board the renewal for Health Insurance. The manager and board discussed the option of raising the deductible to \$1000, but opted to stay with the current plan with an increase in cost of 9.8% over last year. The staff will review the insurance and revisit the policy prior to next year's renewal, with the goal of keeping the cost of insurance affordable without jeopardizing coverage. After much discussion the board accepted the new insurance as presented. It was moved by Don Chandler and seconded by Tim Annala. The motion passed with all in favor.
- d) Mike Kleinsmith informed the Board that there will be a mandatory pre-proposal conference for interested contractors for the LDPP (Lower District Pressurization Project) Phase 2 and 4 at the district office on Tuesday, May 27, 2008 at 10:00a.m. To date there are five interested contractors.

LEGAL:

Jeff Baker and Joe May are continuing work on easements for the LDPP-Wind Master Corner area.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The district will be receiving a response letter from Hood River County regarding drainage concerns on Tucker Road. The Board and the manager discussed at length the storm water drainage concerns on Tucker Road as the possible result of open ditches being replaced with pipe.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business Chairman Steve Benton adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

Signed: _____
Tim Annala, Secretary

Attest: _____
Steve Benton, Chairman