

FARMERS IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2009

The Board of Directors of the Farmers Irrigation District met on Wednesday, July 15, 2009, at the district office for the purpose of conducting its regular monthly business. Those in attendance were directors Steve Benton, Don Chandler, Tim Annala and Allan Henderson; District Manager, Mike Kleinsmith; Financial Administrator, Cathy Roberts; Water Rights Specialist, Rick Brock; Administrative Assistant, June Brock and Attorney Jeff Baker.

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

**MONTHLY BUSINESS:**

The minutes of the June 17, 2009 board meeting were presented and discussed. It was moved by Don Chandler and seconded by Tim Annala to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed with all in favor.

The O&M bills for the month of July 2009 were presented and discussed. It was moved by Tim Annala and seconded by Allan Henderson to approve the bills in the amount of \$441,126.99. The motion passed with all in favor.

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a) The Board of Directors reviewed two water right applications from Jack and Beverly DeHart (see attached). It was moved by Don Chandler and seconded by Tim Annala to approve the applications as presented. The motion passed with all in favor.
- b) The Board of Directors reviewed a water right application from Colby and Becci Crane (see attached). It was moved by Don Chandler and seconded by Tim Annala to approve the application as presented. The motion passed with all in favor.
- c) The Board of Directors reviewed a water right application from East Side Congregation of Jehovah's Witness (see attached). It was moved by Don Chandler and seconded by Tim Annala to approve the application as presented. The motion passed with all in favor.
- d) The Board of Directors acknowledged receipt of the Tucker-Orchard SW MOU. This MOU has been re-formatted to reflect the standard District format as stipulated at the June board meeting. (see attached).

- e) The Board of Directors reviewed a MOU from Eliot Small User Group (see attached). It was moved by Don Chandler and seconded by Tim Annala to approve the application as presented. The motion passed with all in favor.

### **REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:**

- a) A/R report – Cathy Roberts reported that the district has received \$10,698.28 in payments since the June board meeting. The budgeted end-of-month balance was \$1,383,063.27. The actual end-of-month balance of \$1,372,624.23.

Hydro generation for June was projected at 950,000 kWh. Actual production was 1,551,797 million KWh; producing an additional 601,797 kWh. Hydro revenue was projected at \$122,022.78 for June with actual revenue of \$184,669.35.

Lien notice warning letters were sent out to delinquent accounts on July 7, 2009.

Columbia Gorge Hospitality has filed for bankruptcy. Attorney Jeff Baker will follow up.

- b) Manager's report - Mike Kleinsmith informed the board that both reservoirs are one foot down from full capacity. Currently there are 3,514 gpm flowing through Methodist Road Pump Station, 1,257 gpm flowing through Peters Road Pump Station and 1,692 gpm flowing in the 24" gravity pipe. There are 48cfs flowing through Plant 2, and 1.6cfs through Plant 3.

Mike informed the board that amendment A-7 to House Bill 2940 did not pass legislation for pre-995 hydro recs. Suzanne VanOrman and Brian Clem worked hard to lobby for passage of this amendment in the 2009 legislative session. Hopefully it will pass by 2010.

Farmers Irrigation District was informed on July 10<sup>th</sup> by Rick Watters of Oregon DEQ that the District will receive \$4 million in stimulus funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. It was moved by Don Chandler and seconded by Allan Henderson that Farmers Irrigation District enter into contract agreement with the DEQ to obtain stimulus funds and establish any appropriate accounts if required. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mike is waiting to hear from Rick Creager of OWEB regarding funding of the Indian Creek Corridor project.

The new Avoided Cost Rates (ACR's) from PacifiCorp were published this week. The rates are much lower than anticipated. Last month Peter Richardson had sent a formal letter to PacifiCorp informing them that we are ready to proceed. Mike will hopefully be having a conference call with Peter Richardson and Paul Woodin to go over what the next step is going to be.

The Lower District Pressurization Project is 99% complete. The district has received many compliments for the work that has been done by Kerr Contractors on this project.

**LEGAL:**

Attorney, Jeff Baker mailed seven lien notices to delinquent A/R accounts on July 13th. Jeff has also been working with Jerry Bryan on RFP language for the removal of the pumps at the Methodist Road pump station.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Board member Don Chandler is meeting this week with Craig Dehart of Middle Fork Irrigation for a tour of their district.

**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