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BOARD MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2026

The Board of Directors of the Farmers Irrigation District met on Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at the district office and via Zoom for the purpose of conducting its regular monthly business. Those in attendance were Directors Pete Siragusa, Don Chandler, Bernard Yoo, Erick von Lubken, and Dani Annala; District Manager Alexis Vaivoda; Watershed Project Manager Megan Saunders; and Office Manager Erika Guth.

Chairman Pete Siragusa called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: Pete Siragusa welcomed two audience members via Zoom. The floor was open for comments. However, no business was presented.

MONTHLY BUSINESS: The Board entered discussion regarding meeting minutes and notetaking procedures. Approval of the March 2026 meeting minutes was deferred until the July 2026 meeting. Erick von Lubken made a motion to have Bernard Yoo take July 2026 minutes on an interim basis, subject to review by office staff. Don Chandler seconded the motion. Pete Siragusa, Dani Annala, Bernard Yoo, Erick von Lubken, and Don Chandler voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the May 20, 2026 Board meeting were presented and discussed. Bernard Yoo referenced his letter to the Board from June 16, 2026; subject: "Proposed amendment to May 20 minutes, to avoid setting undesired precedent". Bernard Yoo made a motion to use his suggested language for the "Correspondence" section of May 2026 minutes. With no second to the motion, the motion failed.

Bernard Yoo made a motion to modify the "Correspondence" section of May 2026 minutes by using his suggested language, with the addition of the original sentences that describe the Board member votes. Dani Annala seconded the motion. Following discussion, no formal vote was taken.

Erick von Lubken made a motion to accept the May 2026 meeting minutes, replacing the phrase "additional amendment" with "corrected amendment". Don Chandler seconded the motion. Pete Siragusa, Don Chandler, Dani Annala, and Erick von Lubken voted in favor; Bernard Yoo voted against. The motion passed.

The O&M bills for the month of June were presented and discussed. It was moved by Erick von Lubken and seconded by Don Chandler to approve the bills in the amount of \$56,091.56. Pete Siragusa, Bernard Yoo, Erick von Lubken, Dani Annala, and Don Chandler voted in favor. The motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: Two letters from Board member Bernard Yoo were presented to the Board: "Suggestions to Improve Meeting Minutes Amendment Process" and "Public ownership of water in Oregon; implications for

transparency in decisions”. Bernard Yoo proposed to table the discussion about “Suggestions to Improve Meeting Minutes Amendment Process” until the July 2026 meeting. The Board agreed to revisit this correspondence at the July meeting.

Regarding the letter, June 8, 2026; subject: “Public ownership of water in Oregon; implications for transparency in decisions”, Alexis will invite Bob Wood, Oregon Water Resources Department Watermaster, to the July 2026 meeting to explain the topic of water rights in greater detail.

MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION:

FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT:

- a. **A/R Report** – Alexis reported that the District has received \$2,309,663 to date, representing 95% of the 2026 assessments charged, versus 93% last year. The EOM balance, including reserves, as of June 11, 2026 was \$1,822,495.
- b. **Hydro Production** – May production was projected at 1,700,000 kWh. Actual production was 1,828,375 kWh (see attached). Hydro revenue for May was projected at \$83,096. Actual revenue was \$87,607. Year-to-date production is trending at 101.1% of projections.

IRRIGATION & HYDRO STATUS REPORT:

Reservoir Status: Megan displayed a graph of stream flows and water supply, comparing 2015 trends to 2026. As of June 2026, summer stream-flows are forecasted to be 60-65% of average. The District is seeking to conserve reservoir water for as long as possible to ensure supply through the end of the irrigation season.

Drought Plan: The proposed drought plan remains the same as the May 2026 meeting and some actionable steps have been taken. Upper District patrons have been restricted to 75% of their water right. Communication of this restriction was made via email, phone calls, door hangers, and website updates. The District plans to mail post cards to patrons with a mid-season update and to announce a similar restriction for Middle District users (to reduce to 75% of their water right) once demand exceeds Lowline water supplies.

System Maintenance:

1. **Pump station issues:** The VFD on ICC pump #1 had an internal short, causing the pump to shut off on Monday, June 15. A new VFD has been ordered and will be installed by Bryan Zuecher. Additionally, the crew discovered issues with LDP pump #2. Bryan tested the motor and determined that the motor itself is bad and needs to be rewound. Alexis is getting quotes for repair costs.
2. **Plant 3 flowmeter:** There are issues with the flowmeter in the penstock upstream of plant 3. Alexis noted that the unit was installed in 1987 and last serviced in 2007. Since plant 3 was shut down last week, this is a lower priority project that will be addressed during the October 2026 systemwide shut down.

Hydro Status: Plant 2 has been operating well and tracking close to generation from last year. Plant 3 was shut off on June 3, the same day as 2025. It was brought back online from June 8-13 but will likely remain off for the remainder of summer.

PROJECTS:

Farmers Canal Piping Project: NRCS-OR reported a PL-566 funding shortage for the remainder of the fiscal year. The congressionally directed spending request funds are secured for the project (\$2 million); however, the remaining project funding has been waitlisted. Based on current funding status, including the CDS funding, OWRD funding, and FIP funding, the District is planning to move forward with the lower Farmers Canal piping project, with installation beginning October 2027.

Cabin Creek Fish Screen: The District is moving forward with the Cabin Creek fish screen project. Elias will be fabricating the screen with material purchased from SMF. The anticipated installation date is during the 2026 in-water work window, which is July 15 to August 31.

WATER RIGHTS: None

MISCELLANEOUS:

Plant 2 access on Copper Dam Road: The sale of the Red Barn Orchard property on Copper Dam Road is currently underway, with the transaction moving towards final closing. Alexis will be meeting with stakeholders to discuss how new ownership might change access to Plant 2 via Copper Dam Road.

SDIS Insurance: SDIS is planning a site visit this summer to develop an insurance quote.

Board of Accountancy decision: The Board of Accountancy closed the inquiry regarding the 2022 audit issue with Pauly Rogers.

LEGAL: None

OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Signed: _____ Pete Siragusa

Attest: _____ Bernard Yoo