



**BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2016**

The Board of Directors of the Farmers Irrigation District met on Wednesday, July 20, 2016, at the district office for the purpose of conducting its regular monthly business. Those in attendance were directors Erick von Lubken, Tim Annala, Don Chandler, Bill Munk and Pete Siragusa; District Manager, Les Perkins; Office Manager, June Brock; and Attorney, Jeff Baker.

Chairman Erick von Lubken called the meeting to order at 11:57 a.m.

**MONTHLY BUSINESS:**

The minutes of the June 15, 2016 board meeting were presented. It was moved by Bill Munk and seconded by Pete Siragusa to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed with all in favor.

The O&M bills for the month of July 2016 were presented. It was moved by Don Chandler and seconded by Bill Munk to approve the bills in the amount of \$175,077.50. The motion passed with all in favor.

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

A Water Right Application was submitted by Ellen and Tim Heltzel (see attached). After discussion with legal counsel, board and management, it was moved by Pete Siragusa and seconded by Bill Munk to approve the application as presented. The motion passed with all in favor.

**REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:**

**a) A/R Report** – Les reported that the district has received \$984,014.46 to date representing 97% of total 2016 assessments charged versus 97% last year.

**b) Hydro Production** – June's production was projected at 1,650,000 kWh. Actual production was 990,791 kWh (see attached) putting hydro production at 60.05% for the month and trending at 84.92% for the year. Hydro revenue for June was projected at \$113,058.00. Actual revenue was \$69,320.45. EOM balance for June, including reserves, as of July 14th was \$1,554,182.49.

**c) Manager's Report** – Les reported that as of July 15<sup>th</sup>, the upper reservoir was down 3/4' and the lower reservoir was down 3'. Flows in the Hood River are ~375 – 400 cfs. Plant 3 was off line for most of the month.



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Lowline Insurance Claim - \$400,396.47 was received from insurance on July 8<sup>th</sup>, we are still waiting for the monies for the business interruption loss.

North Greenpoint Pipeline Project – The RFP and Pipe Bid public announcements will be posted July 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> with a mandatory pre-proposal conference set for August 3<sup>rd</sup> at the district office.

Reservoir Expansion Project – Les has been working with OWRD regarding procurement of an additional 650 acre feet of water rights for the upper dam. Les has also been working with Hood River County Forestry Department for a possible land trade/sale or possible lease to trade. There was discussion regarding camp ground relocation and rock pit development as part of the agreement with the County. A draft agreement will be drawn up between FID and HR County Forestry for board review.

Plant 3 Controls Upgrade Project – A high percentage of the equipment for Plant 3 has been procured with the HPU and Exciter arriving late September. Plant 2 will be down for a maximum of 1 week early in late September to accommodate the installation of the air blast cooling unit. Switchyard work to be completed and to be in compliance with our PAC Interconnection Agreement requirements will happen in mid to late August. Expect both plants to be off-line for as much as two weeks. The plant 3 controls will be installed starting in late August and continuing until mid-October. Shooting for re-starting Plant 3 by the third week in October.

190 Status Report – Les has had discussion with Middle Fork Irrigation District's manager, Craig DeHart, with an upcoming meeting with East Fork Irrigation District's manager, John Buckley regarding the 190 concept. Les has spoken with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs regarding 190, and they are potentially willing to provide funds for an engineer/GIS technician to cover EFID's share of the 190 collaboration.

Liability Discussion – Legal counsel received a letter from SDAO's insurance department regarding the Recreational Immunity Statute. This came about due to a legally blind woman who was jogging through Portland's Tom McCall Waterfront Park when she stepped into a hole and badly injured herself has the legal authority to sue city workers, this ruling came from the Oregon Supreme Court. Much discussion ensued and it is hoped that the legislature will rectify this statute in 2017.

Fiber Optic Lines – On July 12<sup>th</sup> both Plant 2 and Plant 3 were connected via fiber-optic lines. It's hope that in the very near future we will have new connection via HREC to the district office via line-of-sight from the radio tower and the district's remote telemetry sites via line-of-sight via a pole or tower from Lowline.

**LEGAL:**



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Oregon Ethics Law Policy – Tabled from the June board meeting, after clarification from SDAO’s underwriting department regarding monetary disclosures by board members (see attached). It was moved by Bill Munk and seconded by Pete Siragusa to adopt the Oregon Ethics Law Policy as presented. The motion passed with all in favor.

Draft 1 Time Offer for Delinquent Accounts - After minor editing FID staff were permitted to go forth with the one-time offer for delinquent accounts letter. This proposal gives the patron the option of giving up water rights in lieu of paying past due assessments and lien processing (see attached).

Heltzel Agreement - Attorney, Jeff Baker provided the board with a Memorandum of Agreement between Farmers Irrigation District and Ellen and Tim Heltzel (see attached).

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Board members asked legal counsel about the legality of media attending Executive Sessions.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Bill Munk, Secretary

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Erick von Lubken, Chairman