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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2017**

The Board of Directors of the Farmers Irrigation District met on Wednesday, August 16, 2017, 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, and Bill Munk; District Manager, Les Perkins; Office Manager, June Brock; and Attorney, Don Hull.

Chairman Erick von Lubken called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

The minutes and executive minutes of the June 28, 2017 board meetings were presented, (there was no July board meeting). It was moved by Don Chandler and seconded by Bill Munk to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed with all in favor.

The O&M bills for the month of July 2017 were presented. It was moved by Bill Munk and seconded by Don Chandler to approve the bills in the amount of \$116,206.35. The motion passed with all in favor.

The O&M bills for the month of August 2017 were presented. It was moved by Bill Munk and seconded by Don Chandler to approve the bills in the amount of \$208,110.13. The motion passed with all in favor.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

a) A/R Report – Les reported that the district has received \$1,009,649.20 to date representing 97% of total 2017 assessments charged versus 97% of last year's assessments. 2 liens were satisfied.

Total accounts balance, including reserves, as of August 10th was \$1,809,259.92.

b) Hydro Production – July's production was projected at 900,000 kWh. Actual production was 819,723 kWh (see attached) putting hydro production at 91.08% for the month and trending at 103.41% for the year. Hydro revenue for July was projected at \$61,668.00. Actual revenue was \$56,776.95.

c) Manager's Report – Les reported that Zach is currently installing new cooling fans at Plant 3. The new fans will match the fans at Plant 2 and should help to address some of the issues associated with high building temperatures. Irrigation season is going well, however some cavitation and heat issues with pump #1 at Plant 3 have arisen, but the other pumps are working without the assistance of pump #1 and



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have been maintaining pressure to the system. The irrigation line feeding Rand road (May Street intersection) which has constantly been problematic will be abandoned and replaced with a new irrigation line coming from 30th street. The old line down Rand will be capped. The Cox line had a new PRV installed to address pressure spikes in that system. It was the last line off the penstock that wasn't PRV protected.

Les is still looking for growers in the middle and upper district to participate in the OWEB/SWCD conservation program.

Several sub-divisions are currently under construction in the Belmont and surrounding areas, Barrel Springs, Stella Lane PUD, Gilbert Place and a major partition on Multnomah. A condition of approval of the Multnomah project was installation of a new 1200 foot long, 3 inch pipeline. This new pipeline will allow the District to cease dumping water into Ash Swale and will conserve water.

ODOT has requested that an irrigation vault located on the corner of Country Club and Barrett be moved, much discussion ensued regarding who would pay for the vault relocation. As the design progresses, FID will gain clarity on where the new vault can be located and who will be responsible for the cost.

Reservoir Expansion – To date all permitting has been completed for Phase 1 and permitting is underway for Phase 2. The crew has begun to empty the upper reservoir for the upcoming construction, at this burn rate there is approximately 19 days of upper reservoir water remaining, however the lower reservoir should see us through to the end of irrigation season, the district will contact upper and middle land owners to inform them if we feel that they may need to cut back towards the end of the season.

2 rock pit sources are available for Phase 2 of the reservoir project and Crestline will start exploring development of these sources in September. Hood River county has sold the timber sale that encompasses the borrow pit area and road alignments for the campground. The timber sale on the west side of the reservoir includes construction of the north/south road which will commence in September. Hood River Forestry would like to see a gentler gradient to the Kingsley road, so it may change its course in the future. There was also discussion regarding running electricity to Kingsley reservoir and posting "motorized boating is prohibited" signs. Les provided OWRD with a progress report yesterday.

Telemetry – Waylon Bowers of OS Electric was on site July 17th & 18th to assess our current telemetry sites, SCADA and power plants. Waylon will provide the district with a proposal and any necessary changes/upgrades shortly.

GIS – Les and Rick participated in a GIS webinar on Tuesday provided by Rusty Merritt. The district is looking to get a quote for in-house GIS options, with the intent of including other local domestic and



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irrigation water districts. Lisa Lee, GIS specialist for COID, will be meeting with Les and Rick in the near future to go over their system and to outline what might work well for FID.

On-line Bill Pay – ACS provided the district with their on-line bill pay program. After review, management and staff determined their program to be expensive. We will seek other options.

Lowline Pipeline – Les was notified by Lisa Meyer of Cozen O’Conner that the logger that caused damage in 2015 to the Lowline pipeline is going to court rather than settling. An inspection of the pipeline is scheduled for September 18th with the new opposing counsel. This is in subrogation and will not impact the District other than potentially being able to recover the deductible cost. The District was already compensated for the loss minus the deductible.

SDIS has notified the district of a new law regarding cellphone usage while driving. The district’s policy will be changed to be in accordance with the new law.

LEGAL: Auditor – To date the district has not received our 2015 or 2016 audits. We have reached out to our auditor multiple times with absolutely no response. Les contacted our legal counsel to see what the next course of action is! Les will reach out to other districts that use Mr. Barnett to see if they are having similar problems. Les will also look into options for filing a complaint with the Board of Accountancy.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 1:00p.m.

Signed: _____ Erick von Lubken, Chairman

Attest: _____ Bill Munk, Secretary