



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2018

The Board of Directors of the Farmers Irrigation District met on Wednesday, March 21, 2018, 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, Don Hull.

Chairman Erick von Lubken called the meeting to order at 11:58 a.m.

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

The minutes of the February 21, 2018 board meeting were presented and discussed. It was moved by Pete Siragusa 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 March 2018 were presented and discussed. It was moved by Bill Munk and seconded by Tim Annala to approve the bills in the amount of \$275,149.24. The motion passed with all in favor.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

A Water Right Application was submitted by Lori Jepsen (see attached). It was moved by Tim Annala and seconded by Pete Siragusa 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 \$758,126.62, representing 73% of total 2018 assessments charged versus 68% last year.

b) Hydro Production – February's production was projected at 2.8 million kWh. Actual production was 2,798,035 kWh (see attached). Hydro revenue for February was projected at \$206,276.00. Actual revenue was \$210,264.07. End of Month balance including reserves as of March 15th was \$1,822,094.02. March's hydro will be close to projection due to unseasonably warm temperatures and the lack of precipitation earlier in the month.

c) Manager's Report – Les reported that the upper reservoir is 23" from spill and the lower reservoir is 7' from spill. Snow pack (snow water equivalent) at the Greenpoint Snotel site is at 7.5", the average being 16.9". Many farmers have already requested spray/frost water and their lines are charged.



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The Rand Road line has been completed with PRV's now located at the end of 30th & Sherman Street. Many of the Districts' PRVs, taps and service manifolds have been maintained and/or upgraded (some of the PRV's have been relocated). All critical irrigation maintenance and de-winterization projects are under commencement and due to be completed prior to the upcoming irrigation season. Plant 3, Lower District Pump #2 was sent in for its annual maintenance/rebuild. Zach has completed the cooling system for Plant 3 along with preparing storage units for the District's operation and maintenance inventory.

Reservoir Expansion Project – There has been a delay in the 2018 phase of the reservoir enhancement project due to permitting restraints from DSL and the Army Corp of Engineers. Some limited construction may be carried out such as rock pit development, upstream dyke preparation, relocating the inlet pipe and structure, road development, timber harvest and camp site preparation. Land Trade and campground replacement agreement are progressing and are currently with legal counsel. ERM will be working on the wetland delineation between the reservoirs. OWRD's Seasonally Varying Flow (SVF) Analysis and Water Right applications should be completed by May, and the District has received a fish passage exemption. According to DSL, Ditch Creek was designated an ESH stream in 2014 which is incorrect. Rod French, ODFW District Biologist, sent an email stating that the ESH designation is incorrect but it will likely take significant time and effort to get the designation changed. Signs will be placed at the bottom of Kingsley Road indicating reservoir and campground closure. Hood River County sheriffs have ticketed trespassers.

POWER – Les will be attending a Community Choice Energy Forum in April to learn more about how CCA's have affected and reshaped the power market in California.

GIS – Rick has had great success building layers and water rights onto the district's GIS mapping program.

LEGAL: Attorneys, Don Hull and Ruben Cleveland are working with Les on the reservoir's land trade and timber sales.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:49 p.m.

Signed: _____ Erick von Lubken, Chairman

Attest: _____ Bill Munk, Secretary