



**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2018**

The Board of Directors of the Farmers Irrigation District met on Wednesday, July 18, 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; Attorney, Don Hull and FCA Director, Julie O’Shea.

Chairman Erick von Lubken called the meeting to order at 11:53 a.m.

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

The minutes of the June 20, 2018 board meeting were presented. It was moved by Don Chandler 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 2018 were presented. It was moved by Pete Siragusa and seconded by Bill Munk to approve the bills in the amount of \$52,458.92. The motion passed with all in favor.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: FCA – Director of FCA, Julie O’Shea gave the board an update of screen designs and construction that are currently underway, the most exciting being a Bureau of Reclamation 600 cfs screen “the Derby screen” located on the Truckee River in Nevada, the contract should be finalized by November and approved by May of 2019 with a tentative construction date of 2021. Members of the BOR will be onsite this week to tour the Davenport screen, Coe Creek and Dead Point screens, these screens have different screen materials, one being perforated and the other two wedgewire. The BOR is considering funding a large portion of the Davenport screen retro fit as a physical model of the much larger Derby Dam installation The retrofit would include all new wedgewire screen material as well as a slight reconfiguration of the screen itself. Approximately 4 – 7 small, 12-15 cfs screens will be installed in 2018. FCA is looking to install larger 50-100 cfs screens in the next few years throughout 7 western states and have branched out as far as Colorado for installation. FCA has also been working on infrastructure modernization with 20 other irrigation districts throughout Oregon. FCA is also looking into the option of forming a piping company. Julie provided the board with a list of royalties paid from 2006 through July 2018 (see attached). The board thanked Julie for her presentation.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

a) A/R Report – Les reported that the district has received \$1,910,473.22 to date representing 98% of total 2018 assessments charged versus 96% last year.



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b) Hydro Production – June’s production was projected at 1.2 million kWh. Actual production was 853,947 kWh (see attached) putting hydro production at 68.32% for the month and trending at 62.45% for the year, this June has been unseasonably hot and lower than expected river flows. Hydro revenue for June was projected at \$88,404.00. Actual revenue was \$64,095.94. July is expected to be below estimates as well due to low river flows and high demand due to high temperatures. EOM balance for June, including reserves, as of July 12th was \$1,910,473.22.

c) Manager’s Report – Les provided the board with a history of the reservoir status per acre feet from 2008 through 2018 (created by Rick, see attached). As of July 16th, 2018 there are ~735 acre feet remaining in the reservoirs. An irrigation water conservation letter will be sent out to ALL users within the district, requesting conservation measures throughout the remainder of the irrigation season. The crew will control pressure with PRV’s as is necessary.

Board member – Bill Munk broached the subject of private systems, sub-divisions that have no easements regarding responsibilities and maintenance of irrigation lines. Erick von Lubken and Don Chandler pointed out to Bill that it was the district’s responsibility to provide water to the high point of the quarter/quarter as per District Policy, after that all irrigation lines are private, to which it is the homeowners’ responsibility to handle repairs and maintenance. Much discussion ensued. Board consensus was to continue with existing policy.

Reservoir Expansion Project – Les informed the board that he received an email from DSL (2 weeks after the fact) stating that they were on-site June 19th. DSL made no effort to contact Les or the district that they were making an inspection. Les pointed out that DSL staff entered a restricted/closed area. After much deliberation between FID and DSL, Les met and toured with Cindy Thieman, Hood River Watershed Group Coordinator at the reservoir to address solutions to DSL’s requests. Les had a phone call with Heidi Hartman of DSL and Heidi agreed with Cindy’s suggestions and requested photos when the work is completed. Les will be meeting with the wetland mitigation consulting team on July 19th to finalize the mitigation plan to be submitted to DSL and ACOE. Les is slated to have a phone call with the DSL mitigation authority in the next few weeks to gain acceptance of the plan. Les also informed the board that the reservoir’s water rights as per OWRD’s seasonal varying flows (SVF) process is soon to be completed, hopefully by August.

Other issues have arisen regarding our existing DEQ CWSRF Reservoir Expansion Project loan, Les provided the board with a letter that was sent to DEQ’s Project Officer, Bonnie Lamb for review.

Land Trade – The land trade Agreement was finalized and approved by the Hood River County Commissioners on July 16, 2018. A check will be needed in the amount of \$146,000 for closing to cover the difference in value between the two tracts. Following this we will begin the process of creating a timber sale to remove the timber from below the new high water line.



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Equipment Needs – The district is in need of a 1 ½ ton dump truck, an excavator and a brush arm for cleaning canal overgrowth and a trailer.

Don asked how the parts list was coming along? We have quotes from multiple vendors and the room has been created at P3 for parts storage. We will first acquire the Romac couplers, followed by valves, and then miscellaneous parts.

Pump Station PLC Project – The PLC upgrade is scheduled for November. Our Wonderware (Industrial Software) maintenance agreement is up for renewal in August (\$8,000). We are seeking a quote from Sierra Controls to move away from Wonderware for the Plants and move to Clear Scada.

Country Club and Barrett Intersection – The removal and installation of the irrigation/PRV vault and pipeline will be relocated northwards in November due to ODOT widening this intersection. Parts are ~\$14,000.00 not including our labor, plus flaggers and a large trackhoe will be needed for the project.

Hydro Policy – OWRC is working on creating a bill with an 8 cent floor for in-conduit hydro, stay tuned.

LEGAL: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Signed: _____ Bill Munk, Secretary

Attest: _____ Erick von Lubken, Chairman