



## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2019**

The Board of Directors of the Farmers Irrigation District met on Wednesday, April 17, 2019, 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; Watershed Project Manager, Megan Saunders and Attorney, Don Hull.

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

### **MONTHLY BUSINESS:**

The minutes of the March 20, 2019 board meeting were presented and discussed. 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 April 2019 were presented and discussed. It was moved by Pete Siragusa and seconded by Bill Munk to approve the bills in the amount of \$121,117.32. 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 \$885,103.17 to date representing 83% of total 2019 assessments charged vs 80% last year. Balance including reserves as of April 11th was \$1,498,089.97. The District purchased a used 2006 Ford Escape for a whopping \$3532.00 (money well spent).

**b) Hydro Production** – March's production was projected at 3.00 million kWh. Actual production was 1,828,833 kWh (see attached). Two weeks of hydro revenue will be reimbursed by the Bureau of Reclamation for the Davenport Screen retro-fit. Hydro revenue for March was projected at \$235,650.00. Actual revenue was \$145,371.56. April's hydro production could be lower than anticipated due to stream/river flows.

**c) Manager's Report** – Les reported that both the upper and lower reservoirs are full and almost at spill. Snotel at North Greenpoint SWE is at 92%, Red Hill is at 100% and Mt. Hood SWE = 47.9 or 112". Irrigation lines are being charged and the water year outlook seems to be favorable.



Reservoir Project – The saga continues with on-going permitting requests from ACOE and DEQ’s 401 Certification. The good news is that we now have our DSL permit. Much discussion ensued regarding the possibility of working in the upland (above wetlands and OHW) outside of permit restrictions, Crestline could possibly mobilize and work for 45 days if need be. A “DRAFT” letter will be written to DEQ stating that the District assumes 100% of responsibility to work under its own funding.

Les met with OWRD’s Deputy Director, Doug Woodcock to discuss the difficult processing of the Reservoir Enhancement Project’s new water right allocation and our existing funding through OWRD.

Telemetry/Scada – A new PLC was installed at the pump station, and new probes and flow meters are being replaced throughout the infrastructure. Work will begin soon on moving the headgate/screen telemetry/SCADA to the new SCADA platform. We will then begin slowly migrating the other sites to the new SCADA platform during 2019. The addition of new sites will occur in 2020 (upper and lower reservoir, Gate Creek).

Davenport Screen Rebuild – Within a two week work window (the last two weeks of March) the old screen was dismantled, (we were able to reuse a lot of the existing materials) a new concrete entrance flume was poured, fabrication of a new substructure, installation of new taper walls, installation of new weir wall, installation of three 12” flush pipes, two 4” sediment management pipes, along with the new wedgewire screen materials. This project was funded by the Bureau of Reclamation and they were on site for inspection on April 4<sup>th</sup>. As nature would have it, the river flows were at ~4200 cfs and the screen functioned extremely well, no fouling even with really dirty water.

Hydro Market/Policy – As of April 16<sup>th</sup>, HB3274 was referred to Rules by order of the Speaker of the House.

3 Phase Renewables - Is a leading supplier of comprehensive renewable energy solutions with interest in local renewables product.

Les informed the Board of the Hardy Capacity Report and its shortfall of electricity. This report shows that new and existing resources will gain in value due to the lack of resources and increasing demand.

NHA Efforts – National Hydropower Association Les was in Washington, D.C. last week speaking at the Water Power Week conference in support of small scale hydro and the need for regulatory reform/incentives.

**LEGAL:** Liability related to beginning reservoir construction without final permits. A “DRAFT” letter will be generated and sent to DEQ. As discussed at last month’s board meeting, NO action will be taken regarding the Red Barn Road License Agreement.



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**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

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

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Bill Munk, Secretary