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BOARD MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Farmers Irrigation District met on Wednesday, August 19, 2020, at the district office lawn for the purpose of conducting its regular monthly business. Those in attendance were directors Erick von Lubken, 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 12:00 p.m.

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

The minutes of the July 15, 2020 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 August 2020 were presented. It was moved by Don Chandler and seconded by Bill Munk to approve the bills in the amount of \$624,565.84. The motion passed with all in favor.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

A/R Report – Les reported that the district has received \$1,062,441.68 to date representing 99% of total 2020 assessments charged versus 98% of last year's assessments.

End of Month balance, including reserves, as of August 13th was \$1,469,965.68.

Hydro Production – July's production was projected at 700,000 kWh. Actual production was 858,688 kWh (see attached) putting hydro production at 122.67% for the month and trending at 61.89% for the year. Hydro revenue for July was projected at \$57,596.00. Actual revenue was \$71,753.52. August is expected to be below average due to low river and stream flows.

Manager's Report – Les told the board that the reservoir and river levels are extremely low, at the current burn rate we will not make it through the end of the irrigation season. District Staff have been reducing pressures at PRV's and temporarily shutting down parts of the District to keep the system watered through the night. Due to the high demand, high temperatures, low snow pack and low river and stream flows we are asking our patrons to cut back irrigation usage by 50%. Notification has been posted on the Website and June is contacting middle and upper district users via phone. Megan has



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been collecting data from Parkertown (free water). This water source is only entitled to 1.25cfs of Ditch Creek water rights. Preliminary data suggest that the Parkertown diversion has been supplemented by as much as 0.5cfs of reservoir water. Megan will continue to collect data to allow for a discussion following irrigation season.

August 16th through August 30th, Farmers Canal is drawing 40cfs for irrigation as per DEQ and LIHI agreements (agreed upon annual shutdown period). The flow was also reduced prior to the 16th to meet the minimum flow agreements for the main stem Hood River (below 250 cfs for three days). A syphon was placed in the canal to assist water delivery to Acree Drive. #1 pump at the P3 pump station is down, all other pumps are fully functional. The crew is also dealing with minor leaks and breaks.

Mosier Fire – On August 12th due to fires under PacifiCorp power lines Plant 2 went offline along with many houses and facilities within Hood River County. The PAC transmission crew brought the power on by long lining in from Washington which has stability issues (fluctuating voltage). We received a call from their grid ops “thanking us” for powering up Plant 2 as this helped stabilize the grid due to addition of VARS.

Reservoir Expansion – The following projects have been completed: the saddle dam and the Stanley Smith Inlet pipe, the following are set to be completed by Thursday, the toe drain and cut off trench. By the end of this week Crestline will start placing fine grained embankment fill using the farmed materials from the south end. The crew has moved to working 7 days a week. The screening and additional handling of materials has and will add substantial additional cost. Les spoke with CWSRF and they are willing to provide more funding if necessary.

Timber Sale – The timber sale notice was published in the August 19th edition of the Columbia Gorge News. Bids will be accepted up to September 4th at 9a.m. It is hoped that we will earn \$250-\$275K from the timber sale.

Plant 2 reprogramming – Les received a proposal from OS Engineering (Waylon Bowers) at the cost of \$17K. It was moved by Bill Munk and seconded by Pete Siragusa to accept the proposal as presented. The motion passed with all in favor.

LEGAL: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 12:30p.m.



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Signed: _____ Erick von Lubken, Chairman

Attest: _____ Bill Munk, Secretary