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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2021

The Board of Directors of the Farmers Irrigation District met on Wednesday, April 21, 2021, at the district office and via zoom under COVID guidelines 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 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 17, 2021 board meeting were presented and discussed. It was moved by Bill Munk and seconded by Tim Annala to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed with all in favor.

The O&M bills for the month of April 2021 were presented and discussed. It was moved by Pete Siragusa and seconded by Bill Munk to approve the bills in the amount of \$67,150.47. 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 \$1,093,413.99 representing 90% of total 2021 assessments charged versus 84% last year. The EOM balance, including reserves as of April 15, 2021 was \$1,622,568.92 (see attached).

b) Hydro Production – March's production was projected at 2.9 million kWh. Actual production was 2,909,114 kWh (see attached). Hydro revenue for March was projected at \$223,612.00. Actual revenue was \$244,454.60. Actual trending kWh for the year is at 37.74%. April hydro looks to be below average due to very warm temperatures, an early start to irrigation and a planned shutdown of Plant 2 on 4/22/2021 to install new accumulator bladders.

c) Manager's Report – Les reported that the upper reservoir is nearly full and hope to be spilling by this weekend, once spilling starts the lower reservoir will fill quickly. Some ill-mannered person pushed rocks of the dam and into the spillway.

Irrigation lines have been charged and there was a high demand for water on April 15th. A few minor repairs occurred. Currently running 3,000-5,000 gpm for irrigation, average demand is usually around 1,500 gpm this early in the season.

Reservoir Expansion: Everything is looking good, however there have been cyclists and ATV's driving around the area. Crestline will probably start work in June.

We also have a break in the Lowline Pipe due to an enormous rock fall resulting in less flow, many of the rocks will need to be blasted to get access. Pipe has been ordered and will arrive next Tuesday. Board members questioned if this should be turned into insurance? It all depends on how extensive the damage is and the cost of repairs, so far, we are looking at ~\$27,000.00.

NRCS Watershed Plan Opportunity – the District may have the opportunity to apply for grant funds from NRCS with a contribution of up to \$450,000.00, and a match fund from FID of \$15,000. Once the assessment has been completed, the District becomes eligible for up to \$25 million in grant funding through NRCS PL 566. If the funding opportunity becomes available, numerous projects throughout the district could be completed: such as piping the open stretch of Farmers Canal, SCADA/Telemetry, Rainy Creek pipeline, lower stretch of the Stanley Smith pipe and possible screen replacement.

Water Rights: Megan has been in contact with Kate Moore (Water Rights Lawyer) to discuss subdivision and forfeiture step by step processes. The District needs to update GIS water right maps for OWRD this year, as part of the updated certificates recently approved. Megan reviewed some of the anticipated decision-points with the Board. She will provide more detailed information this fall. Megan reviewed Decker's proposed water right transfer with the Board. The Board requested more information and made no decision.

LEGAL: Attorney Don Hull provided Les with a letter regarding easements and rights-of-way relative to state statute and requirements for moving infrastructure .

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

OTHER BUSINESS: - June provided a letter for approval regarding the District's Annual Filing 2020 Plan of Action for the State's Audit Division. (see attached).

ADJOURNMENT: There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Signed: _____ Erick von Lubken, Chairman

Attest: _____ Bill Munk, Secretary