

FIRE MOUNTAIN CANAL & RESERVOIR CO.

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The regular monthly meeting of the board of directors of the Fire Mountain Canal and Reservoir Company was called to order by President Luke at 7:30 PM. Directors present were, John Stroh, Dan Robinson and Wes Spore. Also present were Dan Bolton, Susan Raymond, and Trey Denison.

Dan R. motions the 01/20/11 minutes of the regular meeting be approved as corrected, John S. seconds and the motion carries.

Wes S. motions that the minutes of the annual meeting be approved as corrected, John S. seconds and the motion carries.

Wes S. motions that the treasurer's report be accepted, John S. seconds and the motion carries.

John S. motions that the bills be paid, Dan R. seconds and the motion carries.

Wes S. motions that the transfers be approved, John S. seconds and the motion carries.

Joseph Yeamans and Hayden Murphy asked the Fire Mountain Canal Board of directors if they had objections to Mr. Yeamans' plan to move the splitter box to immediately downstream of the parshall flume for headgate 33B. The discussion included the moving of the access to the splitter box to Mr. Yeamans' property as a neighbor has fenced off a corner of property that had been historic access to the box.

There was a general discussion on the use of Fire Mountain water after it has left the canal for hydro electric power generation. Mr. Yeamans is checking into whether he can use Fire Mountain water to do this.

The Board has no position or objection to moving the splitter box and Mr. Yeamans asked the Board to send a letter to the neighbor advising her of this as the Bureau of Reclamation and Fire Mountain Canal jurisdiction ends at the parshall flume. Mr. Yeamans will further post a "No Trespassing" sign at the access and place barriers there to limit the width of the access point to pedestrian and ATV travel.

Wes S. motions to accept the Board position and authorize a letter. Dan R. seconds and the motion carries.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Trey Denison reported on the Bureau of Reclamation workshop that he and Scott Howell had attended. Dan Crabtree did a presentation on hydro projects illustrating both the positive aspects and potential negative aspects.

There was a general discussion on the DARCA convention being held next week.

Trey and Scott will be attending a Bureau of Reclamation sponsored educational seminar on construction and maintenance. Tom Fowlds of the Bureau will be the Fire Mountain Canal contact while Scott and Trey are at the school.

The Board had a general discussion on Colorado Water Law and hydro water uses.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Mr. Blanford commented that the canal project is federal and asked if Colorado Revised Statutes apply. The Fire Mountain Canal going through the Blanford and Hillyard properties is fee title.
- 2) The status of the automated gates at the dam was given; the warranty and manuals have been written and the final invoices to the Bureau of Reclamation, Colorado River Water Conservancy District and the request to the North Fork Water Conservancy District have been completed.
- 3) Mr. Tuft had expressed concern over damage done to his property during canal maintenance. The area was inspected and it was found that the contractor did a good job but that Mr. Tuft's fence is in the canal easement.
- 4) Randy Fisher presented a spread sheet projection of cost comparisons regarding the purchase of a backhoe vs machine hire for maintenance. There was a discussion of needing a hi flow capability hydraulic pump on boom for mower head for weeds; could potentially save Fire Mountain Canal an additional \$2,000 per year in mowing costs. The consensus was that Fire Mountain Canal should start looking at backhoes. Dan R. and John S. will look into this.

There was further discussion about equipping the vehicles used by Scott and Trey with winches and obtaining a receiver hitch winch that is interchangeable between trucks.

The March meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for March 17, 2011.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Randall W. Fisher
Secretary-Treasurer