

**FIRE MOUNTAIN CANAL & RESERVOIR COMPANY**

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The 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 Bill Houseweart, John Stroh, Dave Stiller, and Wes Spore. Also present were Trey Denison, Dan Bolton, shareholder Jerry Dance, and the RMWDA Board.

Wes S. motions the 2/12/2009 meeting minutes be approved as corrected, Dave S. seconds and the motion carries.

Dave S. motions the stock transfers be approved, Wes S. seconds and the motion carries.

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

Wes S. motions the bills be paid, John S. seconds and the motion carries.

First Item: Marcel Orton from the Utah firm of Harward Irrigation and Engineering Company is in Delta County starting on a project for the Grand View Ditch. His firm is the largest irrigation pipe dealer in Utah; the company designs irrigation systems and is now involved in salinity control projects. The FMC board asks Mr. Orton his opinion about flow meters; Orton said the meters need to be installed correctly and maintained or they don't work right; water needs to be cleaned more and there is more of a concern with hard water. General discussion about the cost of their services and the process involved.

Second Item: Review of accounts receivable and delinquent shareholders will not have their water turned on.

Superintendent Report (by Trey Denison):

Jay Creek siphon valve is fixed except for minor plumbing work, ditch is cleaned from the headgate to the Bowie mine, the dam road needs repair before belzona guys can get into the dam to work, the Hubbard Creek siphon valve turned on and the water drained.

On March 24, 2009 Mike McGuire from United Underwater Contractors and the Bureau of Reclamation are scheduled to meet with the FMC board regarding the Pitt bridge and Jay Creek and Hubbard Creek siphons. McGuire has agreed to work on the Jay Creek siphon for \$2,200 and is scheduled for 3/25/2009 if needed.

Trey will work on the Leroux Creek headgate, has a new cover for the tower and the ladder will be fixed.

The Patterson parshall repair is delayed until the fall 2009.

The Extension parshall is out of level, but the measurement has been corrected.

Wes S. discusses that belzona has a sealer and uv protector two part system that could be applied at the Terror Creek break site; this would be a two day process, cover approx 1,800 square feet, FMC would have to prepare the surface, and the bid is for \$4,626 dollars. Wes will try to get more information regarding the product and give it to Trey.

Paul Schmucker: The Leroux Creek trash rack proposal was a little low, Paul would like to see Peter Blake receive \$500 for his work, and Dan Younger receive \$200 for his work.

Vegetation Cutting: Peter Blake is interested in cutting willows/vegetation on the ditch, he would like Trey to take him on the ditch for a review and then he could get the board a proposal, and then the board could make a priority list.

The Wolf Park concrete pour is approx 100 linear feet; Trey will get that poured this spring.

Coal Road Bridge: The Delta Correctional Facility inmates were doing handwork on the abutments and the county is planning on finishing before water arrives.

#### Old Business:

#1. Water turn on date is proposed for 4/15/2009, water to Leroux Creek by 4/16/09, and to Rogers Mesa on Friday 4/17/09. General consensus is that timetable is okay; Wes may post the date on the website but make sure the date is posted as "tentative only."

Paul Schmucker, Leroux Creek water commissioner, would like locks on the Leroux Creek pressure gates and keys provided to RMWDA members and FMC staff.

#2. Fire Mountain Map: Wes discusses a general map of the ditch will be posted on the website; the map will be broken down into three sections, east, middle, and west.

#3. Dixie has placed a contractors ad in the High Country Shopper

#### New Business:

#1. Steering Committee: Linda Bledsoe of the NFS Grand Junction office is looking at water projects and dams in the north fork area.

#2. Salinity grant money via Bureau of Reclamation/Tom Fowlds.

#3. Wes S. received an email from a shareholder, Daniel Inouye, regarding recreational use of the canal bank. Wes responded to the email, and in short, told the shareholder that the FMC board does not allow recreational use of the ditch bank. When Kathleen Ozga, with the Bureau of Reclamation, is here on 3/24/2009 maybe she can bring some more "no trespassing" signs.

#4. Bill H. received a call from a shareholder about somebody cutting wood on her property. The RMWDA did cut some brush to make way for the concrete truck when

installing the Leroux Creek trash rack but they did not cut firewood. Paul Schmucker and Myles Roberts will check the boundary plat on the county computer.

#5. Greg Stanway called Dixie about the Kuretich land issue; Dixie referred Stanway to Kathleen Ozga with the Bureau of Reclamation.

#6. General discussion on Colorado rental law regarding habitability of the rental house as it relates to the Bowie rental house.

Additional New Business:

Susan Raymond: discussion that Gunnison Energy Corporation has obtained leases on approx 25,000 acres of Oak Mesa land for gas drilling; Susan thinks the FMC board should be proactive, establish baselines, etc.

Dan Robinson: at the annual meeting of the RMWDA, there was a vote to set the date when the boxes would be set and after this deadline date the shareholder would be charged for a box/water change.

Susan Raymond: general discussion on hydroelectric grant availability. Stan Stockton said that the State of Colorado is asking for six months of water, 1 cfs, and 50 feet of fall for hydroelectric grants.

Regular meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm. The meeting room is cleared of non-board members and the FMC board goes into executive session to discuss employee related matters.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Randall W. Fisher', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Randall W. Fisher, Secretary