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March 14, 2013

A joint meeting of the Fire Mountain Canal and Reservoir Company and Rogers Mesa Water Distribution Association was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Dixie Luke. The Board of RMWDA was present. Fire Mountain Directors present were John Stroh, Bill Houseweart, Wes Spore and Dan Robinson. Also present were Randy Fisher, Trey Denison, Bill Moore, Susan Raymond and Ron Smith.

RMWDA President Myles Roberts presented the status of the salinity project funding. The East lateral project was defunded and will not go forward, but the Patterson and Slack were approved and will move forward.

The Salt Lake City office of the Bureau of Reclamation stated that there are more salts on the west end than the east end of the mesa and that in the future, pressurized systems will be rated higher than non pressurized systems.

Trey is expecting to turn the water on April 12th with water arriving to Rogers Mesa on Saturday April 13th. If the weather is wet the next several weeks then water turn on would be the April 19th.

Trey reported the reservoir gates have been shut since February 1, 2013 and that snow pack is 80% of average.

The Houseweart/Stroh lateral is scheduled to be cleaned on March 30th.

The joint meeting was concluded.

Secretary Report:

John S. motions and Dan R. seconds the 2/21/13 meeting minutes be approved as corrected and the motion carries.

Wes S. motions and Bill H. seconds the treasurers report be approved and the motion carries.

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

Bill H. motions and Wes S. seconds the transfers be approved and the motion carries.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

--Cavitation repair and maintenance of reservoir gates will be done in May when the gates are closed and the weather is warmer.

-- Trey discussed a polyurea product for sealing concrete and extending the life of concrete; this product is recommended by the Bureau of Reclamation and the preparation consists on sandblasting the concrete surface immediately prior to the spray application of the sealer.

--USGS is working on the sedimentation monitors on Muddy Creek and they will own and operate the system. The equipment cannot freeze and needs to be removed every fall and reinstalled in the spring. The monitoring stations will be upstream from the reservoir and just below the reservoir before the confluence with Anthracite Creek.

--There will be a DARCA workshop in Cedaredge on March 29, 2013 with a discussion on communication issues between local governments and ditch companies.

--The Water Management Committee is working on a draft water user survey; the FMC Board is to approve the survey letter before it is mailed to shareholders.

--Trey attended the annual DARCA workshop in Grand Junction last week and found it very informative. He discussed the Legacy Ditch Bill that has been introduced for the purpose of protecting historical water rights.

--Trey will request a meeting with the Bureau and JUB engineering to question why FMC was not selected for salinity grant funding.

OLD BUSINESS:

--The Bureau has not issued their draft report on use of the canal roadway.

--Water Augmentation contract tabled to April meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

--Cary Denison is working on updating our water management plan.

The regular meeting adjourns at 9:15 and the board remains to discuss salary and compensation issues.

Respectfully submitted,



Randall W. Fisher, Secretary-Treasurer