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

Wes S. motions and John S. seconds the February meeting minutes be approved as read and the motion carries.

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

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

Bill H. motions and Dan R. seconds the transfers be approved and the motion carries.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

--Trey reports Spring maintenance is going well and they have completed approximately 50% of maintenance goals. Trey would like to contract out the sandblasting and recoating of the Somerset radial gate.

--There was a discussion on the field services grant modification done last week; JUB realigned the budget spreading the work over two years so that Fire Mountain Canal employees can do more of the work themselves. Randy Fisher responded to the Bureau grant coordinator by email and accepted the reduced grant award.

--Discussion of USGS/Bureau of Reclamation funding issues with the upstream and downstream sedimentation gauges installation and maintenance.

--Trey spoke with Phil Ceriani of the Overland Ditch regarding assisting them get their ditch turned on so FMC can use the Leroux Creek flood water more efficiently.

--The Town of Hotchkiss is dumping water through Horse Park instead of Leroux Creek; Trey will speak to the town about this because the water is creating a mud hole at the Horse Park siphon.

--There was a public meeting at the Hotchkiss Town Hall on 03/14/2014 regarding the Colorado State water management plan; FMC needs to make certain we are on their "IPP" (Identified Potential Projects) list.

--Scott Howell will not be able to help with the ditch riding this year; Trey would like to find someone to apprentice and learn the system.

--In addition to previously mentioned spring maintenance, a concrete repair is needed on the downstream side of the Hubbard Creek siphon; once completed the apron will be enlarged.

--Trey completed the leak repair at the mule barn by the Bowie mine; Trey thinks the Deer Trail ditch is leaking above the canal.

--Woody vegetation and other material has been cleaned from Somerset to Hubbard Creek..

--There was discussion about the Fire Mountain Canal water turn on date and it was decided the water will reach Rogers Mesa on Sunday, April 13th.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Zack Thode of Rubicon Controls emailed Dixie and said he would like to get the Leroux Creek project on the Colorado state water management plan IPP list.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) There was a new in stream flow water filing for Terror Creek and Hubbard Creek; the water filings are asking for decrees on water flows that normally do not exist. The coal mines are concerned about the water filing and water commissioner Steve Tuck is writing a letter of objection.

2) Susan Raymond mentioned there will be a hydropower workshop for ditch companies on March 27th at Memorial Hall at 6:30 PM.

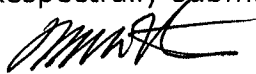
3) After Board discussion, Wes S. motions to have FMC pay all but \$40/month of Bill Moore's health insurance, John S. seconds and the motion carries.

4) Trey discussed a hand held water measuring device by Sontek; the device uses acoustic Doppler technology and can measure structures to within 99% accuracy. Trey would like to the NFWCD and the CWCD to jointly purchase one of the units.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dan R. motions to adjourn, John S. seconds and the motion carries. The meeting adjourns at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Randall W. Fisher, Secretary-Treasurer