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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 Wes Spore, John Stroh, Bill Houseweart and Dan Robinson. Also present were Trey Denison, Ron Smith, Bill Moore, Jeff Armstrong, Randy Fisher and Jere Hollembeak.

Trey introduced Petra Zwingers of Custom Linings from Buena Vista, CO. Petra presented information on a polyuria product that is UV resistant, has a 25 year life and is temperature rated from minus 40 degrees to 250 degrees Fahrenheit. They would like Custom Linings to provide a proposal to recoat the radial headgate.

After the Custom Linings presentation, Jere Hollembeak raised a discussion about hauling spoils from a location near his house and expressed displeasure that the landowners near the spoils area were not consulted. Jere feels this is a good neighbor issue and also feels that Fire Mountain Canal (FMC) access to this area of the canal is not owned by FMC.

FMC is removing spoils from FMC property near the Selbe property, but not on, Selbe property.

**SECRETARY REPORT:**

John S. motions and Dan R. seconds the February 10, 2015 meeting minutes be approved as corrected and the motion carries.

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

Bill H. motions and Dan R. seconds the bills be paid and the motion carries.

Wes S. motions and John S. seconds the transfer be approved and the motion carries.

The Board discussed the delinquent shareholder 2014 assessment list.

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

--Trey reported that Fire Mountain Canal was granted \$20,000 from the State of Colorado for weed control.

--The RCPP funding is \$1.0 million but the NRCS will get approximately 10% of that for the required watershed plan.

--A new water management plan, new master plan and grant writing expenses are to be funded by grants from various state and federal sources.

--The Bureau provided new reservoir area capacity charts, the project reservoir has a 14,500 AF capacity; Trey reported 30,000-40,000 AF of snow runoff for Spring 2015; very similar to spring 2012.

--MOA funding is to pay for two USGS sedimentation measuring sites; one below the reservoir and one on Anthracite Creek, MOA funding will also fund the bathymetric survey of the project reservoir this summer.

Trey discussed the spring maintenance schedule:

--Trey would like to coat the main radial gate at Somerset this June; he is estimating a cost of \$8,000 to \$10,000; the work will take two to three days.

--Need to remove shotcrete on a small section of ditch at Bowie, and redo with concrete.

--The Roatcap siphon apron needs repair.

--The turbo was repaired on the backhoe and then the injector pump went bad; Honnen Equipment replaced the turbo and the injector pump.

--Rock and spoil removal on Garvin Mesa was discussed; traffic control per CDOT rules would be costly so Trey and Bill are forming a plan for removal that will not require traffic control.

--The Leroux Creek Diversion project is moving forward.

--The canal turn on date is proposed for April 15, 2015 with water reaching Rogers Mesa on April 18, 2015. Wes S. will post the dates on the website.

--Wink Davis can use his older bridge, with certain repairs, for foot traffic only. The Bureau of Reclamation will permit the bridge for three years only; we are hoping to pipe the FM Extension within the three years.

--Bowie's bridge under the belt line is failing and needs to be removed before the water is turned on.

--The Bowie Mine gob pile is larger than originally planned; the height of the gob pile is above the elevation of the canal.

--At the project reservoir, the outlet gates need some Belzona repair; a concrete area needs to be repaired on the spillway wall, and the electrical components of the elevator need repair or replacement.

--The MOA funding requirements are a bit murky and FMC may need to write letters to the North Fork Water Conservancy District and to the Bureau of Reclamation to move the process forward; the Bureau controls the process completely.

--Trey is concerned the FMC record of water distribution is becoming archaic and possibly obsolete; FMC needs to upgrade the database.

--The project reservoir fill protocol for flood control has been waived by the Army Corps of Engineers this spring, so the FMC protocol for this year will be to fill and spill.

--The snowpack is 70% at McClure, Mesa Lakes is at 68%, Park Reservoir is at 65% and the Overland is at 77%.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

--Dan R. motions the FMC send a letter to the North Fork Water Conservancy District and the Bureau of Reclamation to move forward on MOA funding, John S. seconds and the motion carries.

--Jeff Armstrong commented on the dust control issue brought up by Jere Hollembeak; the Board discussed whether we should ask the county to mitigate the dust.

--John Stroh has sold his property and will no longer be a FMC shareholder; he announced his resignation from the Board after twenty-nine years of service. After Board discussion, Bill H. motions that Ron Smith be nominated to fill the vacancy, Dan R. seconds and the motion carries.

--After Board discussion and noting the \$2,000 dollar reduction in Trey's health insurance cost for this coming year, Dan R. motioned to approve FMC refunding \$2,000 dollars of health insurance cost to Trey, Wes S. seconded and the motion carried.

--Ragged Mountain Water Users is objecting to the filing of instream flow water rights; Attorney Aaron Clay is composing a written objection to the instream flow filings. Should FMC be a signer on the letter? Wes S. motions that FMC should be a signer on the objection letter, Ron S. seconds and the motion carries.

--The Board discussed whether FMC should keep removing spoils from the canal near the Selbe property; Dan R. abstained from the discussion. Bill H. motions that FMC continue removing the spoils from the canal near the Selbe property, Ron S. seconds and the motion carries with Dan R. abstaining.

#### Adjournment:

Dan R. motions to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 PM, Ron S. seconds and the motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Randall W. Fisher, Secretary-Treasurer