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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 7:35 PM. Directors present were, John Stroh, Dan Robinson, Bill Houseweart and Wes Spore. Susan Raymond, Trey Denison and Cary Denison were also present.

Wes S. motions the 06/09/11 minutes be approved as corrected, John S. seconds and the motion carries.

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

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

Wes S. moved that the transfers be approved. Dan R. seconds and the motion carries.

VISITORS:

Cary Denison, representative of Trout Unlimited, spoke about the design of Fire Mountain Canal's existing headgate structure. He said the existing design is catching sediment and preventing fish from escaping the flow into the canal. Cary said a redesign could cost approximately \$80,000-\$100,000 dollars and that funding for the project could come from private foundations, the Colorado Division of Wildlife and the Bureau of Reclamation rather than from Fire Mountain Canal. No money would come from the Fire Mountain Canal.

Cary asked the Board if he could write and present a formal proposal for this work and the Board has agreed.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Trey stated that Fire Mountain Canal needs an evacuation site at the west end of the ditch to dump the entire ditch; Dan Crabtree of the Bureau of Reclamation would like to send up engineers to survey the area from the ditch to the river to ensure Fire Mountain could evacuate the ditch without flooding the Town of Hotchkiss.

Wes S. stated automation of the Jay Creek dump gate is needed for safety. Dan Crabtree wants Fire Mountain to dump at Jay Creek in the event of a torrential downpour

Wes. S. motions that Fire Mountain Canal Board instruct the canal superintendent and the ditch rider that they have the permission, right and duty to evacuate at the historical Jay Creek wasteway or any other established wasteway in the case of an emergency, John S. seconds and the motion carries.

The consensus of the Board is Trey is not to put himself in jeopardy removing debris from the canal.

Trey reported the canal upstream from Hubbard Creek had become plugged up with debris after a downpour; apparently the railroad had diverted the hillside drainage with a berm causing the hillside debris to empty into the canal. The Bureau of Reclamation has notified the railroad about this situation in the past and Steve Coverly believes that the railroad should be billed.

Trey stated contractor Jeff Roop had done a great job helping with both the Hubbard Creek and Leroux Creek mudslides. Contractor Seth Tribble also helped on the Leroux Creek mudslide and helped build up the freeboard.

Other maintenance items:

--Trey said that Webb Callicut of Delta County has purchased enough herbicide that Trey feels is sufficient to last Fire Mountain Canal's noxious weed control efforts until the end of the year.

--The Reservoir building has been repaired and sealed;

--Trey put together a crew and a boat from Montrose to remove logs from the spillway on July 3rd;

--The elevator people have not yet shown up to submit a bid.

OLD BUSINESS

1) The Board discussed progress on the weed policy. Dixie L. sent a draft to Aaron Clay and he had no changes to offer. Dixie would like the policy to be flexible and allow for future changes if the need arises. The draft was approved by a consensus of the Board. It was further agreed that the policy should be posted on the website for a comment period before final approval and adoption.

2) The sedimentation study has not yet been completed and is past due.

3) Randy Fisher presented the budget worksheet for discussion. Bill H. observes that Trey and Scott are working very hard and questions whether their pay is at a proper level for what they are being asked to do. There was a general discussion regarding the number of hours Trey has been putting in and how the superintendent job has changed over time with an increasing amount of time spent on phone calls, meetings and other responsibilities. Scott has told Trey that he would like to work fewer hours next year.

After discussion, Wes S. motions the 2011 assessments be set at \$0.80 per share with a \$45 user fee. Dan R. seconds. The motion carries with Wes, Dan and John S. voting yea and Bill H. voting nay.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Jan Vandenberg right of use application for the utilities to her subdivision is to be installed 4 feet under the bed of the Fire Mountain Canal extension. Wes S. moves to accept the application with two additional provisions: The Board would like a buried cable marker installed and the Board wants a 6"-8" layer of concrete above the conduit to protect the cables from future digging. John S. seconds and the motion carries.

2) The irrigator at the Blanford's place has been turning the water up; Scott turns it back down and has told the irrigator to leave the valve alone.

3) Ed Tuft would like to remove spoils along the canal that are visible from his driveway and home this fall at his expense. They will contact him.

At 10:45 PM, the Board adjourned the regular meeting to discuss personnel issues.

Dan R. motions that the meeting be adjourned at 11:15 PM, Wes S. seconds and the motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

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-Treasurer