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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, Dan Robinson, John Stroh and Wes Spore. Also present were Trey Denison and shareholders Tom & Marilyn Blanford.

Wes S. motions the 07/08/2010 meeting minutes be approved as corrected, Bill H. seconds and the motion carries.

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

Wes S. motions that the bills be paid, Bill H. seconds and the motion carries.

There were no transfers.

At 7:50 PM, shareholders Tom and Marilyn Blanford expressed concern about weed issues, especially in areas marked "No Spray." The Blanford's live on Rogers Mesa directly East of the Hillyards who have two "No Spray" signs on their property. The Blanford's are concerned about weed growth along the canal.

Trey has not spoken to the Hillyards this year about weeds, the Hillyards are aware that if a "No Spray" sign is posted, the landowner is responsible for weed control along their property. Mr. Blanford asked the Board if Fire Mountain Canal had any legal records regarding the ditches and laterals in the area.

Trey stated that the Bureau of Reclamation has maps and ownership records and that Kathleen Ozga at the Bureau would be a good resource for maps and easement issues. Trey also said that List "A" weeds are taken care of by Fire Mountain Canal.

Dixie, John S. and Trey led a general discussion about Fire Mountain Canal policy and the history of weed control.

Mr. Blanford said that he would think about the information that Fire Mountain Canal provided, but that he is seriously considering confronting the Hillyards regarding their lack of weed control. Mr. Blanford has a web site: <http://wsrl.org//weeds.htm> Information can be accessed at that site under the tab marked "local."

At approximately 8:20 PM, Trey gave the Superintendent report.

There had been 2 major cloudbursts and one normal cloudburst above Garvin and Pitkin Mesas. Trey said Farmers Mine Road was a mess and further reported that he has dumped water at Terror Creek, Stevens Gulch and Roatcap. Trey would like to add some free board on the ditch bank.

The night prior to the meeting Trey dumped water at Stevens Gulch first and said that 3 cloudbursts in a week were unprecedented. The Coal draw behind Trey's house ran approximately 150 cfs and scoured the draw to approximately 6-8' deep.

Maintenance: Jay Allwood has processed 600-700' feet of the ditch bank between Highway 133 and the mine. Peter Blake has cut and mulched vegetation at the dam and spillway. The Bureau of Reclamation was impressed with Mr. Blake's efforts. Roop Excavating has mowed between Bowie and Leroux Creek.

Trey also reported that Bob Stechert still opens his gate for Scott and that the shed building is in progress.

There was a general discussion on weed control and the types of weeds listed on the State Weed List and the Delta County Weed List.

Brian Mitchum of Mountain Peak Controls has installed new hardware at Bear Creek as part of the grant contract. Trey reported that they were not working and has left word for Brian.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) State dam inspector, Jason Ward, has inspected the work at Lost Lake.
- 2) Salinity: Mike Baker from the Bureau of Reclamation said that he would be able to provide salinity numbers sometime in September of this year.
- 3) NFRIA Watershed Plan: Dave Stiller of NFRIA dropped off copies of the plan to the Fire Mountain Canal Board.
- 4) CRWCD grant contract requires certificates of insurance to reference CRWCD and grant contract number CG10031. They also require W-9 forms from contract workers.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Weeds control policy: The Board will have additional discussions this Fall and have a policy presented at the Annual Meeting.
- 2) Edwin Tuft would like to catch his wastewater in a pond and then pump it above the canal but did not state plans for that tailwater. Dixie asked that he consult the Bureau of Reclamation and the NFWCD.

There followed a general discussion on getting follow-up permissions for moving and changing 100 shares of water to the Housel property on Pitkin Mesa.

The reservoir has approximately 12,000 acre feet of water.

The next meeting of the Fire Mountain Canal and Reservoir Board will be held on Thursday September 09, 2010.

Dan R. motions that the meeting adjourn, John S. seconds and the motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Randall W. Fisher', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Randall W. Fisher  
Secretary-Treasurer