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August 18, 2011

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 7:30 PM. Directors present were, John Stroh, Dan Robinson, Bill Houseweart and Wes Spore. Also present were Trey Denison and Susan Raymond.

John S. motions the 07/14/11 minutes be approved as corrected, Wes S. seconds and the motion carries.

Dan R. motions the treasurer's report be accepted, Bill H. seconds and the motion carries.

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

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

**VISITORS:**

Clayton MacDonald of Pitkin Mesa Pipeline was present at the meeting. On Tuesday, August 16, 2011 contractors for Pitkin Mesa Pipeline cut into the canal bank to install domestic pipeline. The ditch started to leak and Trey Denison cut the canal by ½ that evening.

Mr. Macdonald stated the Pitkin Mesa Pipeline Board of Directors apologizes for the problems and are working with the Bureau of Reclamation to engineer the repair.

Trey stated that there was still seepage this afternoon (Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup>) and would like to pour 20-25 linear feet (approx 7 yards) of concrete to line the ditch after the water is off for the season. Mr. Macdonald said he would speak to his board about paying for concrete work.

Dan R. and Wes S. expressed displeasure at the pipeline company at being left out of the communications loop; Randy Fisher will write a letter to the Bureau asking that this does not happen again.

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

Trey expressed his thanks to the Fire Mountain Canal Board for the bonus.

There was a discussion regarding the damage done to the canal by Pitkin Mesa Pipeline; Trey was very concerned August 16<sup>th</sup> and cut back the canal by 50% by dumping the ditch at Stevens Gulch. Trey would like to line the canal upstream from this site.

There was a general discussion regarding Lee Bradley's crossing; Trey would like a gate to prevent unauthorized access to the walkway. A site inspection will be necessary before Fire Mountain Canal gives final approval of the crossing.

Other maintenance items:

--DMEA installed a temporary power line from the creek to the dam and over the dam to the Bear Ranch town.

--ESI from Glenwood Springs came out to look at the elevator and will submit a proposal.

--Toadflax is prevalent at the dam; Scott and Trey are spraying. Whirling Milkweed is prevalent along the ditch.

--The weed spraying equipment is working well.

--On August 16<sup>th</sup>, Bureau of Reclamation engineers surveyed the Jay Creek drainage for potential flooding; the safety inspection done last year is filtering through the Bureau offices. A major concern is the possible flooding of the Town of Hotchkiss via Short Draw.

--The Bureau of Reclamation will generate a safety report in the near future.

--As a courtesy, Steve Tuck should be notified of an evacuation dump.

McCarthy's culverts cannot handle the evacuation flow. 130-140cfs at Jay Creek Siphon plus overflow equals 200 cfs.

#### OLD BUSINESS

1) There was general discussion on the Blanford headgate situation

2) Trey, Dixie and Wes attended a sedimentation meeting on August 09, 2011; one suggestion was to install a measurement system in at the upper end to measure the load coming in and to measure load going out at the lower end. Some progress has been made on this issue.

NFWCD will be meeting with Bruce Marvin of Western Engineers on November 15, 2011.

3) Dan R. and John S. will discuss purchasing a backhoe at the October board meeting.

4) Randy discussed the differences between the VanVleet property and the Phillips property foreclosures with regards to water ownership.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1) Dixie acknowledged receipt of the letter sent by Tom Blanford regarding a situation with the neighbors.

2) Applegate Enterprises would like to look at hydro on the canal and the salinity control grants. A representative will attend the October board meeting and speak to the Board to for thirty minutes or so.

3) The Colorado River Water District is hosting its annual seminar on September 15, 2011 at the Two Rivers Convention Center in Grand Junction. Board members have been asked to notify Randy Fisher by September 6<sup>th</sup> if they plan to attend.

Wes S. motions that the meeting be adjourned at 10:20 PM, Bill H. seconds and the motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'RWF', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Randall W. Fisher  
Secretary-Treasurer