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August 13, 2015

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

Wes S. motions and Ron S. seconds the July 7, 2015 meeting minutes be approved as corrected and the motion carries (Dan R. abstains due to absence).

Ron 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.

Ron S. motions and Wes S. seconds the transfers be approved and the motion carries.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

--Trey reported the radial gate project was almost complete and he is replacing brackets, hardware, turnbuckles etc. He is waiting on ordered hardware to complete the project.

--Trey is releasing water from the reservoir but not at full pull.

--Trey said there were not many canal leaks this year due to suspended sediment in the spring runoff.

--The Bureau of Reclamation is recommending a pool of reservoir water be left in the reservoir as far upstream as Deep Creek.

--Trey discussed the canal shut off date; certain maintenance and weed spraying cannot be performed with water in the canal, and the need to keep the outlet works submerged.

--The Board discussed a 09/19/2015 canal shut off date; Dixie will reach out to the local orchardists and Wes will post on the website.

--Trey reported the contractor did a good job on the radial gate and the invoice was lower than the quoted price.

--Bureau of Reclamation completed the annual inspection of the reservoir this week with no maintenance recommendations.

--Trey will attend a Bureau of Reclamation meeting in Denver on 08/26/2015 regarding the Paonia Reservoir outlet works issue.

--Trey said not all of the summer work had been completed and school is starting; Trey will have Don B. work to finish some of the projects.

--Trey would like to attend the international reservoir sedimentation workshop in October.

--The Bureau of Reclamation will start the elevator shaft repair and maintenance this fall; MOA funds will pay for the work.

--Trey said that Sprint cell service has decreased by 50% and would like to get signal boosters to increase coverage. The boosters cost approximately \$400 per unit.

--Trey discussed a need for suspension seats for him and Bill, rechargeable fire extinguishers for ditch riders and the backhoe, and a new deep cycle battery is needed for the generator, boat motor etc.

--Trey met with Susan Blackstock regarding her pipeline. Susan would like to place her pipeline in the canal embankment and the Bureau of Reclamation has said no. Susan can purchase an easement from a neighbor or the Bureau; this issue is not a Fire Mountain Canal issue; it is a Bureau of Reclamation issue.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Fall water delivery options were discussed.
- 2) Notification of the FOA application is expected next week.
- 3) The hydro decree was discussed.
- 4) There was a question of feedback on the mailing announcing the NFWCD ballot issue.
- 5) A possible tour of the canal with the Conservation Center was discussed for September and a reminder that Harvest Festival is the last weekend in September.
- 6) Sedimentation workshops and meetings were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) It was discussed that the September through March meetings begin at 7:00 PM.
- 2) At large seats are becoming available on the Gunnison Basin Round Table and agricultural interests are encouraged to apply.

3) Discussion on the legal aspects of whether piping a canal changes access to the easement or if piping does not change anything. Per Trey, there is no access difference between an open ditch and piped canal, however there may be an interpretation regarding the equipment used.

4) Bill H. discussed the increase in responsibilities for canal management since 2009 and that compensation has not increased with responsibilities.

--\$24,500 increase in revenue from user fees

Ron S. suggested communications with shareholders on what is actually involved in daily operations possibly via a "Did you know....?" and explaining different subjects each month.

5) The September 10, 2015 board meeting will begin at 7:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dan R. motions to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 PM, Wes S. seconds and the motion carries.

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