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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, Dave Stiller, John Stroh and Wes Spore. Also present were Trey Denison, Dan Bolton, and Danny and Nola Cotton.

Danny and Nola Cotton gave a historical presentation about the construction of the Gould Reservoir. The presentation began at approximately 7:30 pm and ended at 8:15 pm.

Wes S. motions that the August 13, 2009 meeting minutes be approved as corrected. Dave S. seconds and the motion carries.

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

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

The transfers of water shares presented with the meeting packet were approved as motioned by John S. and seconded by Wes S.

Superintendent Report:

Trey reported that August was a very dry month and that the water should be shut off on Sunday or Monday (September 13 or 14). At the time of his report, Trey said there were 1900 acre feet remaining.

Trey also reported installing a drain by Blue Ribbon scale house (Bowie) and that the ditch bank became solid rock at approximately 2' down. There was very little dirt covering the rock, so dirt was hauled to fill the hole. 120' of drain was installed emptying to one drain day lighting below the road. Additionally, Trey spent time with Pitkin Mesa shareholders to correct some of the boxes.

A general discussion followed regarding the process to repair the Cline box. It is leaking on to the railroad tracks and the railroad is aware of the leak. The discussion focused on the installation of a new headgate.

Trey listed some of the projects that he wants to undertake in the coming months. They include stump removal at Lost Lake Slough, tree removal at the reservoir and Belzona work at the dam.

A general discussion was held regarding Colorado Belzona and the possible solutions. It was decided to contact Steve Schultz and go from there.

The list of Fall projects continued as follows:

Extension: The installation of concrete head ditches leading from the Canal to the extension parshalls. There would be a total of six (6) needing 10 yards of concrete at a projected cost of \$2300.

Headgates: Four (4) are reported broken including Cline, Nelson and Atwood (Bowie) and Ashmore on Stucker Mesa. Rebuild costs are estimated at \$1500, replacement estimated at \$4,000, or between \$750-\$800 per headgate.

Parshall Flumes: Four to five are needed for Patterson, Nelson (2), Cline and Toomey and \$2,500 was the estimated cost of dirt work. It is assumed that the parshalls will be reimbursed by NFWCD.

Washout preparation: The estimated cost is \$1,000 for cleaning out silt and preparing for next spring.

Leaks: Estimated repair cost of \$30,000 for leaks at Jay Creek by the Loesekan property, the Blue Ribbon area, Hubbard Creek near the Cline property and the Wolf Park area.

Weed control: There is approximately \$4,000 remaining in the budget and estimated cost for continuing the current target spraying is \$2,500. Webb Callicutt of Delta County has donated weed spray valued at \$500-\$600 to the Company.

Reshaping of the ditch: Dirt work is estimated to cost \$2,500-\$3,000 in each area and the focus of the reshaping would be to the areas from Stahl Orchard to Fire Mountain Road (Pitkin Mesa) and from the Hotchkiss water plant to Barrow Mesa. They estimated that the Fall reshaping would cost between \$6,000 and \$7,000. A discussion followed on the cost and advisability of purchasing a backhoe.

Other cost estimates discussed were the Jay Creek siphon drain valve at \$500, the siphon work at Leroux Creek at \$2,000 and Hubbard Creek at \$1,500.

The work list was prioritized as follows: Siphon repairs, the Cline repair at a cost minimum of \$500 and a maximum of \$2,500; reshaping the ditch estimated cost total of \$6,000-\$7,000; weed control estimated at \$2,500-\$4,000; parshall replacement starting with Patterson and the extension work estimated at \$2,500.

New Business:

- 1) Board members expressed concern over the proposed Clean Water Restoration Act of 2009 since the proposal removes the word "navigable," in the description of the covered waters.

- 2) Concern was also expressed at recent river water plans (South Platte and Arkansas Roundtables) that will result in the drying up of the Western Slope agriculture water and that the Eastern Slope wants Western Slope water to make up for their shortages.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Randall W. Fisher
Secretary-Treasurer