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The regular monthly meeting of the Fire Mountain Canal and Reservoir Company was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Dixie Luke. Directors present were Bill Housewart, Ron Smith, Dan Robinson and Wes Spore. Also present were Jeff Armstrong, Trey Denison, Randy Fisher and Susan Hillyard.

Ron S. motions and Dan R. seconds the August 13, 2015 meeting minutes be approved as corrected and the motion carries.

Wes S. motions and Bill H. seconds the treasurers report be approved and the motion carries.

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

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

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

--Trey reported he is pulling 250 acre feet per day from the reservoir.

--After Board discussion, it was decided to turn off the canal on Monday September 21, 2015.

--Trey stated the Lost Lake inflows are very good and he is currently releasing 7cfs. The state engineer wants Lost Lake drained by October 1, 2015 for an inspection of the outlet valve.

--Trey said the August 26, 2015 meeting with the Bureau of Reclamation Technical Service Center (Lakewood, CO), regarding the reservoir outlet works, went very well; the Grand Junction Bureau office has been very supportive. The Bureau Technical Services Center is assembling a project management plan team (PMP) to find a solution to the outlet works problem.

--The International Reservoir Sedimentation Workshop will be held in Denver beginning on October 19, 2015; a field trip to the Paonia Project Reservoir is planned on 10/22/15 as part of the workshop. Trey is interested in attending one or two days of the workshop.

Dixie mentioned that Bruce Marvin, North Fork Water Conservancy District consulting engineer, has done a good job studying reservoir sedimentation; the original State of Colorado grant (via the Gunnison Basin Roundtable) has expired.

--Trey said the rock fall mitigation on Highway 133 has begun again with a new contractor.

--The Urbanized Canal Review performed by the Grand Junction office of the Bureau of Reclamation has a few recommendations for Trey but the Bureau canal safety engineer said the overall system looks good.

--Trey discussed the need to purchase some small tools such as a small generator, grinder, hammer drill, saw and cell signal boosters.

Ron S. motions the company purchase two cell phone signal boosters from Boss Cellular, Wes S. seconds and the motion carries.

Wes S. motions to authorize Trey to spend up to \$1,000 dollars for the fall tool budget, Dan R. seconds and the motion carries.

There was Board discussion relating to taking the call off of the river by releasing reservoir water. Trey discussed that Trey, Dixie, and Water Commissioner Steve Tuck have had several conversations about reservoir operations to smooth out the peaks and valleys of the river flows.

Ron S. motions that Trey work with Water Commissioner Steve Tuck to release reservoir water to relieve the river call for others, because conditions allow for the water releases this year, and to publicize this action, Bill H. seconds and the motion carries.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

1) FMC was successful in receiving a 2015 Salinity Reduction Grant Award in the amount of \$2,954,512 dollars. There is a 30 day time limit, beginning September 9, 2015, for submission of the budget documentation for the detailed cost estimate associated with the grant application. This cost justification must be submitted to the Upper Colorado Regional Cost Analyst by October 9, 2015.

The Board discussed an outside review of the proposed budget documentation.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1) Susan Hillyard expressed concerns about how the proposed piping project will affect her property and how the proposed siphon will affect the Leroux Creek Canyon.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Dan R. motions to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM, Wes S. seconds and the motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Randall W. Fisher, Secretary-Treasurer