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September 8, 2016

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, Dan Robinson, Ron Smith, and Wes Spore. Also present were Steve Fletcher, Randy Fisher, and Jeff Armstrong.

Wes S. motions and Ron S. seconds the 08/11/2016 meeting minutes be approved as corrected and the motion carries.

Bill H. motions and Dan R. seconds the treasurer report be approved and the motion carries.

Wes S. motions and Ron S. seconds to pay the bills and the motion carries.

Bill H. motions and Dan R. seconds the transfers be approved and the motion carries.

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

--Steve reported the reservoir elevation is 6,398.51 with 3,052.0 acre feet in the reservoir. The canal is carrying 153 cfs at Bear Creek.

--Steve is currently projecting irrigation water to 09/17/2016.

--Steve is currently releasing .88 cfs from Lost Lake.

--Dixie L. compliments Steve's efficient operation of the reservoir; probably saved us several days of irrigation water.

--Reservoir bulkhead repair: The bulkhead repair materials are coming to Grand Junction, the Bureau's Collbran shop will cut and drill the material. The Army Corp of Engineers permit has been applied for and the Army Corp is asking for additional information prior to issuing the required permit.

**Salinity Project Update (Leroux Creek Piping Project):**

--FMC accepted a proposal from Flattops Archaeological Consultants (Kae McDonald) to prepare a Class III Cultural Resource Inventory of the Leroux Creek Piping Project. The proposal is for a not to exceed amount of \$4,750 dollars.

--The Board discussed the need to contract for the NEPA compliance and Habitat Mitigation compliance. The Board discussed the proposal from JUB and decided to get another bid from ERO Resources Corp., which has a local Hotchkiss office.

--The CRWCD has contracted with Dr. Burt of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo to look at the preliminary plan for the piping project. Dr. Burt will be in Hotchkiss on 10/06/2016 and there is a meeting scheduled on 10/06/2016, at 1:00 pm, at the Forest Service Delta office.

--Sonja Chavez, with the CRWCD, has requested a letter of support for the next round of RCPP funding. She has requested a \$50,000 dollar commitment from both the NFWCD and FMC. A \$100,000 grant from the state of Colorado will be covering the prior commitment from the FMC to the salinity piping project. After Board discussion, Wes S. motions to commit \$50,000 dollars to the 2017 RCPP Grant Proposal, conditional upon the NFWCD committing \$50,000 dollars as well, Ron S. seconds and the motion carries.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

--The mini excavator discussion is tabled to the next meeting.

--The annual CRWCD seminar is on 09/16/2016 at the Two Rivers Convention Center in Grand Junction. Randy will reserve seats for Randy, Steve, Bill Moore, Ron, Dixie, and Wes.

--The CWCB is meeting in Eagle, CO on 09/22/2016; Dixie will attend on behalf of FMC.

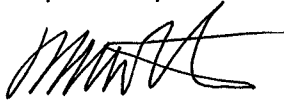
#### NEW BUSINESS:

--Ron S. rode the canal today with Steve and gained a lot of perspective on canal operations.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Dan R. motions to adjourn the meeting at 9:20pm, Wes S. seconds and the motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Randall W. Fisher, Secretary-Treasurer