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October 13, 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 6:30 PM. Directors present were Dan Robinson, John Stroh and Bill Houseweart. Also present were Trey Denison, Susan Raymond, Cary Denison of Trout Unlimited and shareholder Tom Blanford.

Absent: Wes Spore

Bill H. motions the 09/08/11 minutes be approved as corrected, John S. seconds and the motion carries.

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

John S. motions to approve bills from the September meeting, Dan R. seconds and motion carries.

Dan R. motions and Bill H. seconds that the bills be paid and motion carries.

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

The Board had a general discussion regarding distribution of the K. Kropf water that was not delivered to 3200 and Lazear Roads. One of the options mentioned was leasing the water for the season.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Dan motions and John S. seconds that Trey should purchase a digital camera for \$200 or less and the motion carries.

2) The completed financial review report will be brought to the November meeting for Board inspection.

3) Dan R. and John S. are looking into the purchase of a backhoe and will discuss it further with Trey before the November meeting.

Equipment discussed: 2005 Case 590 Super M 4x4 with 1700 hours for sale at \$54,000 dollars with a brush cutter offered at \$7,500 dollars; new backhoe prices start at over \$100,000 dollars. The purchase analysis discussion also included who would operate the equipment and whether Fire Mountain Canal employees could invest the time for the needed work during the irrigation season.

4) Tom Blanford had general questions regarding his transfer of additional water and overflow. The capacity is sufficient at Roat Cap and Jay Creek siphons for the water transferred.

5) The Board discussed the Feldman bridge and Bradley crossing applications. Concrete aprons beneath and extending 10' up and down stream should be required for both bridges and an additional drawing showing freeboard is needed from Mr. Feldman.

Dan R. moved to approve the applications with the required changes, Bill H. seconds and the motion carries.

VISITOR:

Cary Denison discussed a feasibility study for diversion modification and stated that requesting a study would not result in any cost to the Fire Mountain Canal. Sediment, fish screen problems and solutions and maintenance issues were also discussed.

John S. would like to talk to some ditch companies that are currently using fish screens.

Cary said that he needs access to shoot elevations at the headgate structure to proceed with the study. A memorandum of understanding is not necessary at this time.

Dan R. motions to allow Cary Denison, Trout Unlimited Representative to proceed with shooting the elevations and to proceed with writing the feasibility study. John S. seconds and the motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Bureau of Reclamation has scholarship money available for the Operations and Maintenance seminar that Trey can attend from Jan 31-Feb 3, 2012.

2) John S. motions that Fire Mountain Canal cover the expenses of having Randy Fisher and Wes Spore attend the grant writing seminar in Grand Junction, Dan R. seconds and motion carries.

3) Dixie will confirm the details on a sedimentation study meeting scheduled at the CSU extension building for November 15, 2011.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Trey reported that the water was turned off on October 8, 2011.

The fall maintenance list presented at the July meeting was reviewed.

There was a discussion about repairs that have been needed at Hubbard Creek relative to a situation with the railroad. Dixie recommended submitting a letter or report to include pictures.

Trey discussed Lost Lake and stated that the Forest Service had installed a locked gate generating complaints from himself, the water commissioner and hunters. Trey reported that Lost Lake slough stayed full all summer.

Trey worked on the dam with Jeff Roop and his backhoe. Scott and Trey used chainsaws to clear the balance of the brush from the dam.

Trey would like to meet with representatives from the Forest Service to work out some issues at Lost Lake.

Dan R. motions that the meeting be adjourned at 10:00 PM, John S. seconds and motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Randall W. Fisher
Secretary-Treasurer