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The regular monthly meeting of the Fire Mountain Canal and Reservoir Company was called to order at 7:30 PM by Vice-President Bill Houseweart. Directors present were John Stroh, Wes Spore and Dan Robinson. Also present were Trey Denison, Susan Raymond and Randy Fisher.

Dan R. motions and John S. seconds the September meeting minutes be approved as corrected and the motion carries.

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

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

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

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

--Trey reports diverting 130 cfs at Somerset, most being dumped at Leroux Creek. 40 cfs is being delivered to Rogers Mesa. There was discussion about sticking to the shut off date, October 11, 2014, as published on the web site.

--Average seasonal irrigation delivery is 150 days; 2014 season was 182 days and AF cost will decrease for the year.

Trey gave an overview of the irrigation season, reporting:

- Good suspended sediment in the water this spring;
- Backhoe and roller attachment has worked very well;
- Fewer leaks than in past years and no major leaks found;
- Delivery losses are much lower;
- No problems from storm events this season;
- Larger signage and public notices have reduced recreational use of the operations and maintenance roads.
- Bureau of Reclamation gave a favorable assessment of the concrete repairs done at the reservoir.

--Trey met with the USGS regarding sedimentation gauges and they will need his help to reconcile the numbers.

--Trey, Don and Bill met with Jerry Thrush of the Colorado Division of Water Resources and spent several days at the reservoir installing a radar measuring unit on the stream gauge to create a more accurate flow table.

--Trey is meeting with the Bureau of Reclamation to get more accurate flow release data from the reservoir.

--Trey met with Rubicon and J-U-B Engineering regarding the Leroux Creek diversion project. The Bureau will do the environmental permitting but will deduct a fee for the service out of the grant money; FMC will need to hire a consultant to perform the cultural resources report.

--Trey stated the new Bureau of Reclamation employees are requiring more detail in our MOA proposals.

--The RCPP grant proposal has been completed and is available for download.

--Trey went to the central valley of California with Rubicon Engineering and toured two different canal operations (Turlock and Oakdale); Rubicon paid Trey's travel expenses from Denver to the sites. The State of California is requiring water users to measure and log every drop of water usage.

--Trey observed much of the modernization was started at farm level and then progressed to canal operations.

--Trey asked the Board to consider the time involved in canal easement issues and perhaps ask for more involvement from the NFWCD.

--Bill H. inquired if the NRCS has records on the number of acres with farm irrigation improvements within the district.

--J-U-B Engineering will assist Fire Mountain Canal with needed updates of the water management plan.

Wes S. motions and Dan R. seconds that Trey's mileage for travel to Denver be added to his September log for reimbursement and the motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) The EPA has proposed revisions to the Waters of U.S. rule redefining the types of water bodies under federal authority. If approved, the revision may have negative impact on irrigation canals and private land. Wes S. motions to have Dixie L. write an objection letter regarding the proposed revisions, John S. seconds and the motion carries.

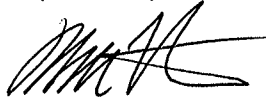
2) The Board discussed the fall 2014 maintenance projects including

- Finish emergency spills at Hubbard Creek and Terror Creek;
- Tear out and repair leaking shotcrete at Bowie;
- Reshape 4 miles of canal;
- Spoilage removal and giving the spoils to contractors working on the Rogers Mesa piping project.
- Starting the Leroux Creek diversion project and possible completing the project this winter although the contract completion date is May 2016.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Fisher', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Randall W. Fisher, Secretary-Treasurer