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October 15, 2015

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 Houseweart, Ron Smith, Dan Robinson and Wes Spore. Also present were Jeff Armstrong, Trey Denison, Bill Moore, Don Brekke, Randy Fisher and Jere Hollembeak.

Bill H. motions and Wes S. seconds the September 10, 2015 meeting minutes be approved as corrected and the motion carries.

Ron S. motions and Dan R. seconds that the September 28, 2015 special meeting minutes be approved as corrected.

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

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

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

Dixie L. opened a discussion regarding the backhoe and Bill M. thinks it is time to look at a new backhoe.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

--Trey said there is 2500 AF of water in the reservoir including the 1000 AF pool to protect the outlet.

--The International Reservoir Sedimentation workshop field trip is scheduled for 10/22/2015.

--Elevator work is scheduled on 11/16/2015 if MOA funds are not frozen by the budget.

--Trey stated there is a new rock fall contractor working on Highway 133 at the reservoir.

--Lost Lake was drained and the outlet gate successfully repaired by O'Connell Welding, new elevation numbers were installed, and tree removal was performed as well.

--Zack Hotchkiss sprayed willows on the canal right after Roop Excavating completed mowing; the entire canal was sprayed. Delta County paid for \$500 of the chemicals and Fire Mountain Canal paid for \$234 of the chemicals.

--The flume at the Woods/Winchester turnout needs to be moved into the FMC right of way; that flume was set outside of the right of way prior to Trey's time. Trey also reported another flume in Bowie needs to be replaced but a chain link fence has been installed around the flume.

--Bill M. has been reshaping the canal and doing maintenance on the canal bank.

--The Leroux Creek Diversion Project received permission from the Army Corps of Engineers to install a measuring device in the creek as part of the project.

--Trey discussed the Urbanized Canal Review and said that all Bureau of Reclamation projects must have an Emergency Action Plan.

--There will be new project canal operator training in Grand Junction in December.

--Trey said JUB Engineers is doing some survey work in case FMC has to move the siphon from the best location.

Shareholder Jere Hollembeak is proposing an irrigation project and will need to modify the turnout and asked if the Board would approve a weir instead of a parshall.

The canal bank is extra wide at this location due to the Barrow Mesa break several years ago; this allows room to modify the structure. Trey has met with the NRCS engineer and suggested modifications that the engineer incorporated into his design.

Ron S. moves and Dan R. seconds to accept a weir, instead of a parshall, and to allow construction of the new turnout structure and the motion carries.

Dixie L. will prepare an information ad in support of the North Fork Water Conservancy District ballot issue for publication in the High Country Shopper. The Colorado River Water District has prepared a format with important points on the issue.

Dixie L. stated there are several "At Large" positions available with the Gunnison Basin Round Table and applications are due 10/17/2015.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Bureau of Reclamation irrigation projects cannot be used to irrigate cannabis crops and the Bureau would like the North Fork Water Conservancy District to pass a resolution supporting the Bureau position; FMC's responsibility is to report cannabis growing operations to the Bureau if a growing operation is public knowledge.

NEW BUSINESS:

--The DARCA convention will be held in Fort Collins in January of 2016.

--Employee compensation was discussed with particular focus on the increase of work time spent and responsibilities for Trey and Bill. Business dealings with Bureau of Reclamation and other agencies are year round and Trey no longer has winters off.

--Don Brekke has not been requesting mileage reimbursement for off road vehicle use, only highway miles.

--Bill M. has been tracking his vehicle expenses carefully, as he needs to replace his truck, but has only been able to save \$2,000 toward a replacement.

The employees were excused from the meeting at 9:15 PM and the Board went into Executive Session to discuss payroll issues.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dan R. motions to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 PM, Wes 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