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

Wes S. motions and Ron S. seconds the 09/08/2016 meeting minutes be approved as corrected and the motion carries.

Dan R. motions and Ron S. seconds the 09/18/2016 meeting minutes be approved as read and the motion carries.

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

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

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

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

--Steve reported the reservoir elevation is 6,366.69 with 42.14 acre feet in the reservoir.

--Bulkhead Repair Update: We are waiting on the Army Corps to issue the Nation Wide Permit; the material is in Grand Junction and is being cut and predrilled; the long reach excavator has been reserved at River Bend Machinery; the Bureau is ready to mobilize as soon as the permit is issued.

--Steve will be in Denver next week attending the Paonia Project Modification Alternatives Workshop. After discussion, Wes S. motions to allow Steve \$40 per day for meals, Dan R. seconds and the motion carries.

--Steve has been repairing electrical problems at the dam; the lights now work all the way down the elevator shaft.

--A Bureau crew will be at the dam to perform a second round of injecting sealant into the concrete cracks of the elevator shaft.

--Ditch rider Travis C. sprayed knapweed and willows along the entire reach of the canal; he stopped at L Road on Rogers Mesa due to organic grower concerns.

--Ditch rider Bill M. mowed the entire lower end of the canal.

--Jeff A. discussed that it is important to notify organic landowners why you are spraying and that FMC is being attentive to temperature and wind direction.

--Bill M. has been able to knock down several spoil piles.

--Bill M. has run out of his 1,400 hours for the year. After Board discussion, Ron S. motions to have Bill continue to work at his normal hourly rate until fall maintenance is completed, Dan R. seconds and the motion carries.

--Steve talked to Luke Gingrich, with JUB Engineering, regarding the Leroux Creek ramp flume design.

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

--The first stage of the Cultural Resource Inventory has been completed and is under review at the Bureau.

--ERO has started on the NEPA and has had a kickoff meeting with the Bureau.

--Mike Zeman will start working on the habitat mitigation next week.

--Dr. Burt, of Cal Poly, gave a presentation to the Bureau, NFWCD, and FMC at the Delta, CO forest service office, at 1:00pm on 10/06/2016, regarding the Leroux Creek Piping Project; several alternatives were discussed including a regulating reservoir to handle backflow water when water users turn off their water.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

--Dixie L. discussed that the CRWCD has applied for \$20 million dollars in the 2017 round of RCPP funding.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

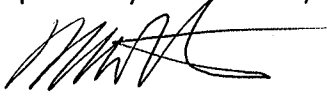
--The NRCS would like the Jesse Ditch to deliver pressurized water; in order to accomplish this, the Jesse diversion needs to move location and the Jesse water would be carried in the new proposed FMC pipeline. The Jesse Ditch delivers 7,443 FMC shares plus an additional 14 cfs of spring flood water. The spring flood water decree has run for as little as two days (in drought years) and for as long five weeks (in good snowpack years). In order to carry the Jesse water the FMC pipeline would have to be designed to carry up to an additional 19 cfs of water.

Is FMC willing to carry the Jesse water? Ron S. and Dixie L. abstain from discussion and voting from this point. After discussion, Wes S. motions to accept the Jesse Ditch water in the FMC proposed pipeline with the following conditions: the Jesse Ditch will contribute the incremental cost to include the Jesse water in the new pipeline, engineering feasibility, design feasibility, and further working out of the details, many of which are unknown at this time, Dan R. seconds and the motions carries 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dan R. motions to adjourn the meeting at 10:15pm, Wes S. seconds and the motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Fisher', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Randall W. Fisher, Secretary-Treasurer