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The 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, John Stroh, Wes Spore and Dan Robinson. Also present from FMC were Trey Denison, Bill Moore, Ron Smith, Susan Raymond and Randy Fisher.

Representatives from North Fork Water Conservancy District present were Tom Alvey, Dave Whittlesey, Mark Smith and Steve Kossler. Others present were Dave Stiller and Sarah Sauter of Western Slope Conservation Center, Dave Kanzer of Colorado River Water District, Cary Denison of Trout Unlimited, Phil Ibsen and Tom Fowlds from Bureau of Reclamation and resident Tom Kay.

The meeting opened with an introduction of attendees and Trey reporting that 4' of the 12' outlet works was showing above the sediment level. Trey further said that debris entombed in the sediment was stuck on the trash rack and currently there was 2' of sediment on the trash rack.

On November 12, Kent Collins from the Bureau Technical Service Center, Tom Fowlds and Phil Ibsen from the Bureau Grand Junction office met at the reservoir with Fire Mountain Canal, USGS, and engineer Bruce Marvin. Dixie stated the channel below Deep Creek has moved from the east side to the west side of the reservoir. Kent Collins visually checked approximately twelve places along the river for sediment deposition; he didn't find any sediment deposits until the Hawks Nest Bridge.

Dave Kanzer discussed several items:

- the silt bed load advanced 1,200' downstream
- availability of CRSP MOA funds
- discussion of several ideas to fix the problem
- communication to water users and the general public

Phil Ibsen and Tom Fowlds will meet with Bureau Technical Service Center representative Kent Collins to discuss long term options, and will meet with Trey to discuss short term options.

Trey stated the geography between Deep Creek and the dam had changed significantly since the last survey so the Bureau will survey the reservoir again.

There has been an excavator on site for two weeks; the excavator could reach two of the four sides of the outlet works. The excavator was removed from the site on November 12 due to weather concerns.

There was discussion regarding the use of a bypass syphon to bypass the outlet works. Denver Water is using a bypass siphon at Dillon Reservoir while the gate chamber is being repaired.

Kent Collins of the Bureau TSC is requesting that FMC keep the trash rack open for another week so the survey can be completed; with removal of the excavator the trash rack will be kept open manually by FMC personnel.

It was questioned whether the USGS obtained usable sediment inflow data and Trey stated he was told the USGS thought the sediment inflow this year was twice that of last year.

The outlet works sedimentation meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM and the regular meeting was called to order.

John S. motions and Dan R. seconds the October 8th meeting minutes be approved as corrected and the motion carries.

John S. motions and Bill H. seconds that the October 27th meeting minutes be approved as corrected and the motion carries.

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

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

Dixie L. commended Bill and Trey for a job performance "above and beyond."

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

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

--The Lazy H Ranch pipeline to cross the North Fork of the Gunnison river was stopped by the Bureau of Reclamation because the land to be irrigated with the pipeline is outside of the Paonia Project boundaries.

--Trey reported on fall maintenance:

- Headgates and wasteways were cleaned along entire canal length;
- Three headgates on Rogers Mesa need repair (Hollenbeak's, Tuft's at 3150 Road and Marvin Carr);
- Reshaping is partially completed in the Terror Cree/Bowie area with a couple of miles still to be done;
- A waste water drain needs to be installed on Stucker Mesa;

--Regarding the Leroux Creek project: Trey stated the architectural site work was done and a road had been built to the site. The Grand Junction office of the Bureau of Reclamation is short staff and the environmental study has been delayed.

--Trey's report on dam operations included:

- Roop Excavating rented the excavator from Riverbend Equipment;
- Roop Excavating constructed the road access to the outlet;
- The FMC crew was working hard to keep the outlet clear;
- Bill Moore worked his annual contract hours by the end of October.

There was a general discussion about the FMC reimbursement request to the North Fork Water Conservancy District.

John S. motions that Bill Moore be paid hourly for his continued work, Wes S. seconds and the motion carries.

Dixie L. wrote a letter to the EPA regarding the proposed Clean Water Act rules:

- requested a chart detailing the differences between the old rules and the new rules;
- requested that the EPA disallow third party lawsuits regarding the rules.

Dave Kanzer met with Western Slope Conservation Center to explain the situation at the reservoir.

Randy F. will talk to Bryce at J-U-B Engineering to get some clarification on their proposal for the Leroux Creek Diversion project.

Bill H. motions that FMC Board members be paid, at the regular meeting rate, for meetings at the reservoir on 11/5/2014 and 11/12/2014, John S. seconds and the motion carries 3-2.

Attendance 11/05/2014: Dan R.

Attendance 11/12/2014: Dan R., Wes S., and Dixie L

The next meeting will be held December 11, 2014; general discussion regarding holding the annual meeting on Thursday 01/22/2015.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dan R. motions to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 PM, Wes S. seconds and the motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Randall W. Fisher, Secretary-Treasurer