**Fire Mountain Canal & Reservoir Company**

**Minutes –** January 13, 2021

Our regular monthly meeting was held on a conference call. The following people were present; Dixie Luke, Ron Smith, Dan Robinson, Bill Houseweart, Wes Spore, Stacia Cannon, Steve Fletcher, Shirlee Johnson, and Wendy Sheldon.

Dixie called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

The minutes from December 10th  had been emailed to everyone. Dixie asked if the minutes should be accepted as presented. There were no objections so the minutes were approved.

Shirlee went over the balance sheet and the profit & loss. Bill moved they be accepted. The motion was seconded by Wes and passed. Shirlee then went over the bills that are due. Ron moved to pay these bills. Dan seconded and the motion passed.

We have a credit of $27,947.55 with Bolinger & Queen. Wes moved we request payment of that credit. The motion was seconded by Bill and passed. Dixie will call them tomorrow and let them know of our decision.

Delinquent accounts were reviewed. After the billing decision at the last meeting, we need to update the procedural manual.

We discussed the requested transfers. Dan moved to accept the four and consult an attorney on the Parks transfer. The motion was seconded by Ron and passed.

Superintendent report-

Steve has checked the Snotel report-

Paonia group – 53% of average

Gunnison – 65% of average

Scofield – 62% of average

Work is going well at the reservoir.

We have work to do at Stengels. Trees need harvested to plant there but it can’t be done during a drought.

Old business-

Shirlee was excused from the meeting to discuss the three candidates for the treasurer’s position; Linda Molina, Carol Kraii, and Eva Odle. They were interviewed last Monday evening, December 7th. After some discussion, Ron moved we offer the position to Eva Odle. The motion was seconded by Wes and passed. Discussed salary. Decided on $18 an hour during her probation period. We’ll decide on a salary at the next meeting.

Steve will check with Luke Reshke on the 2020 augmentation water.

Dixie and Steve will work on the essential paperwork to oppose the abandonment of the water on Leroux Creek.

The annual meeting has been postponed indefinitely.

New Business –

Dixie said there is quite a bit of money available for projects from the Colorado River District. We need to decide what we want to do moving forward. Dixie and Steve will work on ideas so the board can come up with a plan for the future.

If there is a utility under a state highway or a county road, it needs to be registered with “Call Before You Dig – 811”. Steve will start at Somerset and go to the Rogers Mesa Extension and make note of each pipeline. We need to register all places with them so we aren’t fined.

Harrison Topp wants to start using an existing take out with no gate on the canal.

Ron wondered if the suggestions from the study that was done several years ago for Trout Unlimited should be part of our long-term plan.

Steve will check on cell phone plans with Verizon. There may be one plan that all phones could be on.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.