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## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2015

The Board of Directors of the Farmers Irrigation District met on Wednesday, April 15, 2015, at the district office for the purpose of conducting its regular monthly business. Those in attendance were directors Erick von Lubken, Tim Annala, Don Chandler, Bill Munk and Pete Siragusa; District Manager, Jer Camarata; Project Manager, Jerry Bryan; Office Manager, June Brock and Attorney, Jeff Baker.

Chairman Erick von Lubken called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

### MONTHLY BUSINESS:

The minutes of the March 18, 2015 board meeting were presented and discussed. It was moved by Don Chandler and seconded by Bill Munk to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed with all in favor.

The O&M bills for the month of April 2015 were presented and discussed. It was moved by Don Chandler and seconded by Pete Siragusa to approve the bills in the amount of \$120,606.45. The motion passed with all in favor.

### BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: None

### CORRESPONDENCE: None

### REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

**a) A/R Report** – Jer reported that the district has received \$807,496.21 to date representing 79% of total 2015 assessments charged.

**b) Hydro Production** – March's production was projected at 3 million kWh. Actual production was 3,010,257 kWh (see attached). Hydro revenue for March was projected at \$205,560. Actual revenue was \$209,536.30. End of Month balance for March including reserves was \$1,654,481.96.

**c) Manager's Report** – Jer reported that both the upper and lower reservoirs remain full, and that the early filling maneuver has been made with some impact to power production. The basin's snow pack is non-existent to nominal, which led to the discussion of the staff presented FID Drought Alert letter (see attached). Discussion ensued regarding concerns for water delivery to the upper and middle districts. Jer also provided the board with an Oregon Water Supply Outlook dated April 7, 2015 from NOAA (see attached). Staff briefly discussed a “brown lawn credit” concept, but the option was excluded from the 2015 plan.



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Jer reported that all FCA logos and trademarks for the Farmers Screen have been applied for with the assistance of Legal. Jer has been in discussion with Julie O'Shea regarding concepts for entering the European market. Jer and Jerry will have the opportunity to promote the Farmers Screen while on tour in the UK this month.

Per Jer's oversight, Terra Surveying have been on location at the headgate properties surveying roads and infrastructure as part of the Heltzel Agreement. The survey will be submitted to the Hood River County Planning Department for further review in early May. Legal will then use the survey as exhibits to a Master Agreement that is being crafted. Jer reports that the project is going well.

PaciFiCorp Integrated Resource Plan - PaciFiCorp prepares its integrated resource plan on a biennial schedule, filing its plan with state utility commissions during each odd numbered year. For five of its six state jurisdictions, the Company receives a formal notification as to whether the IRP meets the commissions' IRP standards and guidelines, referred to as IRP acknowledgement. For even-numbered years, the Company updates its preferred resource portfolio and action plan by considering the most recent resource cost, load forecast, regulatory, and market information. The IRP is where sufficiency periods and PPA rates are set. Such information is of paramount importance to the district's future budgets. Jer will be working through his role as OWRC Hydropower Chairman to review the reports both internally and with REC and CREA groups to make sure that the district's interests are represented.

Jer indicated that he had also had some discussions with the Governor's office recently to discuss future renewable energy concepts, and was quite encouraged by the high level support of the work that the district and others have been doing.

**LEGAL:** Mr. Baker has been working on the Heltzel Agreement and providing some Turgo contract support.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

It was moved by Tim Annala and seconded by Don Chandler to move into Contract Review Board session. The motion passed with all in favor.

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**Contract Review Board Session – 12:32 p.m. --** The board moved into contract review board and discussed the Plant 2 Retrofit -Turgo Proposals from contractors. Proposals were provided by Crestline Construction, Knight Construction, P.C.R., Inc, and Platinum Industrial, all of whom attended the mandatory on-site inspection and pre-proposal meeting. Per the Review Committee's report and



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proposal scoring, it was the Contract Review Board's decision and recommendation to award the project to Crestline Construction, with special acknowledgment of Crestline's potential work schedule issue. It was decided that this potential issue, as negotiated, would not alter the competitive field or diminish competition in any way. Crestline won 9 out of 12 categories and also provided the lowest bid. Post discussion, it was moved by Don Chandler and seconded by Bill Munk to move out of contract review board session at 12:44p.m. The motion passed with all in favor.

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Back in the regular board meeting, it was moved by Tim Annala and seconded by Pete Siragusa to accept the contract review board's recommendation to award the project to Crestline Construction. The motion passed with all in favor.

There was then a short discussion of rescheduling or cancelling the June board meeting to accommodate the manager's busy Turgo Project travel schedule in June. It was generally agreed that having a board meeting in June was probably not necessary, but that bills would still have to be authorized and paid for.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:56 p.m.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Erick von Lubken, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Bill Munk, Secretary