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FARMERS IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2026

The Farmers Irrigation District Board of Directors met on Wednesday, September 16, 2026 at the district office and via Zoom to conduct its regular monthly business. Those in attendance were Directors Pete Siragusa, Don Chandler, Bernard Yoo, Erick von Lubken, and Dani Annala; Watershed Project Manager Megan Saunders; and Office Manager Erika Guth. District Manager Alexis Vaivoda was absent.

Chairman Pete Siragusa called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: With no audience members in attendance, there was no business from the floor presented.

DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
The minutes from the August 19, 2026, meeting were presented and discussed. Bernard Yoo made a motion to amend the "General Manager Performance Review Process" section with the addition of the sentence "Bernard Yoo emphasized the value of having a process, to demonstrate to Patrons that performance and compensation reviews are not done arbitrarily". Dani Annala seconded the motion. Bernard Yoo and Dani Annala voted in favor; Erick von Lubken, Don Chandler, and Pete Siragusa voted against. The motion failed.

Erick von Lubken made a motion to accept the August 19, 2026 meeting minutes as written. Don Chandler seconded the motion. Don Chandler, Dani Annala, Erick von Lubken, and Pete Siragusa voted in favor; Bernard Yoo voted against. The motion passed.

DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE:
The O&M bills for the month of August were presented and discussed. It was moved by Dani Annala and seconded by Erick von Lubken to approve the bills in the amount of $60,896.88. Pete Siragusa, Bernard Yoo, Erick von Lubken, Dani Annala, and Don Chandler voted in favor. The motion passed.

COORESPONDANCE: None.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION:

Financial Status Report

Accounts Receivable Report – Megan reported that the District has received $2,355,668 to date, representing 97% of the assessments charged, versus 96% at this time last year. As of September 10, the balance, including reserves, was $1,530,877.

Hydropower Production – August production was projected at 500,000 kWh. Actual production was 288,025 kWh (see attached). Hydro revenue was projected to be $24,440. Actual revenue was $13,696. Year-to-date production is trending at 96.5%.

Irrigation/Hydro Status Report

Hydro Status – Plant 3 remained offline for the month of August. Plant 2 has been operating at reduced capacity due to low flows. It is anticipated that both plants will be online after the annual shutdown.

System Maintenance –

- A truck hit an air vent and Pressure Reducing Valve (PRV) vault off the penstock. The PRV and penstock are still operating, but repairs are needed. Alexis is collecting quotes.
- Annual shutdown is scheduled for October 1st and will likely continue through October 9th.

Reservoir and Drought Status – Megan reported that water supplies will last to the end of the irrigation season. She noted that rainfall earlier in the month, the end of harvest for many orchardists, and the diligence of the field crew and patrons all played an important role in maintaining water supply during this summer's drought.

Projects

Business Oregon Regional Infrastructure Fund (RIF) Grant Proposal – Megan submitted the RIF grant proposal the morning of September 16. The proposal requested $274,000 in funding to be allocated toward 20 miles of right-of-way clearing and upgrading the District's PRVs.

WATER RIGHTS: None

MISCELLANEOUS:

Online Payment Option – As a follow-up to the August 2026 meeting, Erika discussed the pros and cons of moving to an online payment option or maintaining the current payment system. She also provided a recommendation for an online payment processor called Point & Pay, if the Board wanted to move to online payment. Following discussion, Dani Annala made a motion to proceed with the transition to Point & Pay as the payment software for FID. Erick von Lubken seconded the motion. Don Chandler, Bernard Yoo, Pete Siragusa, Erick von Lubken, and Dani Annala all voted in favor. The motion passed.

New Truck – The District purchased a used truck at the beginning of September to replace Zach's old truck.

Truck Auction – Two trucks are currently up for auction. The minimum bid for each truck is $3,000, and the bidding will end on September 30, with winners announced the morning of October 1.

LEGAL: None

OTHER BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 12:21 pm.

Signed:_____ Pete Siragusa

Attest:_____ Bernard Yoo