

January 11th, 2014
Annual Meeting Minutes
Farmers Union Ditch Company

The Farmers Union Ditch meeting was held Saturday January 11th, 2014 at 1pm at the Star City Hall.

Brian Harm, President introduced himself and fellow board members Tom Foster, Lloyd Akins and Joe Watterson as well as Secretary/Bookkeeper Lisa Harm and FUD Attorney Jerry Kiser.

2013 Annual Meeting minutes were read.

Total FUD Shares present were 149 of the 500 FUD Shares...no quorum was reached.

Brian gave an overview of the FUD 2013 Financials including the Profit and Loss, Balance Sheet and compilation report from FUD CPA Crandell, Swenson & Gleason.

Brian explained the continued trend of rising costs; being driven most notably by increased professional fees, canal repair and retro-fit replacement projects.

Major projects for 2014 were shared including an improved diversion box at Klondike Point, extensive repair & leak remediation to the bank at Pierce Park and Hill Road and expansion of the access road downstream from State & Collister.

Procurements of a good used Track Hoe at an estimated cost of \$125,000 to \$140,000 is slated for 2014 as the current track hoe is no longer mechanically sustainable.

Brian reviewed the Special Assessment of \$100 per share which will be allocated to the purchase of the track hoe and the need for another 5 percent increase in the general assessment rate to contend with the ever-increasing costs of maintaining and operating the ditch

Outside Impact Issues were reviewed including

An update on the Boise City Simplot White Water Park and associated flood plan re-mapping which have continued to be series of ongoing planning and engineering discussions.

ACHD plans to widening of State Street which affects our underground crossing at Collister

Jerry Kiser gave an overview of IDWR's new proposals regarding storage water which seek to re-write historic storage water rights in the reservoirs by changing the definitions of first-fill rights and flow control releases. An issue to which the FUD is deeply opposed and one that promises to lead to extensive litigation and cost.

Cheryl Bloom spoke regarding ACHD's proposed widening of Beacon Light Road and solicited support to block this expansion from both the Farmer's Union and the constituents in the room.

Board member Lloyd Aktins address this by indicating that the Farmer Union does not engage in political issues outside those directly affecting the FUD water rights and in cases of proposed development until such time as specific plans and proposals are brought before the Board by the impacting developers.

Outstanding efforts by Ditch employees were acknowledged;

Ditch Rider Dane Vaughn for his excellent water management practices during a year where our water allocations were severely reduced due to the tight water supply.

Bookkeeper Lisa Harm for doing such an outstanding job of collecting past due assessments to just a few hundred dollars.

There being no further questions or comments the meeting was adjourned.

This concludes the minutes of the January 11th Annual meeting.