

Farmer's Union Ditch  
Board Meeting June 14, 2016

**Board Members Present:** Paul Akins-Lloyd Akins, Brian Harm, Sam Rosti and Tom Foster

Darrell Taylor Ditch Rider and Lisa Harm Bookkeeper also present.

**Guests:**

**Judy Jones**

Judy appeared to discuss transferring a portion of her 8 inches of water of developed water to her son, Barry Jones...3 miles west of her property at Croft off Beacon Light. Jerry as if proposed site was within service area and it was general agreed it was. Board advised her son come to next meeting with info about his HOA, Current Water Rights, Laterals, etc. However in that she only want to transfer 1 inch the board advised against this because of the small amount.

**John Tensen**

Sam and Lloyd took a tour of Simplot Park. John reported that the vegetation in wetlands area and search for invasive species was currently being run through with U of I extension office.

Discussion followed regarding Sand Creek and road storm drainage into the ponds that could get into canal and the board expressed its concerns. Drainage capacity with storage ponds is large enough for a 100 year event. Enlarging the connection between the two ponds to maintain water level...potential issue.

Sand/Crane Creek needs a long term solution...John suggested a FUD sponsored construction. John asked if we'd be open to co-funding this effort and expressed city concerned that they don't have the same sense of linkage to this problem as the Board. Discussion followed about whether or not the Corp of Engineers would need to approve and Karl seemed to think it would fly OK .The Board raised concerns about a proposed Pipe under canal to maintain water levels and flush water through

ponds; again John said he would draft a concept letter and work with Karl to Cooperative to collaborate on design.

Old pipe midway/tree swing between control gate and our head gate is going to be replaced and reengineered to provide spill to help level head pressure. John to come to next board meeting.

Brian Read May Board Meeting Minutes and they were Approved.

### **General Discussion:**

#### **Gully's Road & Bridge**

Tom, Lloyd and Sam went through the measurements and design their design and saw no major issues. Bridge to go in the Fall and Gully to present final engineering. At this meeting there was no discussion of crossing agreement. Jerry sent restricted covenant to Gully's attorney. There was some discussion regarding potential homeowners encroachment and it was agreed that all that could be done had been done for now.

#### **Ditch Rider Report**

Darrell...thanked Board to use company truck and reported that 195 CFS was running now. All deliveries are being meet.

Darrell passed state license for pesticide/herbicide application through the Department of Agriculture.

There was a request to consider a new procedure for weeds control and that the crew would like to proactively apply pre-emergent. After some discussion the idea was not approved. Darrell asked about repairing the right of way bridges near the head gate and this project is on hold pending the City's Development Project Proposals for this area. However, they were instructed to use wood planks for now to allow safe access.

There was a request for offset mower that has capability of mowing the right of way in one pass. Some suggestions were made, further research required.

The Board instructed Darrell to report on Storage water report once a week and to verify natural water right and monitor daily. Darrell indicated he was having regular conversations with Rex.

The Board instructed the crew to ensure that all head gates are chain and locked. Report was at 100% through HG 90 continue work was going on to complete that week.

Craig stung by bees and had a severe reaction.

The Board was informed that Rex is put on seminars and they requested permission to attend. Permission was granted.

The Board reported that there was a developing Moss problem and to treat with copper sulfate immediately. To help calculate correct amounts Darrell was instructed to call Archie Comb at Middle Irrigation.

Board instructed Craig to become licensed by the Department of Agriculture for pesticide/herbicide application as soon as possible.

Topic of Peterson wastewater at 134abc and the flooding being caused. Jerry said the problem is of there own making. They have to readdress their water system that needs to be changed to static system. Involves Warren Kirk of Peterson Development and Canyon Ranches.

Lloyd reported receiving call regarding locking head gate and concern that they are saying he's responsible. Darrell said he received only one call...Ann Ritter and that he communicated it was a board directive.

Ditch Crew was reminded of the policy regarding 24 hour notice to turn on and turn off and no changes over weekends.

Ditch Crew as asked to check flow to Marge Bowel suspicion we are over delivering.

**Jerry Kiser**

Nothing

Sam shared idea about selling the downtown property...Parks and Rec prospect.  
Everyone was interested in learn more.

**Meeting Adjourned**