

Farmers Union Board Meeting Oct 13th 2015

Board Members Present: Lloyd Akins, Tom Foster, Brian Harm, and Sam Rosti.

Lisa Harm Bookkeeper, Jerry Kiser Attorney and Dane Vaughn Ditch Rider

Meeting opened with Guests

Ross Erickson of Erickson Civil 208-846-8955 ross@ericksoncivil.com, representing West Ada School District and Star School Development.

Wants to build a pump station in an enclosed facility. ESI is contract on this job. All this impacts the Emmett Lateral...Sam Rosti has been involved all along the way. There is no material impact on the water flow and delivery of water including Ron Shriner's property.

It has been mutually agreed that FUD will remove a concrete ditch from the Elementary School Property at FUD expense to be used as rip-rap material. Ditch runs 1,000 feet from well location. Brian requested a letter granting permission for this activity and a drawing indicating this ditch location. Ditch to be removed this fall.

Reading of September Minutes:

Sam motion, second by Tom, minutes approved.

In open discussion the Hartley Lane and water request above the canal-came up again and Sam raised a question about FUD being sure we know the limits of our service area. Bob Hansen has lease on water own by Violet McPherson. Lloyd to investigate if there's ever been any historic use of water above the ditch at this location.

Ditch Rider Report

Dane reported that we're on River Flow and a decision needs to made as to when to turn off for water year 2015. Boise Valley has communicated a desire to run until the 20th. Board decided to run water through Oct 20th.

Dane reported that the Weeds that appeared this year were indeed Segoe and Mill Foil...copper sulfide should deal with it.

General Discussion:

Drain flowing under FUD between at Collister and Thriftway Lumber. City trying to identify what-where-why so they can remove it for road work coming on the State St widening project. Tracy Olsen talked with Lloyd. Board needs to have coverage from liability for anything Boise-ACHD may do.

Green Meadows Spill: Sam brought the topic up and a wide-ranging discussion followed about the future of the spill, options to fix, replace or destroy these works. No conclusions were reached and the topic was tabled for future discussion.

Kiser Report**Fitzgerald Case: Executive Session**

Fitzgerald attorney asked Lloyd about settling through mediation. Jerry described the mediation and the rationale for considering the option: mainly reduced legal costs, certain outcome bound by a court order. View about this proposal varied. A motion was made to decide the matter and the board decided by split decision to move forward with the mediation effort.

Camadrie Heights

Jerry wrote letter to their attorney notifying they need written approval for any new crossing agreement.

Intermountain Gas

A crossing agreement was reached with Intermountain Gas for a new gas line near Beacon Light and it was agreed the new line would go down the road instead of along the canal. Documentation to be provided for the record.

Refill Issue

Jerry provide a brief review of the Special Masters decision favoring the historic water users rights and position.

Boise Valley Water Rights

Following up on earlier discussions the amount of water Boise Valley has it was learned they have:

3,000 shares: 2,789 inches water rights...natural flow rights.

(Actual shares worth less than inch)

1933 reissued all capital stock.

We don't know what their Storage Water rights are?