

Farmers Union Ditch Meeting

Board Present:

Lloyd Akins, Paul Akins, Tom Foster

Craig Waddell, Ditch Rider

Rosalie Cope, Secretary/Bookkeeper

Jerry Kiser, Attorney for FUD

Lloyd Akins called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

WHITEWATER PARK

Jerry presented the list of items previously prepared addressing concerns regarding plans for the next phases of the Whitewater Park.

- 1) Control Gate – The headgate leaks; Craig Waddell said it has been adjusted and the main issues have been addressed but it is still not working properly. When Craig opens the gate water sprays out of the top. That may be the way it is going to work due to the amount of pressure.
- 2) Power Lift – The lift has not been purchased yet. Craig reported the City of Boise told him they would like Farmer's Union to purchase and will reimburse Farmer's Union for it. Craig has not shopped for price quotes yet.
- 3) Signage – Craig said Farmer's Union signs are up around the intake structure and the City of Boise also put up some smaller signs.
- 4) Tree Removal – Done
- 5) Items to Remain
 - a. Need to get bonded.
 - b. See pages 131, pooled area and C132. The bottom elevation of the structure is 2651.5 (top of concrete or Obermeyer Gate flattened)
 - c. Width of Canal Road. Jerry spoke with John Tensen yesterday. He said the width will be the same as it is currently, but the City will make improvements so the road is wide enough and firm enough to bring in heavy equipment. The Board would like to ask for the road to be wider than 12', at least 15' to accommodate the track hoe. See page 131, note: Farmer's Union gravel access road is 12' wide and is shown being adjacent to the Greenbelt.
 - d. (NEW) Craig Waddell reported that the City of Boise was crossing with heavy equipment below the Railroad Bridge and pushed the bank down. He said that caused a diversion where Farmer's Union spill water is going into Veteran's Parkway. Craig said the bank needs to be built back up by at least a couple of feet.

- e. The City of Boise was asked for concrete block to be stacked back by the headgate and it has not been replaced.
 - f. Proximity of beach to intake structure. The plans propose an access for paddle boarders, etc. in the parking lot area. Page C101 now shows a beach and wading area. Jerry Kiser stated there is not any information yet on what the impact would be on flow, sediment, etc. McMillen should be providing that soon. Page C131 is a continuation from C101 showing where proposed islands are. In the plans the City is proposing to cut back the bank and leave the rest out in the river as islands. Currently, the bank goes to where the edge of the islands would be. Lloyd does not like the location of the two islands. He said one can remain, but the second which is closest to the Farmer's Union intake needs to be moved. He suggested closer to Thurman Mill. The Board is concerned about safety. The original plans never proposed for this area to be a wading pool, it was supposed to provide whitewater access for rafters and kayakers with whitewater skills. Lloyd thinks the pool could be 3-3 ½ feet deep and says the beach is too close to the intake. He is afraid someone may get caught in the draft of the intake and swept up.
- 6) Debris Boom – The plans show the debris boom anchored on the bank (C131). Craig said it is his understanding they are proposing a rope with buoys on it which is supposed to keep debris off the gate. This will not keep a person from washing against the grate. The Board has not been presented with a design for this yet. Craig Waddell said he would like to see the same type of structure that is currently being used on the New York Canal diversion dam.
 - 7) See #5
 - 8) Sand Creek – Unresolved. Craig said they have excavated the settling pond at least 5' over the winter. The upper pond, Sand Creek is excavated and deeper but the problem has not been solved. The water will still run into the pond. Craig said the headgate is 1 ½ feet higher than the pond and when Farmer's Union releases water the pond will fill. Jerry was under the impression they were going to take the water under the canal so the dirty pond water would not run into the canal. Craig suggested they put a siphon in. Discussion ensued about installation of something similar to a glory hole and dam with a weir where the pond overflows into the canal. A weir will help see where the water is going. Lloyd said a siphon will do the job and a bank will keep the water out.
 - 9) New Spills – Done.
 - 10) Page C101 now shows small cobble in front of the beach area rather than sand.
 - 11) Garden City side – John Tensen said it was a battle to remove two trees on the Garden City side. Craig said the area below the wave structure is where Sam Rosti wants the trees cleaned out. The trees start after the first wave pool. Jerry suggested Craig document the size of the trees now and as that area gets overgrown the more the problem will increase. The overgrowth will move the river flow into the Farmer's Union side of the bank

below the intake structure. They are not impacting the intake. Jerry suggested Farmer's Union coordinate with flood control. If it is State land then we would be dealing with a conservation easement. In looking at the plans the City is going to have to keep that area clean and at water level so the fish ladder will work properly.

12) Bridge below control gate. Removed.

13) Roads (page LA004) – The plans show the Greenbelt and Maintenance Road separated as they should be, on page LA004. On page C401 the Greenbelt and the center line of the canal road on the right edge of the plan merge. These roads need to remain separate or the Greenbelt needs to be removed in that area. Farmer's Union will also require the City to post signage. The landscape plan on page L103 has a note that says landscape to remain natural along pathway. There is an arrow going between the new Greenbelt and the Canal Road. This needs to be a natural barrier to serve as a deterrent in order to keep pedestrian traffic off the Canal Road.

14) Control Building Location. Lloyd said page C131 of the plans show the control building on the Esther Simplot pond side of the gates, the north side of the headgate structure, next to the Farmer's Union Fence. The building cannot be in the Farmer's Union right of way, it needs to be relocated inside the park somewhere. If Farmer's Union needs to access for maintenance the structure will be in the way.

15) Spillway channel needs to be fixed.

NEW ITEMS

Paul Akins would like confirmation on when the clock will start on the 5 years. Jerry said it is his opinion the clock will start when the project is fully complete. Farmer's Union can't evaluate what has been done to date until the project is complete.

Lloyd said the rubble in the pond above the Farmer's Union diversion needs to be removed. The City is obligated to rehabilitate and replace. If at some point in the future anything that has been done interferes with Farmer's Union flow it will have to be addressed.

Farmer's Union only agreed to one (1) year of de-watering the river. Are the structures going to be finished this year?

Jerry Kiser reported there will be a meeting regarding the refill issue once the State issues a response.

Jerry reported the BOR can get a mini analysis which would not be binding and Bryce is thinking they may still want to do that. There was a meeting on Monday and more information was given on charged costs and non-charged costs such as recreation. Jerry said the rate is down from 25% to 12.4% but is not sure what costs

are related. He said it appears the BOR is adding more costs they would be charging the 12.4% on than what we have been assessed for in the past. He said they were reassured that once the major expenses are past the rate should go back to \$3. Jerry said he would like to see a breakdown of what costs are now being included. Bryce is meeting with the companies he represents to see if they want to consider conducting the mini study.

Paul Akins moved to adjourn the meeting; motion was seconded by Tom Foster.
Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.