

Tuesday, April 11, 2017

Farmers Union Ditch Meeting

Board Present:

Lloyd Akins, Paul Akins, Sam Rosti, Tom Foster

Ditch Riders, Craig Waddell, Kendall Rivers

Rosalie Cope, Secretary/Bookkeeper

Jerry Kiser, Attorney for FUD

Guests: Roy Johnson, Pete Newton – Capital View Irrigation District, Jack Van Wyk, Ann (Suzanne) Mika, Scott Ward - HDR, Inc.

Meeting called to order at 5:57 p.m.

First order of business, Roy Johnson (208/850-7022), Hillsdale Estates subdivision. Mr. Johnson is the engineer working on the proposed future development of Hillsdale subdivision. Mr. Johnson explained that as part of the expansion Hillsdale may be required by ACHD to build a bridge for access and would like to start discussion with the FUD Board early. This project will affect Bailey's bridge. Sam Rosti asked if the proposed bridge is designed to be as wide as the channel and does it have wings walls on the front and back. Craig Waddell requested the walls be higher than 4'. Craig is going to measure the channel at the proposed site and the board will discuss. After further discussion Jerry Kiser will follow up with them.

Pete Newton (208/484-8141 newts@q.com) with Capital View irrigation District asked if Jerry had a chance to review the proposed agreement between FUD and Capital View. The discussion was tabled in order for other guests to present first.

Jack Van Wyk (208) 867-4516 idaho2@hotmail.com) on behalf of shareholder Ann Mika explained that Mrs. Mika and her husband recently purchased the property at 2817 N. Haven Drive. The property has not been irrigated for some time and the Mika's would like to plant pasture. There is an existing 3 hp pump on the property that they are proposing to utilize. Sam explained that the existing pump moves approx. double the amount of water allotted in their shares. The Board suggested the pump be replaced with an appropriate size pump and for the Mika's to price the pump with and without a flow meter. It would be best if they purchased the pump with a flow meter in the event the board requires it in the future. Sam asked that they report back at the May meeting.

Scott Wood, engineer with HDR Inc. addressed the Board on behalf of I.T.D. Scott explained that Tracy Bono with I.T.D. regarding the proposed widening of State Street and placement of the canal in a box culvert at Collister and State Street. This will include covering the FUD canal. Craig Waddell asked that when the new catch basin and head gate are installed that there is enough elevation so it can be easily cleaned if debris is caught. Mr. Wood explained this plan is conceptual at this point and is 1-2 years out on construction. He asked if FUD would require manholes. Craig suggested the manholes are raised as well and are placed no more than 400' apart. The old box culvert will be replaced and because of the width will require a center wall. It was discussed that the center wall will need to be extended out beyond the front of the tunnel so the ditch riders can see. Craig also asked if I.T.D. had planned for space where debris from cleaning the ditch may be piled and if the ditch riders will have road access. It was decided that the bank may be necessary to pile debris as people use the "empty" space for parking currently. A structure and signage would discourage parking on the access. Paul Akins asked who is responsible for removing the debris. Jerry Kiser stated that FUD would be responsible. It was also discussed that there needs to be a shut off on the intake side and brackets should be built into the front of the box so stop logs can be put in if necessary. Aluminum stop logs might be better in this situation since it is a long span and they may be lighter. Craig asked that a stick gauge be placed on each side of the outlet. Scott said they can be placed on the outside of the wing walls. Mr. Wood is going to go back and rework the plans with the Board's requests in mind. He will bring the revised plans back to the board and will be in contact with Jerry Kiser.

Discussion with Mr. Newton resumed. Per agreement, Capital View Irrigation has storage water rights in the Anderson Ranch reservoir. Capital View is requesting FUD carry and deliver 300 gpm of storage water discharged from Anderson Ranch. When FUD is releasing storage water this water will also be released and distributed by FUD, however Capital View is only requesting the water from July 1st to August 30th. In the past Capital View has not utilized this water, instead have been selling it and now would like to start using the water. Sam stated that an agreement needs to be in place so Craig will know when the additional water is released and stopped. Mr. Newton explained there are separate pumps and separate flow meters. He stated that Triple Ridge built a new pump house so the pumps were placed in the same location. Craig stated that when this was built long ago, he would have preferred each pump have its own weir. Jerry stated that Capital View will be required to pay a maintenance charge for the additional water. Of the 300 gpm, 200 will go to Capital View and 100 to FUD. The 200 gpm would equal 2 shares therefore they will be assessed for 2 shares. The board decided the rate would not be prorated. Lloyd Akins asked that at least two board members meet with Rex Barrie, the Rivermaster to review the plan and make sure he is agreeable with Capital View accessing the surplus water for 60 days.

Minutes were read by Sam Rosti,
Minutes to be amended to reflect the spelling of Karl with the Whitewater park with a K rather than C. Minutes approved with amendment.

Lloyd asked if the Eberhardts had responded to Jerry's letter yet. Jerry stated the letter had not been sent yet.

Jerry reported the Treasure Valley Water Users meeting has been delayed until April 27th so there is no report at this time. Jerry will be in touch with Roger Batt for deadline information and requirements for grant applications.

Craig Waddell asked when the board wants water to be brought up. He also stated he has some concerns about gophers. Sam suggested when D&B has their next sale for Craig to purchase more traps. He also said FUD had someone hired to help with gopher trapping and asked Craig to follow up. Craig said the contractor has been ill and is not available.

Craig reported on the automation project at the Emmett Spillway. The final cost was \$2,525. The board approved the expense.

Lloyd presented the statement for the capital expenditure fund at Idaho Central Credit Union. Presently Lloyd and Paul Akins are the signors on the account. Lloyd suggested another board member be on the account as well, for transparency. Tom Foster will go in and get added to the account.

Jerry shared a letter from Belmar Estates regarding the fence along the canal right of way. Belmar said they will conduct an inspection of the fence and address as necessary and will send a letter to their homeowners regarding dumping on the right of way.

Jerry stated he has been in contact with shareholder Clay Landry regarding the sale of a portion of his property. Mr. Landry has 1 parcel, approximately 1 acre and is splitting into 2 parcels. He has .103 shares and wants to keep all water shares instead of splitting between the parcels. Jerry and Mr. Landry have gone back and forth several times and now Mr. Landry has agreed to split the water between the parcels. The board asked Rosalie to follow up with the Title Company to make sure we receive a copy of the deed and original certificate.

Jerry sent a letter to Roland Springer at the Bureau of Reclamation regarding O & M costs charged to space holders at Lucky Peak reservoir. Jerry reported he has not received a response yet. Sam asked if there was any opposition from the members of Treasure Valley Water Users Assoc. to pursuing this matter on behalf of the Lucky Peak spaceholders.

Jerry received a notice from Ada County Development Services that Vine subdivision is proposing to replace the three head gates and pump which they are currently utilizing. They are planning to install a wet well to serve all lots in the subdivision.

Victoria Craig is asking to pump water from FUD canal because the pipe on her lateral has rotted and she did not fix last Fall to be ready for irrigation season this year. There are three water users on her lateral an her and one neighbor would like to access the water but the third does not want to help pay for the repair. Jerry is going to send Ms. Craig a letter outlining three options; fix the pipe on the lateral, install a wet well on her property or buy 5" of water from Boise Valley Water which FUD will deliver.

An email request was received from a potential buyer of 3985 Pollard asking about upgrades to a pressurized system. The board asked if we have received any plans on the upgrade. Jerry stated he has not and will follow up.

Jerry passed out a handout on the Whitewater Park construction issues. He has had discussion with them and at this time they are planning to address a new spillway. The dam and anything in the river will be addressed in the fall of 2018. Tree removal will be addressed in the fall of 2018. The board wants Sand Creek/Lower Simplot park water//bypass under canal needs to be addressed along with flow in and out of the park this year. The board wants to see either two spillways above the headgate and one in the rope swing area or one large automated spillway could replace the two. A representative from the Whitewater park will be in attendance at the May meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.