

Monday, May 20, 2024

## Farmers Union Ditch Meeting

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### Board Present:

Sam Rosti, Paul Akins, John Schram, Corey Blaine, Bert Browen

Seth Kettering, Sean Kettering, Dale Wood – Ditch Riders

Rosalie Cope, Secretary/Bookkeeper

Andrew Waldera, Attorney for FUD

Guests: Allan Hochstrasser – 1791 W Washam Rd.

Sam Rosti called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

### FOSTER PROPERTY

Lynn Bennett with Bennett Land Leveling provided the Board with a rough estimate on the work to be done to pipe the canal and prep the property for a shop. The quote for 1,000' of 24" pipe is \$50 per ft. for a total of \$50,000 plus delivery. The project will require 24-30 concrete blocks, concrete and earth moving. The Ditch Riders are going to do some of the work with Mr. Bennett's supervision at \$30 per hour. He estimates the project to cost around \$100,000. The Ditch Riders are going to work on cleaning trees up. Bennett will start construction on the silt pond and pipe when water is out. John Schram suggested hiring an engineer to approve a basic plan for the size of pipe and grading plan. Corey is going to contact Mason & Associates to see if they could do it for a nominal fee, under \$5,000.

### ALLAN HOCHSTRASSER – 1791 W WASHAM RD.

Prior to the meeting Rosalie emailed the Board some background information on DPO Investment property at the 1705 W Washam Rd. Mr. Hochstrasser is interested in purchasing the 0.1075 shares from DPO. He explained Mr. Ochoa needed more land to build a shop so he purchased the property at 1723 W Washam Rd. from Pogue then did a lot line adjustment to keep a portion of the property and sold the remainder to Brown. At that time he transferred 0.0795 shares to the Brown's and retained 0.1075. The property at 1705 W Washam Rd. actually receives water from headgate 63 as part of Ted Robert's unofficial subdivision. The Board approved the transfer and Rosalie will work with Mr. Hochstrasser on the transfer.

### DITCH RIDER REPORT

- Seth reported the canal is at 145 cfs with 100-105 cfs of Farmer's Union water.
- Sean passed the CDL test.
- Everything has been removed from the Dodge pickup and it is ready to be sold. The Board put a price of \$11,000 on it.

- Seth talked to Healthy Tree about doing some work along Collister where he cleared a path towards Bloom.

Minutes from the April meeting were e-mailed to the Board for review. John Schram moved to approve the April minutes with corrections; motion was seconded by Bert Brown. Motion was unanimously approved.

#### ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Kari Kay Knotts requested to be on the agenda to discuss the relocation of headgate 125. She did not attend the meeting and Andy drafted an email to Barbara Moyle outlining the process behind the Board's decision to allow relocation of headgate 125.

Andy will be attending the Water Users Conference in Sun Valley in June. A meeting is set with the Regional Director of the Bureau of Reclamation to discuss deal points for the Nez Perce Agreement renewal terms. He will have more to report after that.

Andy and several Board members attended the Eagle Sewer District meeting on May 13<sup>th</sup>. The Eagle Sewer District Board approved the proposed plan. Andy is collaborating with Neil Jenkins to draft the agreement. Once the agreement is fully executed they will submit the application to DEQ. Mr. Jenkins is working to get an agreement in place with ITD to secure the preferred route up the Hwy. 55 corridor. He is also in the process of retaining a design engineer. They are not planning to discharge any water into the canal until 2029. There are mechanical engineering processes that need to be upgraded at the facility prior to building the pipeline. The Eagle Sewer District is still open to overbuilding the pipeline to accommodate some reuse water from the City of Boise.

Andy will follow up with Star Sewer and Water in regards to installing a cable across the easement road between Roselands and Collina Vista to the water tower.

The Water District 63 water pool rental fee is going up from \$24 to \$35 in 2025. Water District 63 met last month to discuss the last to fill rule. Basin 65 in the Payette reached a deal with the Department where in and out of basin will both be treated as last to fill however there is still some in-basin preference. In-basin will fill before out of basin but anyone who rents water will be treated as last to fill behind those who don't rent water.

Rosalie emailed a salary comparison to the Board following the April Meeting. John Schram moved to give Sean and Seth Kettering a one-time raise of 10% starting with the June 1<sup>st</sup> paycheck; motion was seconded by Paul Akins. Motion was unanimously approved.

John Schram moved to approve the financials; motion was seconded by Paul Akins. Motion was unanimously approved.

John Schram moved to adjourn the meeting; motion was seconded by Bert Browen. Motion was unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.