

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

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

Guests: Jay Camp – HG 72

Lloyd Akins called the meeting to order at 5:43 p.m.

Minutes were read by Rosalie Cope.

Tom Foster moved to approve the minutes with corrections; motion was seconded by Paul Akins.

DITCH RIDER REPORT

Craig Waddell reported Kendall Rivers is currently in jail and may be until around the 24th of this month. Craig suggested terminating Kendall's employment. Jerry Kiser asked what is to be done with the house if Kendall is terminated and evicted. It was discussed the Board would worry about the house at a later date. Lloyd Akins made a motion to terminate Kendall's employment and start the process to have him vacate the house. Paul Akins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Jerry Kiser will issue a letter to Kendall Rivers.

Craig reported a new weir has been installed to take care of the problem at headgates 31 and 35. He has not had any further complaints from the City of Eagle.

Craig reported there is a new weir at Widgeon Lakes and they are getting the correct allocation of water. He stated Widgeon Lakes built their own weir and installed before the grate which slows down the flow and allows sand to build up.

Craig said two new boxes are being made and he will install new gates at headgates 104 and 103 in the fall when the water is out.

Paul asked if the island at the Whitewater Park is finished. Craig said there is a sandbar built up where the water comes in and where it goes out around the island. This is causing a sandbar to build up in front of the Farmer's Union intake. The City

has not been utilizing the two gates with the drop opening; they have dropped and left the gate open. As the water comes up to the two gates it hits a rock wall then flows to the gate and deposits sand in front of the Farmer's Union intake. Craig has talked to John Tensen and the City is supposed to dredge the sand out. They are in the process of planting grass over the top of the intake and tunnel. Craig won't have an access road anymore he will have to come to the cage, get on the greenbelt and come back around. Paul asked if water flow is being affected by the sand. Craig has had the water turned up to this point and has more head pressure than normal. He has kept as much flow going down intake as possible. Lloyd asked if there is a timeline for dredging. Craig said not at this time. Lloyd suggested Craig continue driving across the culvert regardless of the grass. Craig said the barriers and curtains are removed and McMillan is cleaning up. He said they have enlarged the Farmer's Union area to include the new building but have stacked a bunch of stuff for the Obermeyer gate and stop logs against the building so Craig has to crawl over the pile to get to the cranks.

Paul asked about the water coming out of the ponds. Craig reported now that the rain has slowed down and the water in the park has receded the water seems to be better. He said there has been so much mess from the ducks the ponds have nearly been shut down for swimming twice and the City has had to treat Esther Simplot pond with peroxide and bleach three times already. Craig is meeting with Kate Harris this week. The City would like to look at Dry Creek, Green Meadow Spill and the Klondike. Craig said Ms. Harris has done a good job of communicating with him as to when they are treating the ponds so he can put chemicals in on alternate days. Craig is applying copper on the 1st and the 15th. He has been treating the head and remainder of the ditch including Boise Valley water to this point but will put a second dose in the tail this week.

Craig reported the canal is checked up to the point he will have to start dropping boards to get more water. They are not spilling at Dry Creek. He has ordered more water from the watermaster for tomorrow.

Craig reported they re-built the spray truck a few weeks ago and it seemed to be working well. It worked for about a week and a half then quit. He took it to Greenleaf for repair and found out it needs a new pump which will be approximately \$1,900. Craig spoke to Sam and he has a spray bar that fits on a tractor and is run with hydraulics. Craig said there is a tractor at Western Auction he would like Lloyd to take a look at. He said he would be able to spray, mow and do road maintenance with the tractor.

Paul asked when the day of allocation is. Craig stated the first of July.

Craig reported Roselands and Dry Creek Cemetery need to install flow meters so water can be measured. Jerry will issue letters requiring flow meters.

Jerry Kiser asked if Craig had Interwest take a look at Capital View's meter yet. Craig has not, but will get them out this week.

Paul Akins asked if water testing is being done at the Whitewater Park. Craig said he has been working with Kate Harris and they are testing by the water treatment plant rather than at the headgate. Farmer's Union needs testing to be done at the headgate to include monitoring temperature difference. Testing was to be done before the intake and as it comes out of the Farmer's Union headgate. Craig is meeting with Kate Harris on Thursday and Jerry Kiser is going to try to attend.

Craig said the temporary fence has not been replaced in front of the bridge to keep people off where the new greenbelt is going in. John Tensen also said the gate on the canal road would be replaced and it has not been yet.

Craig reported there is a bunch of rip rap in the tunnel at Collister. He complained the bank was falling in and instead of reinforcing the bank at the end of the wing walls they filled in the end of the tunnel. The tunnel is now restricted. Jerry asked Craig to keep an eye on it and if it needs to be taken care of the Board will require ACHD to do the work in the fall.

Craig reported Seth Kettering is working out well. They have been cutting trees along the ditch bank.

Paul Akins moved to approve the financials; motion was seconded by Tom Foster.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Jerry Kiser presented the Board with a response letter from Eagle Fire Department stating they were using the canal for training purposes and pumping the water back into the canal. They would like a letter of permission from Farmer's Union allowing them to use the canal for training. Lloyd doesn't have a problem with using the canal for training but does have a problem with them filling the tank in a non-emergency situation. The Board would like Eagle Fire to give the ditch rider notification of date, time and location of training. The Board would also like to clarify there is no water to remain in the tank.

Intermountain Gas sent the Board a letter with a map requesting to install a 4" main line along the north side of Beacon Light Rd. There will be several lateral crossings where they need to bore. Intermountain Gas does not want to wait until fall when the water is out of the canal to do the work. They want to proceed right away. Currently there are no crossing agreements in place with the laterals. Jerry Kiser is going to contact their attorney again. The attorney for Intermountain Gas is of the opinion they are not encroaching in the right-of-way and don't need crossing agreements.

Rosalie reported she received an email from Megan Aubrey with BVIDC requesting to remove Patrick and Jennifer Douglas from the system as they have turned their

share back to Boise Valley. The Board said the Douglas' are still responsible for the 2019 assessment and once that is paid they can be removed from our records and won't be included in the water delivery.

Rosalie provided Jerry Kiser with a list of questions/facts for a potential water user's brochure along with sample brochures from other companies.

NEW DRY CREEK BOUNDARY

Jerry Kiser asked if the Board wants to leave the service area boundary the way it is and allow an overlap with New Dry Creek on the North Eagle 413 property. Jerry said the property in question borders Beacon Light Rd. The Board does not have a problem with that property being considered a part of the New Dry Creek service area but would like it to also remain in Farmer's Union so there are options in the future. Lloyd said if IDWR is agreeable with the overlap then Farmer's Union is fine with it also. Lloyd Akins made a motion to approve the overlap; motion was seconded by Tom Foster. Motion unanimously approved.

Jerry reported he has not had any response from Bryce Farris regarding the addendum to Boise Valley delivery agreements. He is going to reach out to Mr. Farris again.

Jerry spoke to Mike Kramer regarding the asphalt at Bob West's property. Suez does not want to pour concrete in place of the asphalt driveway. Jerry asked if Suez would consider putting in a concrete apron to protect the asphalt. The Board would like a concrete apron put in place but does not believe that will solve the problem long-term. Lloyd informed the Board there is no crossing agreement in place for the bridge. He informed Mr. West he encroached on the Farmer's Union right-of-way with his driveway, crossed the canal without an agreement, eroded the bank and paved with asphalt rather than concrete. Lloyd said at one point asphalt was falling into the water. Craig was directed not to have any future conversations with Mr. West, to direct him to a Board member.

Jay Camp was in attendance again to obtain more information on the vacant Board position.

Lloyd Akins moved to adjourn the meeting; motion was seconded by Paul Akins. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.