

Monday, July 8, 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

Sam Rosti called the meeting to order at 5:29 p.m.

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

### DITCH RIDER REPORT

Two bags of Bentonite were put in the canal above the leak where GWC Capital cut the new road. The road is between 20-40 feet away from the easement at toe of bank however Seth thinks they cut down somewhere between 3-6 feet deeper than the old road was. He met with Steve from GWC last Monday and they are aware of the problem and are trying to figure out exactly where it's seeping. They have started to haul material back into the area where they made the deep cuts. He thanked us for trying the Bentonite and said he will keep in touch. When water is out Seth is planning to put some more Bentonite in that area.

There are also some new survey sticks very close to toe of bank definitely in the Farmer's Union easement and Seth would like to know what they are for.

### ACHD EDGEWOOD AND FLOATING FEATHER CROSSING

Manny Wheaton emailed a set of revised plans for the crosswalk going north/south, crossing Floating Feather off Edgewood Lane. The plans are updated to include setting 3-4 eco blocks 2 high past the wing wall and moving the rip rap approximately 20' downstream to the end of the eco blocks. As per Seth's discussion with them Farmer's Union will do the work and bill them for time and materials. The signal/light pole will be installed approximately 5' from the wingwall. The Board asked Andy to request a set of plans with a legend for the symbols and a scale.

Corey Blaine moved to approve the financials; motion was seconded by Bert Browen. Motion was unanimously approved.

## ATTORNEY'S REPORT

There is ongoing IDWR negotiated rule making with the Department's beneficial use administrative rules.

The Lucky Peak O&M inquiry meeting is set for July 17<sup>th</sup>.

Follow up meetings on the Nez Perce agreement with the Water Users, the office of Species Conservation and the Attorney General's office are set for July 16<sup>th</sup>.

Andy reported there has been an increase in calls from Developers, Real Estate Agents, etc. inquiring about easements.

Andy reached out to Jeff Bower at Givens Pursley again regarding Toll Brothers repairing the road between Cresta Del Sol and the golf course. Seth received a call from Sam Schmidt, Schmidt Construction. Toll Brothers hired him to do the work and he was asking for direction from Farmers Union.

Andy was contacted by representatives from headgates 78 and 79 involving Amberlee Ranch Subdivision. The improvements have already been done, ditch has been piped and irrigation regulation pond built. The City of Eagle approved a landscape plan which has trees, etc. in the plat dedicated easement. The other water users were inquiring about Farmers Union involvement in approvals.

CK Engineers contacted Andy regarding an old drainage way for the Capital View Canal as it relates to development of Rocking A Subdivision at northeast corner of Beacon Light and Eagle Road. The drainage way runs to the southwest corner of Beacon Light and pools there before going into a culvert that takes the water under the canal to another pond/waste area. There have been a couple of times historically where that pond has gotten full quickly. The Developer of Rocking A subdivision will be installing a series of ponds and will need to maintain an active spillway just in case. They would like to rework the system to spill into the canal. Part of the wasteway parallels the east side of Eagle Road. Andy thinks there is enough elevation that the spillway could go into the canal above the water line. They will do the engineering and work. This plan would alleviate Capital View's need to maintain the wasteway on the other side of Eagle Road that parallels Valli Hi. The Board is agreeable to taking the water. Andy will report back to them so they can design plans for approval.

As part of approvals the City of Eagle is asking Hevostila Estates for a 404 permit. A representative from Hevostila Estates contacted Andy asking for the permit. Their license agreement with Farmer's Union does not call for a 404 permit. Andy reported they are still trying to decide if they are going to dig an open trench or line the canal.

A draft agreement with the Eagle Sewer should be ready for review by the 1<sup>st</sup> of August.

Corey spoke to Jake Swan with Idaho Power. He is working on a plan to install the power poles. There may be some trees in the way that will have to be removed. Corey is going to meet with him on-site at 1:00 on Wednesday. Idaho Power will not make the modifications to the easement agreement requested by Mr. Erlebach. The Board paid him \$1,000 in good faith that he would sign off on the agreement. There was some discussion about requesting he pay it back since he would not agree to the terms of the agreement.

Bert Browen moved to adjourn the meeting; motion was seconded by Corey Blaine. Motion was unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.