

Monday, September 8, 2025

## Farmers Union Ditch Meeting

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Board Present:

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

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 5:23 p.m.

### TRAPPER RIDGE

Jonah Duncan with Bailey Engineering and Dylan McDowell and with Trilogy Development attended the meeting to discuss installation of the pressurized irrigation system. Dale and John Schram met on-site earlier in the day to inspect a trench cut at the top of the bank. It appears the work is in the Farmer's Union easement. Jonah Duncan said the p.i. line was installed a couple of weeks ago and believes the CAT operator was just doing lot clean up. Neither Jonah or Dylan have been on-site since the line was installed and agreed they should meet with some representatives from Farmer's Union to verify the pipe was placed as per the approved plan.

James Hammon with Alliance Consulting, representing the City of Eagle attended the meeting to discuss construction of the City Sports Park. Mr. Hammon provided the Board with a schematic of a 300 ft. section of the road around the baseball fields. After meeting with Sam and Corey on-site they made some modifications to the design. They surveyed the top of the bank and the proposed improvements and grading are shown outside the 25' easement. The two areas where the improvements are closest to the canal are marked and in Section 1 they are proposing a block retaining wall which will be approximately 8' outside the 25' easement. The wall will be a minimum of 1' higher than the natural grade on the backside so there will be an area to deposit spoils, etc. Section 2 is 3 ½ - 4' from the easement to the retaining wall. If the Board conceptually agrees to the design he will get a representative from the City in touch with Andy to work through the license agreement.

Andy asked if there are other locations where improvements will be within the easement. Mr. Hammon said the park is going to be built in phases dependent upon funding and license agreements may have to be addressed by phase. Phase 1 is the closest in proximity to the canal. The Board would like a full picture of Phase 1 and a stamped, engineered plan for the retaining wall.

Sam said there are trees below that need to be removed or cleaned up and would like to discuss fencing around the perimeter to address safety concerns. Seth also has ongoing concerns about construction traffic on the canal road. Mr. Hammon stated the City does not want the Valnova construction traffic through there either and to let them know if it continues.

Corey reported Chris Hopper is still working on the road plan. He hopes to have something by the October meeting.

Approval of minutes from the August meeting was tabled until October.

#### DITCH RIDER REPORT

Seth reported there should be 3-4,000 acre ft. of storage water to carry over.

Seth purchased the compactor for \$8,500. He had to have a mechanic from Coastline set the excavator up for the compactor because the hydraulic pressure was too high.

#### ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Sara Arkle from the City of Boise reached out to Andy regarding Willow Lane. Andy left a message but has not heard back from her.

Andy gave a brief update on Legislative issues. The water users are drafting proposed legislation to loop I.D.W.R. into a more traditional hearing officer assignment process through the office of hearings and appeals.

The Bureau of Reclamation, Idaho Power, the State of Idaho, Bonneville Power and Congressional staffers are meeting this week over the Nez Perce agreement.

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

The Board agreed to have a survey done on the Clover property. Sam will contact J.J. Howard.

Paul Akins moved to adjourn the meeting; motion was seconded by Corey Blaine. Motion was unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.