

Saturday, January 11, 2025

Special Meeting – Farmer’s Union Ditch Co.

Board Present:

Sam Rosti, Paul Akins, Bert Browen, Corey Blaine, John Schram (*via phone*)

Rosalie Cope, Secretary/Bookkeeper

Andrew Waldera, Attorney for FUD

Sam Rosti called the meeting to order at 2:58 p.m.

Minutes from the November and December meetings were e-mailed to the Board for review. Paul Akins moved to approve the November and December minutes with corrections; motion was seconded by Bert Browen. Motion was unanimously approved.

Will Mason sent an email to the Board with a conceptual plan for the shop which does not seem to match what the Board had in mind. Sam suggested an on-site meeting with Mr. Mason. Corey reported Idaho Power has their legal documentation and surveys done and they are in the process of revising the documents. The cost to go underground will be less so we will get a refund less fees for revising the documents. The Idaho Power easement is unrestricted meaning power can be upgraded in the future if needed.

Sam stated Flatline Construction has equipment on-site at the Foster property and they plan to start work on Monday.

The two 24-month CD’s at Idaho Central Credit Union matured on January 8th. They need to be renewed or changed within a week of the maturity date. There is \$269,966.16 in each CD. There is also another 24 month CD with \$100,201.55 that matures on 9/13/26. John Schram reported the rates for a 7 month CD are 4.5%, 12 month CD is 4.28%, 18 months is 4.09% and 24 months is 3.85%. Bert Browen made a motion to renew one CD for 7 months and the other for 12 months; motion was seconded by Corey Blaine. Motion was unanimously approved.

Corey and Seth met with Idaho Power and they are now looking into moving the new power poles at Seaman’s Gulch to the north side of the canal.

Idaho Water Users sent out an email to members with a GoFundMe account to benefit the Seiders’ family who lost their home to a fire in December. Carl Seiders is the manager of the South Board of Control and an IWUA director for District 7. Sam Rosti made a motion to donate \$1,000 to the family; motion was seconded by Corey Blaine. Motion was unanimously approved.

The T.V.W.U.A. dues are not changing for 2025. The rate is \$0.28 per irrigated acres. The dues for Farmer's Union are \$2,240. Paul Akins made a motion to renew the T.V.W.U.A. membership; motion was seconded by Bert Browen. Motion was unanimously approved.

Seth reported they have been working on tree removal through Gary Lane and Pierce Park. Healthy Tree is going to start on Monday in the Big Gulch corridor. Healthy Tree will also do a section from Castle to Pierce Park.

The gate near Stilson and Veteran's Memorial Parkway that was destroyed during a high-speed chase in December has been replaced. Farmer's Union will pay Anvil fence and receive reimbursement through restitution.

Seth asked the Board to think about replacing one of the Ford Rangers in the near future. The Board asked him to look into some used options and report back.

Paul Akins moved to adjourn the meeting; motion was seconded by Bert Browen. Motion was unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.