

SOUTHEAST IDAHO CANAL COMPANY

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Department of Water Resources
Eastern Region

Dear Mr. Carlsen,

In regards to memorandum from Nick Spencer, to qualify for non-irrigation season ground water recharge four steps must be met. I am sending you more evidence to substantiate our claim for ground water recharge.

1. An intent to divert for purpose of ground water recharge. Even though I was told that they would only go back five years prior to when we filed adjudication we provided you for 7 years copied from 01's records. Our canals have always diverted water for the purpose of recharge (in the winter). Even though all the records of one of our canals was lost in the flood (Teton Dam burst) I was able to, out of our old historical records prove that at least as early as Feb. 5, 1907 Fall River was running winter water, and I'm quoting from the records " be in the best interest of our stockholders". Also, I can substantiate from these records that at least as early as the winter of 1917 in the Farmer's Friend Canal and out of the Farmer's Friend records the winter of 1921 Twin Grove's ran winter water (Twin Grove's records were destroyed by the flood). These records will prove the other three requirements in Mr. Spencer's memorandum which are number two, historic use, number three, priority date and number four, season of use.

During the winter months the two reasons a canal would run water are, 1. Intentional recharge and 2. To water livestock. It's simply impossible for approx. 4,000 head of animals to drink the amount of water that our canals have historically run. I urge you to look at the amount of water we run in the winter months for several years that we provided you from 01's records prior to our filing of adjudication in 1987-88.

I think it's well worth calling your attention to the fact that the documents I am providing you substantiate us running winter water several years prior to storage rights being issued, especially the ones issued in 1935 for the irrigation entities down stream from the confluence of the Snake Rivers at Thornton and downstream. They were granted storage rights for giving up the right to run winter water based on historical usage. We expect fair and just treatment for our historic use of winter water. In the past two years our canal company was threatened with law suits by other canal companies because of 01's threat that if the reservoirs did not fill that it could be taken out of our storage rights of the following irrigation seasons. We were told that adjudication would resolve this and we were told not to run winter water. We feel very strongly that we have a right to water our animals in the winter time and to run intentional recharge. After all, if you take water out of the river and it's under a layer of ice in our canals and it doesn't spill out of the end of our canals back to the river, where did it go (in the ground and in the livestock).

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Russell Dee Eldridge". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Russell Dee Eldridge
Pres. Southeast Idaho Canal Company

Board Meeting held. Feb. 5 / 1907

Members all present. The president-stated that the object of the meeting was to consider the feasibility of keeping the water in the canal during the winter. All members of the board thought it to be in the best interest of the stock holders to keep the water in the canal as much as possible.

Motion made by J. E. Langston and sec. by W. E. North that the watermaster be instructed to keep as much water in the canal as possible the rest of the winter without doing any material damage; motion carried.

Mr. Thomas Richards Sen. made application for a new certificate in lieu of old one which was lost.

ordered by the board that the secy. make out a new certificate for Mr. Richards on his making a statement in the affidavit that he had lost the old one and relinquished all claim to said lost certificate.

Ordered by the board that the secy. make out a statement of the amount of each stock holders stock and deposit it in one of the books of St. Anthony, and to correct said statement each in there being no further business the board adjourned.

C. H. Law Secy.

FALL RIVER BRANCH

FALL RIVER CANAL CO.

Anthony J. De Maestri
 Board of Directors of the Farmers' Friend
 Church Co. Met on call of President of
 Board of Lark Year.

Members Present
 P. B. Jacobs L. E. Houghton J. T. Birch
 & E. G. G.

Word was that P. B. Jacobs
 is President of Board for ensuing year

Word was that L. E. Houghton
 is Secretary & Treasurer for ensuing year

Word was that we notify E. &
 Mitchell to finish photo dated soon
 as possible.

Word was that we mention or
 appoint to look after Canal water
 W. A. Houghton is elected

Carried

Word was that the fee
 is authorized to pay for Pali Canyon
 on lower end of Canal from Lee Mountain
 Spring. & that the fee is to be collected
 they are carrying it in over Canal
 at 25¢ each.

Carried

Word was that we do
 now adjourn

Carried

L. E. Houghton
 Secy.

FARMER'S FRIEND COAL

1926 Jan. 12, Continued:

It was moved and seconded that we now adjourn which was carried by char. vote.
O. K. Meservey, Sec'y

Jan 12: The Board of Directors elected today met all present and organized installing G. L. Blow as President and O. K. Meservey as Secretary.

It was decided to levy two assessments each year of \$1.00 per share each and use due care in the certification of expenses and pay off all we possibly owe of the Company's indebtedness.

It was moved by C. E. Houghton, seconded by Edward Joly and unanimously carried that we levy an assessment of \$1.00 per share, payable in cash to the Sec'y, upon the Capital stock of the Corporation making same due now and delinquent on Feb. 12-1926.

The wages of the Sec'y for the present year were set at \$50.00.

The credits to be allowed the Directors for attendance at meetings of the Board for the present year were set at \$1.50 for each meeting to be credited to each Director present for his attendance.

O. K. Meservey was designated to look after and regulate the water in the canal during the present winter.

O. K. Meservey, Sec'y

FARMER'S FRIENDS CANAL

1926 Jan. 23: Directors Meeting

Present: W. C. Blow, Carl Birch, J. C. Houghton, Edward Joly and O. K. Meservey

The Secretary reported that Perry Butler had yesterday called and demanded that we get more water into the Canal and see that sufficient water reached the East Center of Sec. 23, Twp. 7 N., R. 40 E., B. 3 W. to supply the daily needs of cows, horses, pigs, etc. he desired to water in that locality by having sufficient water to reach to the surface of the ice when a hole is cut thru it at that point

Mr. Butler at present is renting water and land there owned at the present time by the Vermont Loan & Trust Co. of Spokane, Wash, or its ally The Prudential Insurance Co.

It was moved by J. C. Houghton that O. K. Meservey be appointed to see Mr. Butler and tell him that we will try to get a little water down at this expense - same to be done under the supervision of our Watermaster Mr. Meservey - whose services are to be paid for by Mr. Butler, provided said water can be got through the canal to Mr. Butler's point of intended use without doing any damage along the Canal between said point of use and point of entrance into Canal; otherwise, we will not attempt to do it. This was seconded by Carl Birch and Carried by vote.

Mr. Joly said he thought he could lend the Company about \$4,000. at 8% int. in the near future if his present debtor could supply it and if he did Mr. Joly did not want to lend it to the Company for a longer time than 3 years.

The Board decided to accept of his offer to extricate the Company's note favor James Galbraith from the clutches of the Federal Reserve" as said condition is now serious with us due to the note's being some years past due

O. K. Meservey, Sec'y

FARMER'S FRIEND CANAL

1927 Nov 25: Directors' Meeting

Present: A. C. Blow, Carl Birch, J. C. Houghton and A. K. Osmerow.

The Secretary reported that there would be no delinquent stock sold as all the stock delinquent had been paid for for the assessment advantage.

It was moved by J. C. Houghton, seconded by Carl Birch and carried by clear vote that we levy an assessment of \$1.00 per share upon the capital stock of the Corporation. Said assessment being payable in cash to the Secretary either at his office or residence. That this assessment be due now and delinquent on January 25-1928.

At the suggestion of the Secretary it was decided to amend the Bylaws, making 60 days the time limit for allowing assessments to run before being declared delinquent, to such time as may be decided by the Board of Directors in each assessment's case, at the next Annual Stockholder's Meeting.

The Secretary reported \$233.50 on hand and it was then decided to pay off our Note and interest at the Bank of \$206.67 and Blacksmith Harris' bill of \$1.00 for sharpening a drill.

It was also decided that out of the assessment just levied that in addition to paying interest on our Notes outstanding and current operating expenses, that we pay \$300.00 on the principal of Notes held by Clark & Houghton and as much as we see we can on the Note held by the National Park Lumber Company.

The matter of having a check and spillway at point where the old headgate and spillway were was considered but no definite conclusion for steps to take in the matter was arrived at.

Secretary reported that L. C. Murri had told him he deserved damages in the amount of \$20.00 for water flooding his land and crops last winter stating that that much would not pay for the seed alone destroyed. It was nothing of the additional plowing and reseeding.

It was decided that said claim should have been presented at a time when the damage could have been seen and ascertained and not

ies or identity, from your census reports. Only sworn census employees will see your statements. Data collected will be used solely for pr
 us Reports Cannot Be Used for Purposes of Taxation, Regulation, or Investigation.

V.—LANDS—Continued

(a) Area actually irrigated in 1939 _____ Acres 2900

Actual area irrigated, not areas for which water was available nor total holdings of persons entitled to water.

(b) Irrigated land from which crops were harvested in 1939 _____ Acres 2900

Do not count land twice, even though two crops were harvested from it. If none, write "None."

(c) Irrigated area upon which crops failed in 1939 and no other crops were planted for harvest in 1939 _____ Acres None

(d) Irrigated land used only for grazing or pasture in 1939 _____ Acres None

VI.—DRAINAGE OF IRRIGATED LANDS

These inquiries relate only to lands that have been irrigated or are to be irrigated by this enterprise.

Area for which drains or drainage pumps have been installed _____ Acres None

Additional area in need of drainage _____ Acres None

VII.—DESCRIPTION OF WORKS

res.—A main canal is any channel conveying water from the sources of supply to the tract to be irrigated. A lateral canal is a branch of a main canal conveying water from a main to one or more farms. Farm ditches, which distribute the water within the boundaries of individual farms, should not be reported. Types of works not specified below and other information should be given briefly on the back of the schedule, with suitable reference to section numbers.

Diversion dams: (a) Number 1 (b) Material Concrete

Storage dams: (a) Number _____ (b) Material _____

Canals (mains and laterals, not including farm ditches):

(a) Capacity at main heading _____ Cu. ft. per sec 340

(b) Earth canals, length _____ Miles 9

Lined canals (including flumes), length:

(c) Concrete _____ Miles (nearest tenth) None

(d) Other _____ Miles (nearest tenth) None

(Specify material)

Pipe lines, including siphons and farm pipe distribution lines. Report lengths to nearest tenth of mile:

MATERIAL	DIAMETER IN INCHES	
	1-12 inches	Over 24 inches
(a) Concrete	Miles	Miles
(b) Metal (iron, steel, etc.)	Miles	Miles
(c) Wood-stave	Miles	Miles
(d) Other	Miles	Miles
(Specify material)		

Reservoirs: (a) Number _____ (b) Total capacity (ac.-ft.) _____
 If reservoir is jointly owned, list below the name of reservoir, names of participating enterprises, and share of each in acre-feet:

Pumping equipment:

KIND OF MOTOR OR ENGINE	NUMBER	TOTAL HORSEPOWER	NUMBER OF HOURS OPERATED IN 1939
(a) Electric			
(b) Internal-combustion			
(c) Other			
(Specify kind)			
KIND OF PUMP	NUMBER	TOTAL CAPACITY (Gals. per min.)	AVERAGE LIFT (Feet)
(d) Centrifugal			
(e) Turbine			
(f) Plunger			
(g) Other			
(Specify kind)			

(h) Amount of water pumped in 1939, acre-feet _____

Pumped wells: (a) Number _____ (b) Total yield (g.p.m.) _____

Flowing wells: (a) Number _____ (b) Total yield (g.p.m.) _____

VIII.—CAPITAL INVESTED AND FINANCING

25. Cost of irrigation works and equipment to December 31, 1939 _____ \$ 50,000
 (Omit cents)

Include irrigation works, works in buildings, improvements, enlargements, and land used for operation and maintenance, but not water rights.

26. If works were not completed December 31, 1939, estimate additional investment required for completion _____ \$ Complete
 (Omit cents)

27. Total indebtedness, December 31, 1939 _____ \$ 6,000
 (Omit cents)

28. Amount of water taxes collected in 1939 (include special assessments) _____ \$ 1119
 (Omit cents)

29. Amount actually invested in water rights to December 31, 1939 _____ \$ 50,000
 (Omit cents)

30. Was the enterprise in arrears in payment of principal or interest on bonds or other funded obligations, December 31, 1939? _____ Yes _____ No

(a) If "Yes," give total arrearage, December 31, 1939 _____ \$ 6,000
 (Omit cents)

(b) What was the amount of arrearage, December 31, 1938? _____ \$ 6,192
 (Omit cents)

31. Amount expended for construction, etc. (capital expenditures), in 1939 _____ \$ None
 (Omit cents)

IX.—MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION

32. Cost of maintenance and operation in 1939 _____ \$ 493
 (Omit cents)

NOTE.—Expenditures made in 1939 for enlargements and improvements are not to be included here but under Question 25. (Also see Instructions.)

33. Area against which annual charges were assessed in 1939 _____ Acres 2900

34. Average annual charge per acre in 1939 _____ \$ 0.48

If charge is based on some other than this area, give approximate equivalent charge per acre served. Include assessment for maintenance of operation, and for principal and interest on bonds, notes, and warrants, and for special reasons.

35. Of the land assessed with the annual charge, what acreage used no water in 1939? _____ Acres None

X.—QUANTITY OF WATER USED IN 1939

(Gravity and pumped)

36. Was the water measured as it was received by the system? _____
Part of time (approx.) _____ Second-feet
 (Y or N or No) (Name unit of measure)

37. Average volume of water entering the system during season of 1939, cubic feet per second _____ 170
quantity less in fall _____

38. Total quantity of water entering the system during season of 1939, acre-feet _____ 34,000

39. Periods during which water was run for irrigation in 1939:

MONTH	DAY	MONTH	DAY	FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
(1) From <u>Mar</u>	<u>17</u>	To <u>Dec</u>	<u>1</u>	
(2) From _____	_____	To _____	_____	
(3) From _____	_____	To _____	_____	

Edgar run in canal all winter TOTAL

40. Is water measured as it is delivered to each irrigator? _____

Part of time _____ Miner's inch _____
 (Yes or No) (Name unit of measure)

41. Total quantity of water delivered to irrigators during season of 1939, acre-feet _____ 25,000

XI.—EMPLOYMENT AND PAY ROLL

42. Total amount of wages and salaries paid and payable for 1939 _____ \$ 414
 (Omit cents)

43. Total number employed during week ending _____ Number _____
 April 29, 1939 which was the Memorial

1940

Mar, 5 continued:

payable in annual installments for a period of ten years, and that they shall be so drawn up that we shall make approximately an \$500.00 payment per year, and from which amount the interest due on the total loan shall be deducted and paid and the balance applied, equally, on the principals of the ^{three} two notes, as said annual payments are made - that as the principal reduces and the interest becomes less, the amounts applied on the principal correspondingly increases, and the notes are thus payable during a period of ten years - and that our said President and Secretary are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute a mortgage mortgaging the Canal system, works, water rights and rights of way, of said Farmers Friend Canal Company, as security for the payment of said notes.

This motion and resolution was seconded by Director James T. Birch and was carried and passed by the unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.

Director Joseph Andersen reported that Mr. Hansen would have his W.P.A. workers crew ready to start on our canal cutting brush, Monday March 11, 1940, and that they cleared the water shut out while working were the canal was open.

It was also decided to get the water to cut out the ice through the canal as soon as possible so we can clean out under the Highway bridge at Twin Groves and under R.R. Crossing East of Belt and at confluence with the North Branch of the Fall River Canal and contiguous sections at as early a date as possible.

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 FARMER'S FAISND
 FALL RIVER
 TWIN GROVES

Nov. 29, 1941

Minutes of directors meeting held at the County Court house November 29, 1941

Members present: C. W. Daw, G. R. Davis, Stillman Young and Severn Swensen.

The minutes of the meeting held November 1, 1941 were read and approved.

By motion of G. R. Davis, seconded by Henry Richman, that the chairman appoint a committee of two to arbitrate the damage with Mr. Blanchard. Mr. Daw appointed by H. Richman and Severn Swensen.

after visit to Blanchard's \$60.00 was agreed upon.

By motion of G. R. Davis, seconded by S. Swensen, discussed damage done to Severn Blanchard when the canal gorged on Friday. November 21, 1941, settlement was shown above.

Board authorized the secretary to pay the interest due on Mr. Parth's Note on December 18th

Meeting adjourned

C. W. Daw.
President.

E. Glen Bancroft
Secretary

FALL RIVER

1947

Feb. 22, Continued:

at this point, and O.K. Meservey was appointed to send notice to Mr. Johnson to appear and consult with the Directors of these Companies before making any further move at said site.

It was also decided to clean out waste ditch as soon as a Bull Dozer could be obtained to do the work and the ditch could be dried - as there is now water running through it and it is filled with ice.

John Klein and O.K. Meservey with Henry Tupper, Pres. of the Wilford Irr. Pfg. Co., inspected the intersection of the canals at Northeast corner of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 26, T₂ 7 N., R. 40 E., B. 2 E. and planned how to improve the confluence of the waters there and the divisions necessary there - deciding that the Wilford Canal check be moved west to where the bridge crosses said Canal and the entrance of water from Farmers Friend Canal be through one, enlarged, gate and no water need be run through the undershot for the parties now taking irrigation water that way, but, that they each draw direct from the Wilford Canal, one where the check now is located and the other at the proposed new site for check.

Mar 19: O.K. Meservey, Clerk of above meeting, wrote and mailed notice to Edward W. Johnson as requested.

FARMER'S FRIEND CANAL CO.

1955

Nov. 28, continued: (\$226.17 in Bank to day)

Earl Birch was appointed to see Officers of the Twin Groves Canal Co. and get one to go with him to properly set the gate at the River and properly set their spillway for winter.

OT Reservoir, Sec 7

1956

Jan 10: Annual Stockholders Meeting
Pres. Reed Birch presiding
Minutes of Jan. 11, 1955 were read and approved
as also the following.

Financial Statement

Cash on hand Jan. 11, 1955	1353.88
" Received	1495. -
Total	2848.88

Paid out for labor

Hurman Ward concrete	30.66
LeGrand Kirkham	230.75
Watermasters	732. -

Pump Repair

6.50

Wadsworth Lumber

113.22

J. C. Penney Co. Canvas

3.27

Orme Co.

5.89

Farmers Equity

5.85

Reservoir Water

400.20

River Watermaster

100.17

Stamped Envelopes etc.

5.00

Cash on Hand

705.12

Total

2848.88

Assessments Receivable are:

Agnes Ahlegglen	✓ 12.00	Fay Ball	18.00 ✓
Lynn Ridd	✓ 12. -	Reed Birch	48. -
Tom. Birch	54. -	Delton Brower	8.50 ✓
Rulon Jay Browning	210. -	"Ted" Butler	18. - ✓
Alex Coleman	2.50	Carl Hansen	150. - ✓
Tom Wickham	45. -	Chris Larson	6. -
W. K. Martineau	166.50	L. E. Murvi	60. -
Myasaki Bros.	✓ 40.50	Veldon Potter	75. -
Rawl C. Rice	36. -	Esty of St. Anthony	96. - ✓
Mrs J. H. Singleton	18. -	Charles T. Singleton	5. -
Maunie Jenkins	145. -	"Gene" White	60. - ✓
		Total	1288. -