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Chairman

**Greg Shenton**  
Watermaster

**Keith A. Bramwell**  
Secretary

Department of Water Resources  
Eastern Region

**WATER DISTRICT 32-C**

**MEDICINE LODGE CREEK**

**Dubois, Clark County, Idaho**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF MARCH 2, 1999**

In accordance with the provisions of the Idaho Code setting the date of the annual meeting for the Water District, the users of Water District 32-C met this day at 3:00 p.m. at the Courtroom in the Courthouse in Dubois, Idaho, for the purpose of electing a Watermaster and Secretary, adopting a budget, fixing the salary of the Watermaster and secretary, and transacting such other business that might come before the meeting pertaining to the irrigation water of the District.

Those in attendance were: Pat McGarry, Chairman, Lee Small, Lynn Hoggan, Sid Brown, Brion Egan, Greg Shenton, Watermaster; Bart May, Deputy Watermaster; Keith Bramwell, Secretary.

**ADOPTING PROPOSED AGENDA**

**Chairman Pat McGarry presented the agenda for the meeting as listed below:**

- Review of Agenda
- Election of Credentials Committee
- Election of Officers
- Approval of 1998 Minutes
- Watermaster's Report
- Budget Approval
- Election of Watermaster
- Election of Deputy Watermaster
- Review of Resolutions
- IDWR Report
- Other Business
- Next Annual Meeting Time

Lynn Hoggan moved and Sid Brown seconded that the proposed agenda be accepted. The Motion passed unanimously.

## **CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

**Chairman McGarry asked for nominations for the credentials committee or a motion to waive the committee. Lynn Hoggan moved and Sid Brown seconded a motion to dispense with appointing a credentials committee for determination of voting rights. The motion passed.**

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**The Chairman asked for nominations from the floor for the office of Chairman. Lynn Hoggan moved that the chairman and secretary stay the same. Lee Small seconded the motion and the motion passed. Pat McGarry was retained as chairman and Keith Bramwell was retained as secretary.**

## **MINUTES**

**Chairman Pat McGarry asked if the minutes needed to be read and entertained a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes and approve them as they are written. Lynn Hoggan moved that the minutes be approved as written and reading of them be waived. Sid Brown seconded the motion and the motion passed.**

## **WATERMASTER'S REPORT**

**Watermaster Greg Shenton distributed the 1998 Water District 32-C Report and asked that each read it before having a group review. Time was allowed for reading of the report.**

### **1998 Water Year**

**The 1998 water year was above normal with good spring flows and water licenses being delivered for most of the irrigation season. A total of 40,542 A.F. of water were diverted compared to 1997 at 31,392 A.F. and only 15,392 A.F. delivered in the bad drought year of 1994.**

### **New Diversion Structures Installed**

**Medicine Lodge Ranches installed new structures at Edie, Webber, Irving and Medicine Lodge Creeks, a total of 6 weirs. Eight weirs were ordered and six were installed. The reason for installing the new structures was to prepare for the adjudication. Medicine Lodge is due for review soon. Don and Sandra Key put in a sprinkler system on 20 acres on the lower Medicine Lodge pumping out of the creek.**

## New Ownership

Medicine Lodge Ranches purchased a portion of the Shifflett ranch along with water rights on lower Medicine Lodge. The land is located on the East side of the creek and is irrigated with a creek pump. It is a valid point of diversion and was used last year for a short time. It does create problems with maintaining proper flow, however. Pat McGarry asked about the consequences if Medicine Lodge Ranches tried to transfer the water to some other land. Greg Shenton said that Dusty Shifflett kept the licensed water and let the decreed water go with the land. Brion Egan said that a date needed to be set with Dallas Jurak to put in a weir and that two more weirs were needed, one for Gerald Holmes and one for himself.

## 1999 Snow Course Measurements

Snow measurements are looking good with Irving Creek at 110% of normal, Webber Creek at 136 %, and the average of the two creek drainages at 123% of normal. Snow depth in the valley floor is also very good.

## Financial Report and Budget

Last year's costs debits and credits were reviewed and the 1999 proposed budget was presented. Greg Shenton said that the reason that the costs were down was due to having plenty of water. The streams were checked every other day instead of every day, primarily to make sure the headgates were clear of debris. Brion Egan asked about the debits and credits. Debits are added on to the water assessment and credits are subtracted. The debit and credit accounting is operated a year in advance with the credits and debits on this year's report being applied to next year's account.

## 1999 Proposed Budget

Watermaster	\$ 1,800.00
Deputy Watermaster	5,400.00
Mileage	4,080.00
Other	<u>4,470.00</u>
Total	\$15,750.00

1998 Adopted Budget	\$15,990.00
1998 Actuarial Cost	<u>\$10,673.72</u>
TOTAL	\$ 5,316.28

## **Beaver Trapped on Medicine Lodge Creek**

**Eight beavers were trapped in 1996 and one was trapped in early 1997. Problems were minimal during the irrigation season. Currently, \$310 is in the beaver fund.**

### **Suggested Resolutions**

**Suggested resolutions were reviewed.**

**Other discussion followed. Greg said that the weirs are in good shape and the new weirs going in will really help. Lynn Hoggan said that some of them are hard to keep from washing out. Sid Brown said that with continued high run off, the channel is being cut deeper and leaving the weir too high. Brion Egan said that the creek had a lot of sediment in it due to the high water until August.**

**At the conclusion of the report, Pat McGarry asked if there were any questions. Lynn Hoggan suggested that an acknowledgement be made in the minutes regarding Don Shenton. Doing so was approved and Keith Bramwell was asked to write it up and put it in the minutes. The question was asked about Don's retirement being recognized. Greg said that a pocket watch had been purchased but Don passed away before there was an opportunity to present it to him. It was suggested that the watch be given to his wife. It was also suggested that the district provide something more appropriate in memoriam to Don's wife. Bart May suggested a display case for the military flag presented to Carol at Don's funeral be considered. It was approved. Bart May volunteered to build it for cost of the materials.**

### **Farewell to Don Shenton**

**Don Shenton served as watermaster for Water District 32-C for 41 years, providing exemplary service in delivering water to its users, and passed away while serving the needs of the water users. Don was a good friend and was greatly appreciated. His knowledge of water law and sense of fairness will be missed.**

## **BUDGET APPROVAL**

**Pat entertained a motion to approve the proposed budget and to accept the watermaster report. Sid Brown moved to approve the proposed budget and to accept the watermaster report as given. Lynn Hoggan seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.**

## **ELECTION OF WATERMASTER AND DEPUTY WATERMASTER**

**The chairman called for the election of the watermaster and the deputy watermaster. Sid Brown moved that Greg Shenton be retained as Watermaster and Bart May as deputy watermaster. Lee Small seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.**

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **Headgates and Weirs**

**“All control devices and measuring devices shall be in good working order before water can be demanded and delivered. The Watermaster shall not deliver any water unless such devices are in good working order.”**

### **Collection of Water Assessments**

**“That no ditch, canal, or other water user shall have the right to demand and receive water until full payment due is paid. Payment shall become due April 1, 1999 and shall become delinquent May 1, 1999, and if not paid by May 1, 1999, the payment shall bear interest from May 1, 1999, at the rate of eight percent (8%) per annum.**

**The watermaster shall not deliver any water until full payment due is paid.”**

### **Watermaster Term of Service**

**“That the Watermaster shall be elected for a term of one full year. The purpose is so the watermaster can serve in the legal capacity to do official business for the district in the event of emergencies, legislative actions, hearings, disputes or other water related or job related activities.**

**The watermaster cannot be required to make water deliveries before April 1, or after November 1, (the normal irrigation season) unless an emergency exists. The watermaster shall not be paid before April 1, or after November 1 from water district budgeted regular funds."**

### **Sprinkler Irrigation**

**"To prohibit sprinklers pumping directly from Medicine Lodge Creek as per the motion adopted in 1980, which read as follows: "That no additional sprinkler pumping be allowed from Medicine Lodge Creek or its tributaries, without first diverting water into a private pond or sump, to eliminate any interference with regulation of stream waters."**

**Lee Small moved that the resolutions be accepted as given. Sid Brown seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.**

### **APPOINTMENT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**The advisory committee was discussed. Pat said that if there were no objections, he would appoint the same individuals currently on the advisory committee. With that decision, current members are Pat McGarry, Chairman; Steve Worthen, Lee Small, Jack McGarry, and Lynn Hoggan.**

### **IDWR REPORT**

**With no representatives from IDWR present, the agenda item was dropped.**

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Sid Brown asked about TMDL's and the establishment of a watershed advisory group (WAG). Pat said that the WAG was organized and is now waiting for official recognition by the Basin Advisory Group. That should happen this month.**


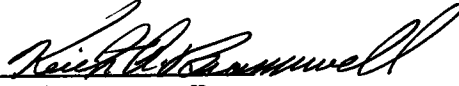
**Pat McGarry asked if there was any other business. Keith Bramwell asked if he could report on the weed control efforts. He said that a Weed Management Area has been established including all of Clark County, the Birch Creek drainage of Lemhi County, and the Mud Lake area of Jefferson County. Special Management Zones have also been designated. He said that the Clark County Soil Conservation District is considering hosting a weed work day and tour this summer in one of the zones, probably Medicine Lodge or Beaver Creek. Keith also reported on the distribution of *Aphthona nigriscutis* beetles on leaf spurge.**

**MEETING TIME**

**Lee Small moved that next year's meeting be held the same time, the first Tuesday of March at 3:00 p.m., at the Clark County Courthouse in Dubois, Idaho. Lynn Hoggan seconded the motion and the motion passed.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Lynn Hoggan moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.**

Attest:    
**Pat McGarry**                      **Keith A. Bramwell**  
**Chairman**                                      **Secretary**