

**WATER DISTRICT 32-C
MEDICINE LODGE CREEK
Dubois, Clark County, Idaho**

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF MARCH 9, 2021

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 1:00 p.m. at the Clark County Annex Building in Dubois, Idaho, for the purpose of electing a Watermaster, Chairman 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 Greg Shenton, Watermaster; Brett Murdock, Deputy Watermaster; Garth Ashcraft, Brock Egan, Sid Brown and Laurie Small, secretary.

In Greg Shenton's absence, Greg Shenton called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

ADOPTING PROPOSED AGENDA:

Greg Shenton presented the agenda for the meeting as listed below:

- Review the Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
- Nomination & Election of Chairman & Secretary
- Nomination & Election of Credentials Committee
- Watermaster's Report
- Budget Approval
- Election of Watermaster
- Review & Adoption of Resolutions
- IDWR Report
- Other Business
- Next Annual Meeting Date & Time
- Adjournment

Brock Egan moved that the agenda be adopted. Sid Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed.

MINUTES:

Greg Shenton entertained a motion to approve the 2020 minutes. **Garth Ashcraft moved that the minutes be approved as written. Sid Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Greg Shenton asked for nominations from the floor for the office of Chairman and Secretary. **Garth Ashcraft nominated Brock Egan as Chairman and Laurie Small as secretary. Sid Brown seconded the motion. Garth Ashcraft moved that nominations cease. Nomination passed.**

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

Chairman Brock Egan waived appointing a Credentials Committee at this time. One will be appointed at a later date if needed.

WATERMASTER'S REPORT:

Deputy Watermaster, Brett Murdock, discussed the 2020 Water District 32-C Watermaster's report as follows.

2020 WATER YEAR:

The 2020 water delivery was 15,569 A.F. of water compared to 19,840 A.F. in the previous year, down 4,271 A.F. of water. There was no water delivered in April 2020.

2020-21 SNOW COURSE MEASUREMENT:

Snow measurements at Irving Creek were 19.2" with 3.2" water content averaging 70% of normal. Weber Creek snow depth was 20.4" with 3.3" water content averaging 69% of normal. The average of the two creek drainages at 70% of normal. Measurements were taken March 1, 2021. Thirty-year averages were 4.6" of water in Irving Creek and 4.8" of water in Weber Creek. Snowpack in in Camas, Beaver and Birch Creek were also reviewed.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND BUDGET:

Deputy Watermaster, Brett Murdock, reviewed the 2020 budget explaining the expenditures. Mr. Murdock then presented the 2021 proposed budget which would remain the same as last year.

	2021 PROPOSED BUDGET	2021 ADOPTED BUDGET
WATERMASTER	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
DEPUTY WATERMASTER	\$5,600.00	\$5,600.00
MILEAGE	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
SECRETARY	\$350.00	\$350.00
FICA TAX	\$650.00	\$650.00
INSURANCE (WC)	\$600.00	\$600.00
MISCELLANEOUS	\$1,850.00	\$1,850.00
CLOUD SEEDING	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
RETIREMENT	\$900.00	\$900.00
OFFICE RENT	\$900.00	\$900.00
BEAVER	\$300.00	\$300.00
CELL PHONES	\$600.00	\$600.00
TOTAL	\$20,550.00	\$20,550.00
2021 BUDGET	\$20,550.00	
Less Carry Over	\$2324.68	
Budget Charge	\$18,225.32	

Brett asked for any questions or comments on the report and proposed budget.

WATERMASTER'S REPORT & BUDGET APPROVAL:

Chairman Brock Egan asked for the approval of the Watermaster's proposed budget. **Garth Ashcraft moved to approve the proposed budget. Sid Brown seconded the motion. The budget was unanimously approved.**

ELECTION OF WATERMASTER:

Chairman Brock Egan asked for nominations for Watermaster. **Sid Brown made the motion Greg Shenton continue as Watermaster. Garth Ashcraft seconded the motion. Nomination passed.**

RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Egan then asked the water users to adopt the following 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."

"All headgate systems that have return flow capability or a bypass channel for the water to return to Medicine Lodge must have a weir installed and functioning before water will be delivered."

Collection of Water Assessments

"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, and shall be come delinquent May 1, and if not paid by May 1, the payment shall bear interest from May 1, 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

"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."

Pumping from Creek

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

Calling the Deputy Watermaster to Duty

"The Deputy Watermaster shall be called to duty by the Watermaster for the remainder of the season at the request of three water users whose signatures shall authorize said action."

Deputy Term of Service

"The Deputy Watermaster shall be called to duty on May 1 to measure, record and regulate waters of Medicine Lodge Creek."

Pooling Agreement

"Be it resolved that the water users of Medicine Lodge Creek unanimously agree and direct the Watermaster to continue the practice of water right exchanges, which has been practiced since the formation of the stipulation and agreement dated March 2, 1954. Such practices shall include pooling of waters, rented waters, and exchanges beneficial to the users as a whole. The Watermaster is further directed not to deliver the above-mentioned waters to a downstream user, until that water delivery amount(c.f.s.) is assessed a bed loss value to provide that no injury to an existing water right would occur. These losses should be assessed according to the average of U.S.G.S. bed losses measurements.

We further resolve that delivery of the above waters cannot be demanded prior to May 1, unless excess water exits the stream."

ADOPTING RESOLUTIONS:

Garth Ashcraft moved that all resolutions be adopted. Sid Brown seconded the motion. Resolutions passed.

APPOINTMENT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Chairman Brock Egan appointed the following Lynn Hoggan, Sid Brown, Garth Ashcraft, Tod Shenton and himself as the Advisory Committee.

IDWR REPORT:

There was no representation or report.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The water district continues to contribute to the cloud seeding program. There are 25 remote generators and 25 manual generators in the area. Cloud seeding was down 60% due to the weather systems and patterns. The latest SNOTEL snow water equivalent was 72% of normal. Lynn and Lana Tomlinson failed to appear at the time and place set for a pre-hearing conference for contested Application for Permit 32-13398, application was denied.

MEETING TIME:

Garth Ashcraft moved that next year's meeting is held on Tuesday March 8, 2022 at 1:00 p.m., at the Clark County Annex Building in Dubois, Idaho. Sid Ashcraft seconded the motion. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Egan adjourned the meeting at 1:50.

Attest: 

Brock Egan, Chairman



Laurie Small, Secretary

ROSTER OF ATTENDANCE

20 21 ANNUAL MEETING

WATER DISTRICT NO. 32C)

WATER DISTRICT AREA Medicine Lodge

ANNUAL MEETING

Date 3/9/21 Time 1:00 am/pm

Location Annex Building

Address 332 W. Main St.
Dubois, ID

NAME

ADDRESS

REPRESENTING

Sid Brown 2951 E 2350 N Hamer ID 83425 Middle Creek Ranch

Brock Egan 84 Rowland Rd. Dubois, ID 83422 Egan Land & Cattle

Greg Shenton Watermaster

Brett Murdock Deputy Watermaster

Garth Ashcraft 3930 E 2000 N Sugar City ID 83448 Grant Ashcraft

WATER DISTRICT 32-C SIGN IN SHEET
March 9, 2021

Sid Brown

Brock Egan

Greg Shuster

Derek Mays

Paul Ashcraft