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**REYNOLDS CREEK DIST 57R
2013 WATER MASTER DIARY
CONNIE M BRANDAU**

March 5, 2013 Annual water district meeting was held at 1:30 pm in Courtroom 2 at the Owyhee County courthouse in Murphy, Idaho. Present were:

Richard Brandau, Chairman
Jerry Hoagland, Secretary
Connie Brandau, Treasurer
Dean Young, Advisor
Lou Sanchez, Advisor
Tom Benson
Jackie Benson
Tristan Hook
Theron Hook
Chris Davis, Ditch rider for RID
Dean Young
Ron Rush

The minutes from 2012 were approved as read. Water master compensation for 2013 season was set at \$70 per day and \$.50 per mile. Connie Brandau was elected water master with the understanding that Gary Penny would be her assistant, sharing the same compensation rates. The 2012 treasurer's bill was approved for payment. For 2013 season the treasurer will be paid \$12 per hour, receive mileage at \$.50 per mile and be reimbursed for itemized expenses. The district budget was set at \$5,000 for 2013.

Dean Young asked that the Goering water bill is to go him as they are farming that property. The Young's have also purchased the McMahan property and I reminded him that he needed to get the Sid Smith water right straightened out as Mr. Smith has been deceased for over 25 years.

March 18, 2013 Dean Young called and wants to meet at the West Reynolds head gate and have the low cost flume measuring device and measurements explained to him. Tristan Hook called and wanted to know if their 57R water billing (concerning Hooks, Kevin Smith and Dan Muller) had been "straightened out". I told him that they needed to provide legal documentation of ownership to IDWR (and then to me) before changes can be made for billing purposes.

March 29, 2013, Friday, Dean Young called me and left a message that he was making the call to have the creek measured. I got the message at 3 pm. Either Gary or I will go out Monday April 1st to measure.

April 1, 2013 Gary brought the measurement papers up to me this evening. There should be enough water to fill through the #18 priorities – the 1887 rights. I made calls to Jerry Hoagland, Brad Huff, Tony Richards, Theron Hook and Kelly Clemens to tell them where their head gates should be set to receive their allowed amounts.

April 2, 2013 Kelly Clemens called me back at 8:45 am about how to adjust their water. They have 1.28 CFS (1887 right) available to use at this time. He would like to use his water on the west side of the Junayo Cemetery Place so their water will be shut out of the Ram Field ditch. They have 1.98 CFS of live flow available to use at the Lower Place and want it out of the East Side ditch. There is 1.50 CFS of live flow water going into the Macks Creek reservoir that needs to be released. That amount through their 3-foot outlet weir should measure 3 ½ inches in depth.

Water from yesterday's adjustments is just starting to get through the Canyon this evening, up just a little. Daniel Richards asked me to adjust the Boise Trust waste gate so that he will have some stock water in his pasture. I put a little pressure on the RID head gate (estimate 25-30") for stock water – charged against the Brandau water right.

April 3, 2013 the creek is up over my "marker rock" this morning. I called:
Dean Young - to get ready.
Daniel Richards – to tell him that I would put his 100" in the RID lateral for stock water until I heard otherwise.
Forrest Stimpson – to let him know there may be some coming his way.
Rich Brandau – who said that he would take his 100" on the Stone Quarry out of RID lateral.

Dean Young called back to say that they don't have the West Reynolds lateral ditch ready yet. They have NOT yet fixed the head gate, repaired the measuring device, burned the weeds out of the ditch nor cleaned it with the track hoe.

I went out to check and measure today.

The Treasurer shows payment due for Agenbroad Lateral Users, Jerry Benson, Tom Benson, F&M Cattle, Frisbie, Goering, Heart Diamond, McCabe, Rush, Kevin Smith (Hook? &/or Duckett?), Snake River Valley LLC.

Tristan Hook called me back at 9 pm to let me know that Snake River Valley LLC property is now deeded to Hook Family Limited Partnership.

April 3, 2013 The West Reynolds ditch rider started a range fire today trying to burn weeds out of their lateral. I took Lou Sanchez and Chris up to the head gate and weir to show them the state of disrepair they were in. The West Reynolds board of directors was told last year (2012) that there would be no deliveries through that lateral until the head gate was repaired (it is rusted out and out of its track) and the measuring device is rebuilt to be able to measure correctly and moved closer to their point of diversion (it is over ¼ of a mile away and has washed out – even destroying the road – in that very fragile location).

April 4, 2013 Karla Chester called and wants some information on her water right ownership. She and F&M Cattle purchased land from Sam Pitman and that water right has never been split. She is paying the bill for both users at this time.

Daniel Richards wanted to start water on the Brandau's V Ranch property this afternoon. Eleven inches through a 36" pipe = 2.08 CFS.

April 5, 2013 I called Dean Young at 8:30 am to let him know why is water in the Boise Trust lateral might be down.

April 14, 2013 I called Theron Hook and left a message the 1.57 CFS is all that he is entitled to at this time. The Bench ditch measured 2.13 CFS yesterday. He needs to shut it off as he is still using water out of the Community ditch, in common with Tony Richards and Junayo. It measured 8.00 CFS yesterday.

April 18, 2013 someone tried to put water in the West Reynolds lateral yesterday. I suspect it was Jerry Muller. The ditch rider had shut it off as best he could with plastic and rocks until the required repairs could be made. No one in that lateral, except for Jerry Muller with 1.17 CFS, has paid his or her water bill. It normally takes a full 1.80 CFS to get it to the fields, which are about 2 miles away from the point of diversion. The water was not making it to the place of use so I determined it to be a futile call and I shut the water out again.

April 19, 2013 Gladys Muller called me and said that Jerry has not been to the West Reynolds head gate, he is having some medical issues. I ordered more Warning! Tags from IDWR and will tag the head gate. At noon I called Dean Young to let him know that some one has already (today) been to the head gate on the West Reynolds lateral and removed the dam material I had put in at dusk last night in an effort to take water. He said that Jerry Muller HAD been up to the head gate "a few days ago" to take some water. It had gotten to SH 78 yesterday and has never made it to the fields. Youngs are farming both the Rush and Muller property and he really doesn't want it there as it "messes up his pump water sets". I told him that I was declaring a "futile call" and Explained the term to him. I am shutting the head gate off, tight, again. I also informed him that no one else with a water right in the West Reynolds lateral had paid his or her 57R water bill, to date. He said that Jerry only owns 5 acres in their WR district now, and has sold the rest of his ground. I have only been advised of 1 water right split so far – between Muller and Rush. Dean wants the Treasurer to send the 57R water bills for Muller, Rush and Goering to him for payment as he is farming their ground. I also called Tristen Hook about Snake River Valley II, LLC about that unpaid water bill.

April 26, 2013 I used my Ranger 400 side by side today. I spent from 11 am to 1 pm measuring the lower reach. Then I drove up through Wilson Creek and spent from 2 pm to 7 pm on the upper reach; Salmon, Fart, Murphy and Cottle Creeks – then hit the reservoir outlet for Macks and on up main Reynolds Creek to Junayo West and East, ZX Packrat, ZX bench, ZX barn, 7-Hi livery barn, new bridge, Murphy road, ram field, Hooks timothy field, Community ditch, Jaca East and West, Hook bench and the High

ditch. I did not go on up to Dobson as I had seen Jerry Hoagland and he said they were not taking water there yet. I came back via the Reynolds Creek Road and was home by 7 pm.. There is only enough water to fill through the 1886 water rights. The creek is “sinking” in places, becoming intermittent.

April 27, 2013 I made calls to Tony Richards, Theron Hook, Kelly Clemens, Bill Watterson and Brad Huff to let them know what their weirs should read. When I came in at 11 pm Tony had left a message that he needed to talk to me about how I adjusted the water yesterday. He had called me on my cell phone earlier (about 2 pm, while I was in my car on the way to Caldwell) saying that he wanted to use the ZX water on his place which waters out of the Community ditch. I told him “NO” because those properties are NOT contiguous and it would interfere with other water rights in between those points of diversion.

April 28, 2013 Tony called me back at 8 am and I tried to explain over the phone how his request would disrupt delivery to other senior rights.

April 29, 2013 Tony Richards called for more clarification. He wants to know more about the water rights above him.

May 1, 2013 I asked G M Penny, assistant water master, if he would get away to measure sometime this week.

May 2, 2013 Gary called me back at 9 am to say that he could get the measurements today. I let him know that Richard Brandau is moving his water to a different ditch this morning, but it should be settle down by this evening if he wants to catch a measurement then on the lower reach.

May 10, 2013 Kelly Clemens called at noon to let me know that there is only 1 ½ inches of water through the 12 inch culvert pipe. He would like to shut off the Macks Creek reservoir outlet now. I told him to just shut down enough to compensate for the live flow coming in. He also said that he wants to move his water back to the east side diversion about Sunday.

May 15, 2013, Wednesdaym Kelly Clemens called me at 11 am. He is out of water on the Junayo Lower place and called me out to measure the creek. If he does have water coming he would like it in the east side diversion ditch.

May 16, 2013 I went out today and measured 17.70 CFS in the entire upper reach. It should fill through Priority #15 – the 1886 rights – but the creek is drying up between diversions and there is not enough volume to bring water down stream.

May 20, 2013 Jeff Clausen called and left a message that he “wants to move water from the Ram ditch to the Community ditch and wants measurements”. But he didn’t leave a number to call him back. At 9 pm Theron Hook called to let me know that he “can’t get enough water/pressure to fill his, Tony and Junayo rights in the Community ditch. He

claims that "someone above is taking their water" but doesn't want me to go out. I told him that I can't shut someone off without measuring everything. At 9:30 pm Kelly Clemens called to tell me there is no water at Junayo's Lower place at the east side diversion. He can get some water at the west side diversion. He doesn't want me out either.

May 21, 2013 Theron is going to move his water to the Timothy Field.

May 25, 2013, Saturday, Theron Hook wants the water measured on Tuesday, after Memorial Day. I may have to go out on Memorial Day as I have a doctors appointment at 11 am on Tuesday 5/28/13. I took the time to figure the priority rights in the ditches used in common.

May 27, 2013, Monday, I went out today and measured only 9.32 CFS in the entire upper reach. Jerry Hoagland said that he is still not taking water at Dobson and that he would rather shut his water off at the Murphy Road bridge and take it in the Livery Barn ditch. Hook, Junayo and Richards still have concerns with the division of water in the Community ditch. I am not their ditch rider. After measuring today, I shut the water completely out of the High Ditch then notified the livestock owners who had been using it for stock water; Jaca, Richards and Hoagland. Theron shut off his own .74 CFS of water, which should then go on down to 7-Hi, ZX and Junayo. This will probably be the last measurement of this irrigation season. We are in extreme drought conditions.

December 4, 2013 I responded to a letter from BLM requesting consideration of waiver for the requirement of a measuring device and head gate for water rights 57-7692 and 57-7693 that are spring developments for wildlife and livestock water tanks only.

I also wrote a letter to IDWR (at the request of several 57R patrons) asking for information concerning construction permits and water rights for property that Juanyo Ranch is currently performing earthwork on.

December 10, 2013 received a copy of John Westra's response to Dec. 4th letter.

January 18, 2013 worked on water master books for 2013.