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**REYNOLDS CREEK DIST 57R
2014 WATER MASTER DIARY
CONNIE M BRANDAU**

March 4, 2014 – the 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; Kay Walker, IDWR; Tristan Hook; Theron Hook; Chris Davis, ditch rider for RID; Dean Young; Ron Rush; Tim Gross. Water master compensation for 2014 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 2013 treasurer's bill was approved for payment. For 2014 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 2014. Dean Young and Lou Sanchez were named as advisors.

March 21 – At the annual meeting the 57R board said they would like the creek water measured about every two weeks to establish and maintain a record of use. The assistant water master ran the creek today. There is still a little water going to the river. The treasurer mailed out the water bills today and they are due by 4/15/14.

Mar 22 – I did calculations and recorded measurements.

April 3 – Forrest Stimpson called about their water situation. They want water for the Calvin Johnston right if it is available.

April 4 – GM Penny measured the creek today. There is no water going to the river. He measured 29.48 cfs, enough to go part way through the 1887 rights.

April 5 – After doing calculation and recording measurements I talked to the RID and WR ditch rider. There is no water available for the WR lateral. Muller, Rush & Benson have not paid their water bills. WR got their weir in, but their head gate is not yet repaired (the face plate is rusted through and out of its track). I had to work for over an hour to get the head gate closed and plugged off.

April 10 – I made phone calls to Huff and Richards about how much water they are allowed at this time, and to Clemens to allow live flow through their reservoirs. Brandau turned on his 2 cfs today, which will take away from the next senior downstream right. I will check this evening to see how it settled out. I have been asked to try to keep stock water in the RID lateral. I estimate about 20" or .4 cfs at the head gate and it is not getting past the bend at Trail Drive Road. Clemens called me back about 8:30 pm. He will put the Macks Creek live flow through the reservoirs tomorrow and estimates it will be about 75".

April 11 – Rich helped me pull the weir out of the RID lateral because there is not enough pressure on the head gate to get the water over the weir blade. He needs W7

stock water on down the ditch. Twenty to thirty inches is making it about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile before it subs away at Schuster Gulch. By evening the lower reach measurements indicated that there is only 3.8 cfs to fill rights totaling 10.57 cfs (short 5.77 cfs).

April 12 – Gary and I made a trip up the creek and met Owen Orndorf, Dustin and Kiley of Junayo Ranch. They had 7.03 cfs (11' x 2' P) in the east ditch and 3.17 cfs (8' x 1.5' P) in the west ditch, for a total of 10.2 cfs. They will shut the water out of the west side diversion and take all their water in the east ditch. I also told Owen to put the same amount of water out of Macks Creek as is going in. That should bring about 8 cfs down to the lower reach to fill the more senior rights.

April 13 – The water got through the canyon and is here this morning. It doesn't quite cover my "marker rock" that I can see from my kitchen window. I spoke to Daniel & Bailey Richards about 8 am to let them know they may have some water by this evening or tomorrow morning. Kelly Clemens left a message that he would like me to call him and explain what I did at Junayo Ranch yesterday. Richard Brandau wants to build a smaller weir blade to put in the RID lateral for low flow accuracy.

April 15 – I sat down with Rich Brandau and we determined that a Cipoletti weir, with a four foot crest/blade, built to IDWR specifications could accurately measure a minimum of .94 cfs up to a maximum of 21 cfs. The RID lateral existing seven foot blade needs to be replaced as the supporting wood frame is rotted out.

April 18 – It rained a little last night with a daytime temp of 74 degrees. The creek is up a little this am – over my "marker rock" just a bit. There is very little water going to the river past SH 78. I called Kelly Clemens/Junayo and left a message for him to call me.

April 19 – Creek is back down. Kelly called me back this morning. He said there was a rainstorm up there the night of the 17th and that's "probably what spiked the creek, but it is back down now". Unpaid water bills to date that should not be receiving water are: RID lateral, Agenbroad, Frisbie, Heart Diamond; West Reynolds, Jerry Benson, Goering, Gerald Muller, Ron Rush; upper valley, Tony Richards, James McCabe

April 25 – Gary ran creek and brought measurements to me.

April 26 – I did calculations and recorded measurements. No changes necessary.

May 8 – Gary ran the creek and brought the papers to me late this evening.

May 9 – I did calculations of measurements. No adjustments needed at this time. West Reynolds does not have their head gate fixed where it can be opened, closed, or adjusted, and the people who could be taking water have not paid their water bills and the districts have their river pumps on.

May 28 – Gary ran the creek

May 30 – After I got Gary’s figures calculated I called Kelly Clemens/Junayo and let a message telling him they needed to shut down to one head of water – his choice which side - and that if I didn’t see a change in the creek by tomorrow (Sunday 6/1/14) I would be up to adjust it. Every one else is running pretty close to their right(s) and pretty steady.

June 1 – Kelly didn’t call me back so I drove to Junayo’s lower place. Kelly has shut off the east side ditch and is taking water out of the west side diversion. The bank behind their west side 1.5’ Parshall flume has sluffed off causing the staff gauge to submerge. Even though it measures 2 cfs I estimate that they are only getting about 1 cfs.

June 2 – Bailey Richards made a call for water at 8:30 am. She only had about 10 inches in the GP horse pasture this morning. I need to run the entire creek this afternoon. 57R chairman went with me. I measured enough water to fill part way through the 1883 / #9 priority rights on the way up. Then on the way back I shut the High Ditch down to where it should be. Jaca’s right is full in their west ditch. There is not enough water at the rest of the diversions to fill those ditch rights through the rest of the upper valley (water is “sinking”) until Junayo’s west side diversion. I spoke with Theron Hook, Kelly Clemens and Martin Jaca on the way home explaining the situation.

June 3 – At 9 am I made calls to Brad Huff, Tony Richards and Bailey Richards explaining that the creek was drying up. There is no more water to “bring down” and whatever they could get at their diversion(s) was all that they could expect.

July 3 – Elias Jaca called. He is making a call for water out of the High Ditch. I called Brad Huff and Jerry Hoagland. They had been leaving it on for stock water. Brad will shut it off this afternoon. I will make a courtesy call to Tony Richards to let him know that stock water in the Babbington Field will be gone. I reminded Jerry Hoagland that the RID lateral needs to be looked at. The ditch is “undercut” (from a flash flood that occurred in September 2013) above the Stone Quarry field. It is in a very fragile location and needs to be repaired before a ditch full of water can be allowed in it.

July 5 – I read a legal notice in the Owyhee Avalanche that Orndorff has filed for a storage right on Little Salmon, which could negatively impact all senior downstream water rights and BLM stock water rights. Did research at request of 57R officers.

October 7 – GM Penny came up for his assistant water master paycheck. I researched water right 11707 and printed off 10 pages from IDWR web search

October 8 – I contacted IDWR about transfer to BLM of water right 57-11707 which should have been revoked per BLM letter dated 3/10/2011 to Orndorff (per item #6 of conditions) canceling his LUP ID 36452.

October 9 – I wrote a letter to IDWR at the request of Patrick Kelly detailing my concerns and issues with water right 57-11707. The letter was sent to Patrick Kelly,

IDWR with copies to Darla Block, IDWR; BLM Marsing Field Office; Reynolds Creek Dist. 57R Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Water Master.

December 29 – Worked on water master books.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Connie M. Brandau".

Connie M. Brandau, Water Master
Reynolds Creek Dist. 57R

WATERMASTER				ASSISTANT WATERMASTER, SECRETARY, STAFF, ETC.			OTHER EXPENSES	TOTAL COSTS
YEAR	DAYS	SALARY	TOTAL	DAYS	SALARY	TOTAL		
WATERMASTER'S PROPOSED BUDGET								
NEXT YEAR	2014							5000.00

Complete this proposed budget report form as follows.

- 1) Enter water right holder name, corresponding IDWR water right number or numbers, and corresponding diversion name and/or remarks on page 2;
- 2) If you wish to estimate next season's assessments based on the average delivery of past seasons, then enter the actual water deliveries to each user for the past two to five seasons on page 3. You have the option of using at least the past two seasons or up to five seasons for averaging. You also have the option of using last year's delivery or one year's delivery as a basis of determining assessments for the next season. Enter deliveries as total 24-hour second feet. Total 24-hour second feet is a flow rate expressed in terms of one day or 24 hours. For example, a continuous diversion of 2 cfs over 20 days would equal 40 24-hour second feet.
- 3) If using the averaging method, enter the average delivery for past seasons in column 6 of page 3. If you are not averaging, then enter each user's delivery for last year in column 5 and skip column 6.
- 4) In the work space provided at the top of this page, enter next year's proposed watermaster salary, secretary and/or staff salaries, and expenses. You may use the past season costs and expenses, or average past seasons' costs and expenses as an aid in determining next year's budget. A more detailed listing or itemization of expenses and salaries can be attached to this form.
- 5) Divide the total proposed budget amount for next year by the total past season delivery (total of column 5, page 3) or average past seasons deliveries (total of column 6, page 3) to obtain a unit cost factor.
- 6) Under column 7, page 3, multiply the unit cost factor by each user's past season or average past seasons deliveries to obtain the estimated billing for the next year.
- 7) Use column 8, page 3, to enter the adjusted billing amount if the district wishes to carryover debits and credits from the previous season. (Refer to the last watermaster report. If a user had a credit, subtract that credit from his or her estimated billing in column 7 of this report, and enter the difference or adjusted amount in column 8. If a user had a debit, then add that debit to his or her billing amount shown in column 7 and show as adjusted billing in column 8.
- 8) Sign the report and retain to present to the water users at the next annual meeting for the water district.

REYNOLDS CREEK DIST. 57-R
 FINANCIAL STATEMENT
 3/5/2013 THROUGH 3/3/2014

	A/R	In	Out	On Hand
March 5, 2013 Beginning Balance - ICB / Cash on Hand				\$2,998.69
Current assessments collected	\$2,218.06			
Past due amount collected	\$96.04			
Interest earned on checking account	\$0.00			
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$2,314.10		\$2,314.10
United States Treasury Form 944 payroll tax deposit			-\$36.72	
State Insurance Fund			-\$300.00	
240.00 wages treasurer for 2013 season			-\$310.14	
(18.88) FICA				
(3.48) Medicare				
88.50 mileage & office supplies				
SUBTOTAL - Administration costs				-\$646.86
210.00 assistant water master - G. M. Penny			-\$280.93	
(13.02) FICA				
(3.05) Medicare				
87.80 water master mileage				
700.00 water master - Connie Brandau			-\$814.45	
(43.40) FICA				
(10.15) Medicare				
168.00 assistant water master mileage				
SUBTOTAL - Water master costs				-\$1,095.38
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS				
February 8, 2014 Ending Balance - ICB / Cash on Hand				\$3,570.45
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE - as of 2/8/2014				\$248.76
Unpaid / Past Due Assessments:				
2012 Jerry Benson	\$54.84			
2012 F&M Cattle Co	\$69.88			
2010 Walter Smith/Heart Diamond Corp.	\$12.48			
2011 Walter Smith/Heart Diamond Corp.	\$27.61			
2012 Heart Diamond Corp/Walter Smith	\$23.52			
2013 Heart Diamond Corp/Walter Smith	\$27.31			
2013 Smith, Kevin	\$33.12			
TOTAL CASH ON HAND and ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE				\$3,819.21

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Brandau, Treasurer

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