

2010

**WATER DISTRICT #63
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 11, 2010
STAR CITY HALL**

Chairman Vern Case called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. There were 48 water users in attendance. (See attached sign in sheet)

Secretary Sam Rosti read the minutes from the 2009 annual meeting. A motion by Bill Doramus to accept the 2009 minutes as presented. Second by Jerry Gregg. Motion passed.

Chairman Case explained Resolution A to the water users and asked if there were any questions. There were no questions. A motion by Bill Doramus to pass resolution "A". Second by Marty Galvin. Motion passed.

Clinton Pline moved to nominate Sam Rosti as secretary for Water District #63 for 2010. There were no other nominations. Second by Bill Doramus. Motion passed.

Ron Blickenstaff moved to nominate Vern Case as Chairman for Water District #63 for 2010. There were no other nominations. Second by Bill Doramus. Motion passed.

Rex Barrie gave the Watermasters report for 2009 explaining the year's operations in funds, the bank balance, the rental pool activities, the overall review of 2009 operations and the proposed budget for 2010. A motion by Bill Doramus to accept the Watermasters report. Second by Gale Glasgow. Motion passed.

Rex Barrie reviewed the 2010 proposed budget. Secretary Sam Rosti stated the Audit had been received and the auditor made no recommendations. After discussion, a motion by Jim Payne to accept the 2010 budget as presented. Second by Bill Doramus. Motion passed with "one" nay vote.

Jerry Gregg moved to change the budget format for 2011 to better reflect the actual costs. Second by Bill Doramus. After discussion, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Flood Control District Reports.

The Advisory Board had requested a report from Flood Control Districts #10 and #11 to explain where Water District #63 funds are utilized.

Gerry Glenn with Flood District #11 gave an overview of the boundaries of their district. Beginning near the Old Highway 30 Bridge in Caldwell and ending near the Snake River. Gerry explained how the snagging operation works and how they place “barbs” in the river to control erosion. He also explained the process for gravel bar removal and the permitting required from the Army Corp of Engineers and the State to proceed. They also maintain several mile’s of levies to control the rivers path during high water events. Gerry gave an example of a log jam near the Snake River that beavers had decided would make a good home. He thanked the water users for their ongoing support and hoped that it continues.

Steve Sweet with Quadrant Consulting reported for Flood Control District #10. Steve explained the boundaries as beginning near Barger Mattson’s in Garden City and extending to the Old Highway 30 Bridge in Caldwell. He stated that Eagle Island is a major point of activity due to the subdivision of the area. They are currently waiting for a permit from the Corp of Engineers to proceed with a project this winter. Steve also explained how they work on snag removal, barbs and the removal of debris from diversions when they are in the area. Steve gave an example of the cost for repairs due to a breach in the levies in 2006. He said it cost’s approximately \$200.00 per cfs for each breach to show how fast the costs add up. The Laguna Point Subdivision breach was estimated to be 3000 cfs. This cost the property owner nearly \$500,000.00 to repair. Steve also thanked the water user’s for their continued support and asked that they stay involved in all areas regarding the Boise River.

Resolutions:

Chairman Vern Case asked to consolidate the voting on Resolutions B thru K as there are no changes from last year. Vern asked if there were any questions regarding any of the Resolutions. It was moved by Jim Payne to approve Resolutions B thru K. Second by Marty Galvin. Motion Passed.

Canal Automation:

Rex Barrie explained the Advisory Boards desire to proceed with a multi-phase project to automate the headgates on the river. This project will be broken down into several phases beginning with diversions in the Stewart Decree portion of the river. Rex has prioritized these sites and recommends a \$25,000.00 commitment from Water District #63 to begin. Rex has also submitted a grant application to the Bureau of Reclamation for matching funds to better leverage Water District #63 funds. It is expected that individual irrigation companies will provide some matching funds while Water District #63 will provide the largest share. This program will begin with automation to the Canyon County Ditch, the Middleton Irrigation Ditch and the Farmers Union Ditch. If Federal funds are received, more sites will be installed. After discussion, Bill Doramus moved to proceed with the Boise River Automation project and to fund up to \$25,000.00. Second by Clinton Pline. Motion passed.

Upper Basin Charges:

Rex Barrie reviewed the Water Districts issue's in the upper basin and explained that more time is going to be required in the upper reaches as more people have a presence and interest in the water. Rex asked for suggestions on charges for time spent in the upper basin. Jerry Gregg recommended the Advisory Board prepare a fee schedule for the next meeting and present it to the water users.

Bank Signature Cards:

Rex Barrie explained that the signature cards at Syringa Bank need updated. In order to do so, a motion is required by the water users. Henry Weick and Lee Sisco need to be removed. Leaving Vernon Case, Sam Rosti and Rex Barrie. Monte Janicek moved to allow the changes. Second by Bill Doramus. Motion Passed.

Guests:

Lee Sisco:

Lee gave a short presentation on the Family Farm Alliance and asked the water users to support their cause. He stated that they need everyone's help to fight for irrigation and farming and hoped that other water groups would also step up and support them. Clinton Pline moved to support the Family Farm Alliance and to send \$250.00 for membership. Second by Bill Doramus. Motion passed.

Norm Semanko: Idaho Water Users Association

Norm reported on the current status of issues IWUA is involved with. Among these he highlighted the Clean Water Act, additional storage, "FIFRA" (Federal Insecticide and Rodenticide Act), ESA and Judge Redden, and a new Aquatic weed control product, Cascade.

Norm stated that monitoring cost for an irrigation system like the Boise Project Board of Control would cost between \$250K and \$300,000.00 if required to monitor aquatic weed control operations.

Norm also reports that the IWUA annual convention would be held January 19,20 and 21 and invited all water users to participate.

Brian Sauer: Bureau of Reclamation

Brian gave an overview of the current snow pack and storage levels. Snow pack for today was 68% of normal and Storage was at 52% of normal. The good news is we have a large amount of carryover in the system. Brian also reported the total basin production for 2009 was 1,450,000 acre-feet.

Jerry Gregg: Bureau of Reclamation

Jerry reviewed several ongoing projects in the Boise Basin including, the power plant at Arrowrock Dam and plugging of the sluice gates at Arrowrock. He also reviewed the "Security of Dams" and reported on the plans to look at Anderson Ranch Dam and the lower embankment of Lake Lowell. Jerry also discussed the continuing review of urban canals and the danger they present in urban areas.

Jerry remarked that the Water District #63 Rental Pool Rules were first drafted in 1988 using the rules from Water District #1. He introduced Matt Howard who discussed making some changes to the wording that would bring the rules in line with District #1 and District #65. It was generally agreed that any proposed changes would need to be thoroughly reviewed by the Advisory Committee before any recommendation for change in the wording would be presented to the water users at the next meeting.

Liz Cresto: Idaho Dept. of Water Resources

Liz gave an overview of how the tables on the storage report were adjusted to reflect each account. Liz explained how evaporation and operational loss is divided among all space holders.

Helen Harrington: Idaho Dept. of Water Resources

Helen gave a short presentation on the CAMP Program that is being started in the Treasure Valley and how it could impact Water District #63. Helen stated they were working with the Boise Project Board of Control and BSU to help understand the relationship of surface water and ground water.

They're being no further business, a motion by Jerry Gregg to adjourn. Second by Bill Doramus. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Vernon Case, Chair

Sam Rosti, Sect.

Approved as corrected January 10, 2011