

**WATER DISTRICT #63
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2011
STAR CITY HALL**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vern Case at 10:00 a.m. There were 55 people in attendance.

Secretary Sam Rosti read the minutes from the January 11, 2010 annual meeting. The minutes were approved as corrected. Moved by Bill Doramus, second by Gail Glasgow. Motion passed.

Chairman Case reviewed Resolution "A" regarding the method of voting. There were no questions. Moved by Monte Janicek, second by Marty Galvin. Motion passed.

Jim Payne moved to elect Sam Rosti as secretary for 2011, second by Clinton Pline. Motion passed.

Sam Rosti moved to elect Vern Case as Chairman for 2011, second by Bill Doramus. Motion passed.

Rex Barrie presented the Watermaster's report for 2010 explaining Rental Pool activity, operation in funds, bank balances, water use, phase one automation progress and overall river operations. Sam Rosti moved to accept the 2010 Watermasters report, second by Bill Doramus. Motion passed.

Rex reviewed the new budget format for 2011 and explained why wording changes to Resolution "I & J" were needed. Copies of old and proposed wording were provided to all water users for review. After discussion it was moved by Gail Glasgow to approve the 2011 budget as presented, second by Bill Doramus. Motion passed

OLD BUSINESS:

Rex Barrie reported on the Advisory Board recommendation to change from a "donation" to a "grant" style for awarding funds to the Flood Control Districts. This change would provide the water users with better information on how the monies are spent. Beginning in 2011 a request for assistance must be submitted in writing to the Water District. Also, a current budget and financial statement must accompany the request to be considered. Steve Sweet, representing District #10 presented an overview of the last 12 years of work that has been done by District #10. Steve gave Chairman Case a copy of how our donations have been used in the past. Steve also ask for a representative from WD #63 to be a part of a committee to help address work needed on the river relating to permits required by the Corp and the State.

Rex reported on the progress of Phase One, Boise River Automation Project that will automate several headgates on the river. Three sites, Farmers Union, New Dry Creek and Middleton Canals have been completed. Work is ongoing to complete Little Pioneer, Canyon County, Caldwell Highline and Riverside canal's.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Vern Case asked for question's regarding Resolutions "B thru K". Rex explained the changes in wording for "I and J" due to the budget format change. After a brief discussion, motion by Sam Rosti to approve Resolutions "B thru K", second by Clinton Pline. Motion passed.

Rex Barrie explained the boards desire to continue with the automation project. The board feels this is a way to conserve water and provide for better accounting of water usage. Several questions from those in attendance were asked including, how much to install a site, what is the annual costs to maintain a site and how will this benefit the water users. Rex answered all questions related to this program. Chairman Case asked Andy Bishop with Riverside Irrigation District to give an overview of how automation has helped their system become more efficient. Andy stated they can provide a more reliable flow with fewer problems with automation. John Anderson with Nampa and Meridian Irrigation District also reflected his success with automation. It was moved by Lee Sisco to commit \$25,000.00 for Phase Two, Boise River Automation Project and to apply for matching funds with a Bureau of Reclamation Water Conservation Grant. Second by Clinton Pline. Motion Passed.

The board has recommended that the Watermaster charge "Time and Material's" for any dispute resolution's required in the upper basin. This is to off-set costs associated with multiple trips on a single issue.

Rex presented the audit report from Gary Merkle and noted that there were no recommendations from Gary. Mr. Merkle does approve of the change in the budget format for 2011. Motion to accept the audit report by Sam Rosti, second by Bill Doramus. Motion passed.

Lee Sisco asked the water users for their continued support of the Family Farm Alliance. There were several questions and discussion about what they do and how it relates to our area. Chairman Case called for a motion on the issue. Moved by Lee Sisco, second by Marty Galvin to support with \$250.00 dues. Motion passed.

Guests:

Norm Semanko, Idaho Water Users Association

(Norm presented his material at the beginning of the meeting as he needed to leave early.)

Norm spoke about ongoing efforts at IWUA including the potential impacts of EPA requirements for NPDES permits, needed to treat for weeds both in and on the canals. The association is working hard to overturn this decision to lower the burden on canal operators in Idaho. Bull Trout listing's on the Boise River could impact irrigators and IWUA is working to repel the critical habitat listing. Norm gave the dates for the annual convention and encouraged all water users to attend. Those dates are January 18 / 20 2011.

Helen Harrington, Idaho Dept. of Water Resource's

Helen reported on the progress of the Treasure Valley C.A.M.P. (Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan). The CAMP is moving forward with recommendations for the Idaho Water Resources Board. Helen highlighted the future demand study showing the need for additional water supplies by 2060. Cloud seeding and aquifer recharge were also discussed.

Brian Sauer, Bureau of Reclamation

Brian presented the water supply outlook for 2011 which is better than 2010. 1,328,000 AF of runoff was produced in the basin for 2010. Below normal amounts of snowfall were followed by above average rainfall in June that required flood control releases. Prior to the late rains, we were not expected to fill the system. Brian compared last year's reservoir capacity of 52% with this year at 53%. Water conservation grants are available and must be submitted by February 18, 2011.

Liz Cresto, Idaho Dept. of Water Resources

Liz reported on the accounting for the 2010 water year and provided a copy of the summary storage report for review. She explained how evaporation and operational loss is figured into the program. Liz also reported on the Motion for Interim Administration of Water Rights on the Boise River. This motion was filed with the SRBA court to allow IDWR to begin administration of the Boise rights under the SRBA.

Dan Steenson, Ringert Law Chartered

Dan presented updated information on the Lower Boise River WAG and explained the current TMDL requirements for temperature and suspended sediments. Dan reported that Indian Creek, Elijah drain and Five Mile drain were target areas now. Temperature requirements for cold water biota (trout) could impede the irrigation companies from cleaning drains as trees are considered ways to cool the water for trout. Dan will be asking for support from all Boise River water users to help fight some of these issues.

Jerry Gregg, Bureau of Reclamation

Jerry reported on the current status of Reclamation's budget and the continuing resolution to keep operating. The region's total program is expected to be about \$284.5 million. Urban canal safety is still a high priority with Reclamation as they review areas of concern. Bull Trout listing on the Boise requires the Bureau to survey populations,

collection data and report finding to the FWS. Dam security is still being addressed. In the Boise, Lake Lowell and Anderson Ranch are the two areas of concern. Barriers are being installed at Lake Lowell lower dam. Anderson Ranch will be raised about four feet and barriers installed. These barriers will be used in case of a “heightened nationwide state of alert. Sluice gates at Arrowrock will be plugged and inflatable spillway gates will be installed at Diversion Dam.

Chairman Case asked for discussion on changing the time of the annual meeting from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m... Rex explained a vote of the water users was needed as Idaho Code 42-605 states that Water Districts with four or more counties in their service area will meet at 10:00 a.m. unless voted on by the water users at their annual meeting. Bill Doramus moved to change the time from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Jim Payne seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

There being no further business, Motion to adjourn at 12:55p.m. by Bill Doramus. Second by Gail Glasgow. Motion passed

Chairman, Vern Case

Sect. Sam Rosti