

**WATER DISTRICT No. 63**  
**MINUTES OF 2013 ANNUAL MEETING**  
**January 14, 2013**

Chairman Vern Case called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. there were 48 water users and guest in attendance.

**Minutes:** Secretary Sam Rosti read the Minutes from the January 9, 2012 annual meeting. It was moved by Clinton Pline to accept the minutes as read. Second by Bill Doramus. Motion passed.

**Adopt Resolution A:** Chairman Vern Case explained the voting method and called for the question on voting. It was moved by Jim Payne to adopt Resolution A as the method of voting. Second by Bill Doramus. Motion passed with all in favor.

**Elect Secretary:** It was moved by Monty Janicek to elect Sam Rosti as Secretary for 2013. Second by Max Svaty. Passed with all in favor.

**Elect Chairman:** Motion by Bill Doramus to elect Vern Case as Chairman for 2013. Second by Max Svaty. Motion passed with all in favor.

**Re-Elect Advisory Committee:** It was moved by Monte Janicek to re-elect the current Advisory Committee. Second by Clinton Pline. Motion Passed with all in favor.

**Watermaster Report:** Rex Barrie reviewed the Watermaster's report for 2012 including the 2011/2012 water year, snowpack and flood control operations. Below normal snowpack caused concern for the 2012 irrigation season. Mid April brought above normal temps into the 90s and was followed by rain that caused the flood control operation to increase to 10,200 cfs from Lucky Peak for 13 days and then was ramped down. Flood control operations ended on June 27, 2012 and flow augmentation ended on July 23, 2012. Reservoir carryover was at 38% of capacity at the end of irrigation season. Inclusion of the upper basin water users was discussed and the timeline from IDWR was explained. Bank balances as of December 31, 2012 was 1,972.53 checking, 264,759.56 money market and 47,818.50 in the State Investment Fund. Interest was reported at 428.49 and Rental Pool activity generated 54,427.00 in administrative fees. On December 31, 2012 total storage was reported at 50%. Motion by Bill Doramus to accept the Watermaster's report. Second by Joe King. Motion passed with all in favor.

**Budget Review:** Rex presented the proposed 2013 budget showing comparisons for 2011 and 2012. It was moved by Clinton Pline to approve the 2013 Budget as presented. Second by Bill Doramus. Motion passed with all in favor.

**Old Business:**

**Automation Project:** Rex reported on the success of the ongoing automation project and that both grants had been completed. Water District #63 will continue to install sites as time and budget allow.

**Upper Basin Administration:** Chairman Vern Case and Rex Barrie explained the meetings with IDWR staff and Director Gary Spackman on inclusion of the upper basin water users into WD #63. Max Svaty asked how many acre feet of water are diverted annually from upper basin use. Rex did not have an accurate total since no records have been kept on diversions above Lucky Peak with the exception of Wilderness Ranch and Osprey Home Owners Association.

**New Business:**

**Adopt Resolutions:** Chairman Vern Case called for the question on adopting continuing resolutions B thru K. Motion by Bill Doramus to adopt resolutions B thru K. Second by Clinton Pline. Motion passed with all in favor.

**Elect Watermaster:** It was moved by Monte Janicek to elect Rex Barrie as Watermaster for 2013. Second by Max Svaty. Motion passed with all in favor.

**Appoint Assistant Watermaster:** Rex introduced Mark Zirschky, Superintendent of Pioneer Irrigation District as the Boards selection to act as the Assistant Watermaster. It was moved by Marty Galvin to appoint Mark Zirschky as the Assistant Watermaster. Second by Sam Rosti. Motion Passed with all in favor.

**Basin Wide Refill:** This item will be discussed by Director Gary Spackman later in the meeting.

**Rental Pool Rates for 2013:** Rex explained how the Nez Perce Agreement structured rental rates in the Snake River Basin. The Rental Pool Committee has adopted the rate increase from \$14.00 to \$17.00 per acre foot for all Rental Pool transactions. This increase was approved by the Idaho Water Resources Board at their last regular meeting.

**Audit Report:** Chairman Vern Case reported that the Audit Report had been prepared by Mr. Gary Merkle and reviewed by the board with no discrepancies noted. A current copy is available in the office for review.

## **Guests:**

**Gary Spackman, Director, Idaho Department of Water Resources:** Director Spackman thanked the Board and Watermaster for their continued efforts to improve operations of Water District #63. Mr. Spackman gave an overview of the Refill and Accounting practices. Gary also read a definition of storage rights related to refill. Rod Neilson and Monte Janicek asked about losing storage space due to this issue. Gary stated he could not speak to the legal issue as the courts are looking at challenges from space holders. Gary also spoke about recharge as a means to protect storage from groundwater and out of basin use. A brief explanation of RAFN (reasonable anticipated future needs) and how it relates to the Treasure Valley CAMP (comprehensive aquifer management plan) was discussed. The issue of ponds along the river corridor was brought up and Gary stated his staff was looking into ways to address these ponds.

**Norm Semanko, Idaho Water Users Association:** Mr. Semanko gave a review of current legislation and several issues facing the water users today. Some of these include, CAMP, the right to store water, Emanate domain, the state water plan and NPDES Permits. Norm also announced that Al Barker was appointed to the Idaho Water Resources Board.

**Jerry Gregg, Bureau of Reclamation:** Mr. Gregg announced that Ms. Lori Lee was the new Regional Director for our area. Jerry discussed the ESA (endangered species act) and how Bull Trout effect the operation of Anderson Ranch and Arrowrock. Norm Semanko asked Jerry if there was any progress in de-listing Bull Trout in our basin. Jerry was not sure where the process was on de-listing. Jerry explained the budget and stated that new bladders had been installed at Diversion Dam to improve operations.

**Liz Cresto, Idaho Department of Water Resources:** Ms. Cresto reported on the water supply for 2013 and explained how the natural flow was accounted. Liz also discussed the storage use and how it is computed in the accounting model. Liz went over the 2012 water year report and explained how the data is compiled.

**Brian Sauer, Bureau of Reclamation:** Mr. Sauer reviewed the water supply report for 2012 and showed comparisons of the Tea Cup for 2012/2013. Brian also reported on the early season runoff that resulted from above normal temps in April followed by several days of rain. This resulted in near record inflows to the reservoir system and was reported as the fourth highest year on record.

**Steve Sweet, Flood Control District #10:** Mr. Sweet explained the work being done on the river and how FCD #10 was able to work with the Army Corp of Engineers to acquire a five year permit for channel maintenance. Steve also reported on the high water events at Clements Concrete and Little Pioneer Canal. He also discussed the broken water line near Garden City that was damaged during the high flows. Steve explained the relationship between the New Dry

Creek Diversion and the Pit Capture that happened downstream and how that was causing erosion below the diversion.

There being no further business, it was moved by Max Svety to adjourn the meeting. Second by Clinton Pline. Motion Passed.

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Vernon Case, Chairman

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