

WATER DISTRICT No. 63

MINUTES OF 2014 ANNUAL MEETING

JANUARY 13, 2014

Chairman Vern Case called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. There were 94 water users and guests in attendance. Chairman Case asked the advisory committee members to stand and be introduced to all present. Vern Case, Sam Rosti, Alan Newbill, Jim Payne, Larry Story, Clinton Pline, Marty Galvin and Ron Blickenstaff. Bill Doramus was unable to attend.

Minutes: Secretary Sam Rosti read the minutes from the January 14, 2013 annual meeting. It was moved by Max Svaty to accept the minutes as read. Second by Marty Galvin. Motion passed.

Adopt Resolution A: Chairman Vern Case Explained the voting method and called for question on voting. It was moved by Marty Galvin to adopt Resolution A as the method of voting. Second by Clinton Pline. Motion passed.

Elect Secretary: It was moved by Jim Payne to elect Sam Rosti as Secretary for 2014. Second by Ron Sedlacek. Motion passed.

Elect Chairman: it was moved by Max Svaty to elect Vernon Case as chairman for 2014. Second by Ron Blickenstaff. Motion passed.

Elect Advisory Committee: It was moved by Clinton Pline to re-elect the current advisory committee members. Second by Bob Carter. Motion passed.

Chairman Case read Resolution 2014-1 (attached) and explained that with the expansion into the upper Boise River basin the Advisory Committee and Idaho Department of Water Resources wanted representation from the upper basin. It was decided to review this later in the meeting.

Watermaster Report: Rex Barrie reviewed the Watermaster's report (attached) for 2013. The 2012/2013 water year, snowpack and rental pool operations were explained. Due to the low snowpack, no flood control operations occurred in 2013 and the reservoir system failed to fill. Bank balances were reported at \$6470.00 in checking, \$161644.00 in the money market and \$47,917.00 in the state investment. Motion by Gail Glasgow to accept the report. Second by Ron Sedlacek. Motion Passed.

Budget Review and Approval: Rex Barrie presented the proposed budget for 2014 and explained the board's decision to set the assessments at \$85,000.00 for 2014. After discussion it was moved by Sam Rosti to accept the 2014 budget as presented. Second by Marty Galvin. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Upper Basin Administration: Vern Case and Rex Barrie gave an overview of events leading to Gary Spackman, Director, Idaho Department of Water Resources order to require administration of water rights above Lucky Peak. It was explained why Water District #63 was required to administer water rights above Lucky Peak. Chairman Case read resolution 2014-1 again and called for the question. Jim Payne stated how important it was for someone to represent the water user from the upper basin to help everyone understand why this is being done and how it will affect them. After discussion it was moved by Gail Glasgow to accept resolution 2014-1. Second by Jim Payne. Motion passed.

Chairman case called for nominations for the two board seats. One from the South Fork Drainage and one from the Mores Creek drainage. Gary Kiser was nominated by Terri Carlock. Second by Ron Sedlacek. Calvin Ireland nominated Randy Davison. Second by Jim Payne. Gary Kiser withdrew his nomination. Chairman case called for the vote on Randy Davison. Motion passed with all in favor.

Chairman Case asked for nominations from the Mores Creek drainage. Motion by Marty Galvin to nominate Oscar Baumhoff. Second by Claudette Osler. No other nominations were called. Motion passed with all in favor.

Basin Wide Refill: (This will be held to the end of the meeting)

New Business:

Adopt Resolutions "B thru K": It was moved by Max Svaty to adopt the resolutions. Second by Marty Galvin. Motion passed.

Elect Watermaster: It was moved by Bob Carter to elect Rex Barrie as Watermaster. Second by Mack Meyer. Motion passed.

Appoint Assistant Watermaster: It was moved by Alan Newbill to appoint Mark Zirschky as Assistant Watermaster. Second by Leland. Motion passed

Audit Report: Secretary Sam Rosti read the audit report prepared by Mr. Gary Merkle. No discrepancies were reported. Motion by Clinton Pline to accept the audit report. Second by Gary Kiser. Motion passed.

Food Safety Rule: Norm Semanko with Idaho Water Users Association explained the FDA proposed Food Safety Rule and how it could have major impacts on the agriculture industry in the Treasure Valley. Norm encouraged everyone to play an active role in helping to defeat this proposed bill.

Guests: Norm Semanko: Norm gave an overview of the Idaho Water Users Association and what current issues were ongoing. Legislative bills, recharge, basin wide refill, minimum charges for water districts and prospects for raising Arrowrock Dam.

Brian Sauer, Bureau of Reclamation: Brian gave an overview of the current water year and storage. They were compared to last year and also to several similar years. At this time water supply and snowpack are below normal.

Liz Cresto, IDWR: Liz reviewed the 2013 water year accounting and explained how the new accounting format would work. It will not change how water use is accounted. It will change the old code to a newer format. Liz compared river operations to similar years and explained how evaporation and operational loss is accounted.

Troy Lindquist, NOAA: Troy gave a report on the extended weather forecast for southern Idaho and eastern Oregon. He explained how the jet stream affects our weather patterns. The outlook for the next several days is below normal.

Steve Sweet, FCD #10: Steve reported on how FCD #10 was removing debris and burning piles along the river. The New Dry Creek and Conway Hamming diversion are experiencing gravel movement downstream which will affect how they are managed in the future. The Andrews diversion below Notus is having the same problems.

Jerry Gregg, Bureau of Reclamation: Jerry reviewed several programs involving our area. Infrastructure, ESA including Salmon and Bull Trout. Anderson Ranch jet valves have been rebuilt. Diversion Dam bladders were installed. Jerry also touched on the Basin Wide Refill issue.

Gary Spackman, Director, IDWR: Gary was unable to attend.

Mat Weaver and Matt Anders, IDWR: Mat Weaver gave an overview of IDWR perspective on the Basin Wide Refill. Matt Anders presented some other information and then asked for questions regarding this issue. There were several minutes of discussion following their presentation.

Matt Howard, Bureau of Reclamation: Matt gave an overview of the Bureau's perspective of the Basin Wide Refill issue. Matt asked for a collaborative dialogue with the water users to help

find a compromise to this issue. Jim Payne stated the board had already agreed to host any meeting needed to bring the parties together for discussion.

There being no further business it was moved by Ron Sedlacek to adjourn. Second by Sam Rosti. Motion passed.

Vernon Case, Chair

Sam Rosti, Sect/Tres.