

WATER DISTRICT #63
MINUTES OF 2015 ANNUAL MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2015

Chairman Vern Case called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. There were 61 water users and guests present.

Minutes: Secretary Sam Rosti read the minutes from the January 13, 2014 annual meeting. Motion to approve minutes as read by Clinton Pline. Second by Oscar Baumhoff. Motion passed with all in favor.

Adopt Resolution A: Chairman Case explained the method of voting under Resolution A. It was moved by Leslie Stiburck to adopt Resolution A. Second by Jim Payne. Discussion followed from Tim Page, Boise Project Board of Control, requesting voting by shares on certain agenda items. Motion passed with all in favor.

Elect Secretary: Martin Galvin moved to elect Sam Rosti as Secretary. Second by Leslie Stiburck. Motion passed with all in favor.

Elect Chairman: Sam Rosti Moved to elect Vern Case as Chairman. Second by Oscar Baumhoff. Motion passed with all in favor.

Elect Advisory Committee: It was moved by Clinton Pline to retain the current Advisory Committee. Second by Flip Phillips. Motion Passed with all in favor.

Watermaster Report: Rex Barrie reviewed the Watermaster report for 2014. 2013/2014 water year, snowpack and rental pool operations were explained. The storage system filled with the exception of the Bureau of Reclamation's last to fill water that was used for flow augmentation in 2014. The Flood Control Committee, Rex Barrie, Watermaster, Tim Page, Boise Project Board of Control, Brian Sauer, Bureau of Reclamation and Liz Cresto, Idaho Dept. of Water Resources met to review the 2014 flood control operations and determined all space holder accounts filled with the above exception. Bank balances were reported at \$5,251.75 in checking. \$332,830.66 in the money market and \$47,975.12 in the State Investment Fund. Motion to except the Watermasters report by Sam Rosti. Second by Leslie Stiburck. Motion passed with all in favor.

Budget Review and Approval: Rex Barrie presented the 2015 proposed budget and explained the recommended amount of \$87,250.00. After discussion it was moved by Leslie Stiburck to accept the 2015 budget as presented. Second by Marty Galvin. Motion passed with all in favor.

Old Business:

- a. **Boise Basin Refill (Basin Wide 17):** Chairman Case reported on the progress to date with the Idaho Department of Water Resources on resolving the refill issue. Some headway has been made but there are still several issues that need to be resolved before the Advisory Committee could comment further. Gary Spackman will speak on this issue later in the meeting.
- b. **Upper Basin Administration:** Rex Barrie reported on the progress being made in the upper basin. It is moving slowly due to the amount of water rights involved and the distances required to travel to these sites. The Directors order for measurement was issued in 2014 and included all surface water rights in the Boise Basin. This included all rights below Lucky Peak as well as those above.

New Business:

- a. **Cloud Seeding:** Chairman Case gave an overview of the Cloud Seeding proposal from Idaho Power Co. Jon Bowling, Idaho Power (IDPC), was asked to explain the proposal to the members. Jon deferred to Sean to explain the process and answer questions. Flip Phillips asked what percentage the Payette Basin pays for cloud seeding. Jon Bowling explained the initial program started in the Payette Basin as a pilot program to see if it was feasible to branch out into other basins in the state and that all cloud seeding in the Payette Basin is directed at the South Fork Payette River since there is no storage on that reach and Idaho Power receives the total benefit of any extra water in the South Fork, unlike the Boise Basin which has storage on each tributary. Mark Zirschkey, Pioneer Irrigation District asked how the program would be presented in an accounting format. Jon Bowling stated if adopted IDPC would prepare a report each month for review by WD #63. Sam Rosti stated how this might affect water users on the Boise and asked why the IDPC rate payers pay for this program. Jon Bowling stated IDPC did not have authority to form the PUC to charge all rate payers for this type of program. Jim Payne stated that all IDPC rate payers will benefit from this and should pay for it. Jim Payne also stated that natural flow rights do not need any extra water and that storage space holders would benefit more from this. Jim stated that maybe we need to take a longer look at this issue. Dave Vail, Settlers Irrigation District stated he would be more comfortable with a two or three year program than a five year program. A motion by Jim Payne to

postpone this issue until later. Second by Flip Phillips. Motion passed with several no votes.

- b. **Directors Reimbursement:** Chairman Case presented a resolution to compensate directors for meetings attended to the benefit of Water District #63 water users. It was explained that in the past directors were only compensated minimally for attending these types of meetings. It was moved by Jim Payne to adopt Resolution 2015-2. Second by Oscar Baumhoff. Motion passed with all in favor.
- c. **Adopt Resolutions "B thru K":** Sam Rosti moved to adopt Resolutions B thru K. second by Clinton Pline. Motion passed with all in favor.
- d. **Elect Watermaster:** It was moved by Mack Meyer to elect Rex Barrie as Watermaster. Second by Max Savety. Motion passed with all in favor.
- e. **Elect Assistant Watermaster:** It was moved by Alan Newbill to elect Mark Zirschkey as Assistant Watermaster. Second by Sam Rosti. Motion passed with all in favor.
- f. **Audit Report:** Sam Rosti reported the audit had been prepared by Mr. Gary Merkle and reviewed by the board. No discrepancies were reported. Motion by Marty Galvin to accept the audit report. Second by Oscar Baumhoff. Motion passed with all in favor.

Guests: Gary Spackman, Director, Idaho Dept. of Water Resources: Gary discussed current issues at IDWR including WD # 63 expansion into the upper basin and said this was not unique to our basin. Fill and refill were discussed and Gary stated that the Idaho Supreme Court ruled that the Director had authority to decide this issue. The refill issue is very complex and we all have a common goal of preserving the present system. How we will get there remains to be determined. Gary also commented on the Boise Storage Study currently underway with IDWR and the Army Corps of Engineers.

Norm Semanko: Norm reported on current issues that could have an impact on Idaho Water Users including the Endangered Species Act which has identified the presence of the Yellow Billed Cuckoo in our state. The Food Safety Act has the potential to have a major impact on Idaho agriculture. Norm also introduced the new intern, Brandt Bullock from NNU.

Jerry Gregg, BOR: Jerry reported on the current status of the Bureau as it relates to Idaho and the Pacific Northwest Region. Bull Trout and Yellow Billed Cuckoo remain on the radar. Anderson Ranch valve refurbishment, transformers and paving of Arrowrock Dam. Jerry also stated this was the 100th anniversary of Arrowrock Dam and to watch for announcements regarding this. Jerry also discussed the possibilities of raising Anderson Ranch 6 feet and raising Arrowrock 80 feet. Studies are currently underway.

Liz Cresto, IDWR: Liz reviewed the 2014 water year and the accounting showing the total evaporation loss and operational loss for the year. Operational lose was 3800 acre feet down

from 8000 acre feet in 2013. Liz also went thru the accounting explaining how to read the report and understand how it works.

Brian Sauer, BOR: Brian reported on the current conditions in the basin and how the runoff is forecast. 2014 showed a total of 1,407,885 MAF of runoff. Brian showed several comparisons of past years including snow pack and runoff. Currently we are about average for the year. 2015 runoff forecast is for 1.8 MAF. This of course is subject to change as the year progresses.

There being no further business it was moved by Sam Rosti to adjourn at 4:00 P.M. second by Oscar Baumhoff. Motion passed.

Vern Case, Chairman

Sam Rosti, Sect. Tres.

Date