

WATER DISTRICT #63
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2018

Chairman Vern Case called the 2018 meeting to order at 3:00 P.M. there were 53 water users and guest present.

Chairman Case introduced the Advisory Committee including new member Richard Durrant who is replacing Ron Blickenstaff.

Minutes: Secretary Sam Rosti read the minutes from the January 9, 2017 meeting. It was moved by Brian McDevitt to except the minutes as read. Second by Richard Durrant. Motion passed with all in favor.

Adopt Resolution A: Motion to adopt Resolution A by Brian McDevitt, second by Ron Platt. Motion passed with all in favor.

Elect Secretary: It was moved by Clinton Pline to elect Sam Rosti as secretary for 2018. Second by Ron Platt. Motion Passed with all in favor.

Elect Chairman: Jim Payne moved to elect Vernon Case as Chairman for 2018. Second by Clinton Pline. Motion Passed with all in favor.

Elect Advisory Committee: Brian McDevitt moved to retain the Advisory Committee for 2018. Second by Ron Sedlacek. Motion passed with all in favor.

Watermasters Report: Rex Barrie reported on the 2017 water year including snowpack, rental pool, natural flows and financial statements. All storage accounts were considered filled by the Flood Control Committee (Boise Project, Bureau of Reclamation and Water District #63) after meeting with Liz Cresto and Dan Stanaway from IDWR. The day of allocation was July 18, 2017 due to the above average snowpack in the basin. Flood control operations began on February 13, 2017 and ended on July 13, 2017.

Rental pool activities were near average with 24,788 AF being leased. The Bureau of Reclamation leased 21,880 AF from space holders and released 40,932 AF of their space for a total of 62,812 AF for flow augmentation. Total rental pool revenues were reported at \$474,605.60.

Cloud seeding was suspended in February due to high snowpack levels.

The bank balances as of December 31, 2017 were reported at \$8,848.62 in checking and \$610,325.10 in the money market and state investment accounts. Space holders will be paid \$353,724.68 and the Idaho Water Resources Board \$35,446.84 for a total of \$389,171.52.

The 2018 recommended budget is \$215,000.00

The audit has been reviewed by the Advisory Committee and no discrepancies were noted.

It was moved by Donald Barksdale to accept the Watermasters report. Second by Richard Durrant. Motion passed with all in favor.

Budget Report: Rex Barrie presented the 2018 recommended budget of \$215,000.00. Motion by Brian McDevitt to adopt the 2018 budget as presented. Second by Donald Barksdale. Motion passed with all in favor.

Old Business:

Boise Basin Refill: Rex Barrie reported on the current status of the refill issue and explained that the Idaho Supreme Court was to hear arguments on this day but was postponed due an accident.

Weather Modification: Rex Barrie explained that the current agreement with Idaho Power Company was going to expire and that Water District #63 had been approached by Idaho Power to continue for another three years. The Advisory Committee voted to recommend to the members to continue with the program and set the amount for the next three years at \$125,000.00 per year. Brian McDevitt moved to accept the committee's recommendation. Second by Donald Barksdale. Motion passed with all in favor.

Columbia River Treaty: Paul Arrington reported on the current status of the treaty with Canada and stated that it will expire in 2014. The United States is in negotiations with Canada to continue the treaty but with some modifications. The treaty was originally designed for flood control and hydro power. Norm Semanko applauded Paul for coming up to speed so quickly on the issues facing the Idaho Water Users including the Columbia River Treaty.

New Business:

Rental Pool Rates: Rex Barrie gave an overview of the Nez Perce Term Sheet and how the rates for rental pool leases are set. 2018 rates are set at \$20.00 per AF and an administration fee needs to be adopted by the water users and sent to the Idaho Water Resources Board for their approval. There have been some questions on how the administration fee should be used by the Water District. Rex recommended to the water users that they approve the \$20.00 per AF rate and allow the Advisory Committee to set the administrative fee at a later date after meeting with IDWR and the BOR. It was moved by Clinton Pline to increase the rental pool rate to \$20.00 with the Advisory Committee having the flexibility to adjust the administrative fee at a later time and not to exceed \$2.00. The motion was seconded by Ron Platt. Motion passed with all in favor.

Adopt Resolutions "B thru K": Brian McDevitt moved to adopt resolutions B thru K. Second by Clinton Pline. Motion passed with all in favor.

Elect Watermaster: Richard Durrant moved to elect Rex Barrie as Watermaster for 2018. Second by Ron Sedlacek. Motion passed with all in favor.

Elect Assistant Watermaster: It was moved by Clinton Pline to elect Mark Zirschky as assistant Watermaster for 2018. Motion passed with all in favor.

Audit Report: Sam Rosti reported that the audit report had been completed by Mr. Gary Merkle and had been reviewed by the Advisory Committee. Sam stated that a copy of the audit report was available in the Watermaster's office for anyone wishing to review it. Richard Durrant moved to except the audit report. Second by Clinton Pline. Motion passed with all in favor.

Guests:

Paul Arrington, Idaho Water Users Association: Paul gave an overview of the current issue's facing the Idaho Water Users including Waters of the United States (W.O.T.U.S.). Aging Infrastructure issues across the west are becoming a very common topic and ways to address these issues are being looked at. Recharge in Idaho is becoming more important as ground water is limited in some areas of the state. The annual meeting of IWUA will be held January 22 thru 25 and Paul invited members to join in.

Liz Cresto, IDWR: Liz reported on the changes to the gaging station on the New York Canal and how it will benefit the water users in the coming seasons. Liz explained that more measurements will be taken at the Middleton Gage and that Doppler radar would be used at the New York canal for better turnaround time resulting in better accounting for everyone on the river.

Dan Stanaway, IDWR: Dan reported on the 2017 irrigation season accounting and storage reporting. Storage use was much lower than previous years due to longer runoff in the basin. Storage use was 380,000 AF. Evaporation and operational losses were explained as how they relate to all space holders on the system. Brian McDevitt asked why some were charged more than others and Dan invited him to contact him at his office to go over his question.

Brian Sauer, BOR: Brian presented the water supply outlook for 2018 and compared the current numbers to last water year. 2017 had 3,145,000 AF of runoff in the basin and 2018 is projected at 1.4 MAF as of January 1, 2018. These numbers will change monthly as new forecasts are reviewed. Highest recorded inflows for 2017 were 24,000 CFS.

Roland Springer, BOR: Roland reported on the new leadership at Reclamation and the Department of Interior. Flood control for 2017 was a major challenge for everyone involved and communications breakdown was the largest hurdle to overcome. Several lessons were learned about who needs to be involved in the notification process as flows change in the river. Diversion Dam had to replace a trash rack due to increased moss collecting at the site. Additional storage is still being considered as the Idaho Water Resources Board has agreed to help fund some investigation into the additional storage in Arrowrock, Anderson and Lucky Peak. The Cat Creek project is currently on hold as the

Bureau has received no funding from the Cat Creek project. Cat Creek must pay for BOR to review and investigate this project. Lucky Peak O & M charges are still being reviewed with space holders and final amounts should be available soon.

Mike Dimmick, Flood Control District #10: Mike reported on the ongoing issues that were the result of the 2017 flood control releases. Trees, gravel bars erosion and many other things have been assessed and work is continuing as time allows. Flood Control District #10 played an important role in working with Ada County to help minimize damage at the Sun Rock gravel pit. Several steps were taken to prevent the river from washing into the pit and causing major damage on Eagle Island. There is cost share money available for property owners and diverters and anyone interested should contact Mike.

There being no further business it was moved by Brian McDevitt to adjourn the meeting. Second by Clinton Pline. The 2018 meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

Vernon Case, Chairman

Sam Rosti, Sect/Treas.

Date