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**WATER DISTRICT #63
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
JANUARY 7, 2019
Star City Hall, Star, Idaho**

Chairman Vernon Case called the meeting to order at 1:04 P.M. There were 55 water users and guests at the meeting.

Chairman Case asked Rex Barrie to inform the water users about Oscar Baumhoff retiring from the committee and he has asked that Ray Nebeker replace him.

Minutes: Chairman Case asked if anyone wanted the minutes read. No request was made to read the minutes. Brian McDevitt moved to accept the minutes. Second by Richard Durrant. Motion passed with all in favor.

Roland Springer, US Bureau of Reclamation:

Roland talked about the current cloud seeding program and said from the BOR's point of view it was a successful program. The Federal Government shutdown has not affected the Bureau, as its budget was approved earlier in the year. The Department of Interior has begun a re-organization process that the Regional and Snake River offices will have to participate in. The Columbia River Treaty process is moving forward but with little information being made public. Roland also reported on the Boise River Feasibility study to look at increasing storage behind the three existing dams on the system. Priority has been given to Anderson Ranch as it has the most cost effective review. If Anderson is raised by 6 feet it would increase capacity to 29 KAF. Early cost estimates are approximately \$2000.00 per acre foot. This amount will change when final numbers are calculated.

Cat Creek still has not been funded so the BOR will not begin the feasibility study until they receive funds from Cat Creek.

Roland also report on the O&M costs associated with Lucky Peak. They have worked on these costs with space holders to try and lower annual costs.

Adopt Resolution A: Brian McDevitt moved to adopt resolution A. second by Richard Durrant. Motion passed with all in favor.

Elect Secretary: Jim Payne moved to elect Sam Rosti as secretary for 2019. Second by Neil Allison. Motion passed with all in favor.

Elect Chairman: Oscar Baumhoff moved to elect Vernon Case as Chairman for 2019. Second by Richard Durrant. Motion passed with all in favor.

Elect Advisory Committee: Rex Barrie explained that Oscar Baumhoff was stepping down from the committee and asked that Ray Nebeker be appointed for his position. It was moved by Oscar Baumhoff to appoint Vernon Case, Sam Rosti, Jim Payne, Randy Davison, Clinton Pline, Alan Newbill, Martin Galvin, Mike Houston, Larry Story, Richard Durrant, Ray Nebeker and Roland Springer to the Advisory committee. Second by Ron Sedlacek. Motion passed with all in favor.

Watermasters Report: Rex Barrie reported on the 2018 water year including snowpack, run off, day of allocation, rental pool operations and financial statements. All storage accounts were considered filled by the Flood Control Committee. (Watermaster, Boise Project Board of Control and Bureau of Reclamation) the day of allocation was June 12, 2018. Flood control operations began on March 21, 2018 and ended on June 11, 2018.

Storage at the end of December was 429,094 acre feet in the system.

Rental pool operations were reported at, 65,016 acre feet for flow augmentation, 40,932 AF from the BOR, 20,754 AF was leased to BOR from space holders and 3330 AF was leased for in basin use.

Bank balances at the end of December were reported as follows. Money Market \$630,855.03, Checking \$9,209.76 and State Investment at \$49,576.43. Rental Pool payments will be \$409,428.00 to space holders and \$34,440.12 to the Idaho Water Resources Board. After payments are made the balance in the money market account will be \$196,196.67

The committee hired Mike Meyers as Deputy Watermaster and began work on January 2, 2019.

Rex also reported on the cost of the Black Book Watermasters report and that he would be looking into putting the report on CDs next year to cut costs on the printing and binding of the reports. 15 books cost the district over \$800.00. Gail Glasgow Moved to accept the Watermasters report as presented. Second by Mike Houston. Motion passed with all in favor.

Budget Review and Approval: Chairman Case asked Rex to present the budget review and the 2019 proposed budget. After review it was moved by Brian McDevitt to adopt the 2019 budget as presented. Second by Ron Platt. Motion passed with all in favor.

Old Business:

Chairman Case introduced Mike Meyers and asked him to tell the water users a little about himself. Mike stated that he was from Idaho and had worked in the water arena for Pioneer Irrigation District and was looking forward to his position at Water District #63.

Boise Basin Refill: Director Gary Spackman reported on the proposed settlement agreement concerning the refill issue and said he expected it to be presented early in the 2019 legislative session. He has hopes that it will be adopted without any challenges. Gary also reported that he was made aware of the Barber Dam issues regarding reduction in flows to the river when they stop generation. This has a potential to interrupt flows to senior right holders and he has sent a letter to Ada County addressing these concerns.

Weather Modification: Rex reported on the current cloud seeding operations with Idaho Power including the amount of time ground generator's had operated and the amount of flares used by aircraft.

Columbia River Treaty: Chairman Case asked Paul Arrington to bring us up to speed on the current status of the treaty. Paul reported that negotiations with Canada were continuing but that not much information was being made public at this time.

New Business:

Minimum Assessments: Rex Barrie reported that the Advisory Committee had approved an increase to the minimum assessment from \$100.00 to \$150.00 and asked the water users to approve this increase. It was moved by Gail Glasgow to increase the minimum assessment to \$150.00. Second by Brian McDevitt. Motion passed with all in favor.

Adopt Resolution B thru J: Rex reported that a change was needed in the resolutions. Resolution I addressing wages and benefits should be removed so the Deputy Watermaster wages can be collected from general assessments. Brian McDevitt moved to strike Resolution I and to move Resolution J to I and to pass Resolutions B thru J. Second by Richard Durrant. Motion passed with all in favor.

Elect Watermaster: Mack Meyers moved to elect Rex Barrie as Watermaster for 2019. Second by Ron Platt. Motion passed with all in favor.

Elect Assistant Watermaster: Mack Meyers moved to elect Mike Meyers as assistant Watermaster for 2019. Second by Clinton Pline. Motion passed with all in favor.

Audit Report: Sam Rosti stated that the audit was prepared by Gary Merkle and reviewed by the committee and anyone wanting to review the audit to contact Rex for a copy. Motion to accept the Audit Report by Richard Durrant. Second by Ron Sedlacek. Motion passed with all in favor.

Guests:

Gary Spackman, Director, Idaho Department of Water Resources.
Gary's report is listed above.

Paul Arrington, Idaho Water User's Association:

Paul reported on the Columbia River Treaty and introduced Morgan Howard as the new intern for IWUA. Paul stated that he wanted to thank the water users of District #63 for their continued support of the intern program. Paul reported that the Federal Government shut down has had

some effect on the land bill including a review of removal of the four lower Snake River Dams. The President of the U.S. would like this review completed by 2020. Paul also reported on the Columbia Basin Partnership and the Salmon discussions within that group.

The Idaho Water Users Association annual convention will be January, 21 thru January 24, 2019.

Matt Anders, IDWR: Matt reviewed the 2018 water accounting and provided information on the storage account and operational losses to the system.

Peter Cooper, BOR: Peter reported on the current conditions in the basin and compared them to 2018. His report included end of year storage and current forecasted runoff in the basin.

Adjourn: there being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 3:32 P. M.

Vernon Case, Chairman

Sam Rosti, Sect/Treas.

Date