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**2020 WATER DISTRICT #63**  
**ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**DECEMBER 9, 2020 1:00 p.m.**  
**MEETING WAS PROVIDED ON ZOOM**

Chairman Clinton Pline called the meeting to order at 1:10 P.M.

**Present:** Clinton Pline, Randy Davison, Larry Story, Jim Payne, Martin Galvin, Sam Rosti, Richard Durrant, Ron Platt, Mike Meyers and Rex Barrie.

**Present via Zoom:** Mike Houston, Alan Newbill and Ray Nebeker with WD #63, BOR Lanie Paquin, Bryan Horsburgh, Peter Cooper, IDWR, Matt Anders, Ethan Geisler and Kayla Golden. Idaho Power Co. Mel Kunkle, Shaun Parkinson and Dereck Blustead and Noah Stewart. IWUA, Paul Arrington and Kathryn Hartman.

**Minutes:** It was moved by Richard Durrant to accept the minutes as corrected. Second by Ron Platt. Motion passed with all in favor.

**Old Business:** Chairman Pline asked Mike Meyers to review the water call on Barber Dam and the Dixie Slough. Mike explained that Barber Dam was working on long term solutions as well as short term solutions to prevent interruptions on flows in the river. Dixie Slough has been an issue for several years and the City of Boise made a call on the rights. Lockable controlling works (headgates) and measuring devices have been installed and those in question are now being administered.

Chairman Pline asked Lanie Paquin with BOR to give the committee updates on Elmore County water rights, Anderson Dam raise and the Arrowrock Clam Shell gate issue. Lanie gave an overview of the issues in question and asked Bryan Horsburgh to explain the Arrowrock issue. Bryan and Peter Cooper explained how the decision was made regarding the loss of water from Arrowrock during the repairs.

Chairman Pline asked Mike to inform the committee on the Winter Stream Flow discussions with BOR and Idaho Fish and Game. Mike stated that we have received the letter from BOR and IFG for a release of 240 cfs for 2020/2021 winter flows.

**New Business:** Mike Meyers gave an update on the Upper Basin Accounting and stated we expect this to be up and running for 2021. Mike has been working with Matt Anders and Ethan Geisler at IDWR to expedite this process.

Cloud Seeding Update: Mike and Rex explained to process that the Idaho Water Resources Board went thru for cost share expenses with WD #63. IWRB will commit funds to offset IPC costs in Basin #63, #37 and #01. This may be a one-time only event and WD#63 expects to be billed from IDPC for \$100,000.00 instead of \$125,000.00. This savings will help offset the shortfall from Rental Pool revenues received in 2020.

Mike and Rex reviewed the proposed legislation to Idaho Code 42-612 and shared their concerns about this proposed change. It was suggested that the Committee Members take some time to review this and let Rex and Mike know about any concerns or suggestions. Chairman Pline asked the members to look closely at this proposal. Paul Arrington asked if possible, to provide a decision before January 1, 2021 if possible.

There was discussion on how the 2021 Annual Meeting would operate. Mike expressed that he felt we could make it work via Zoom. However, it may take longer than normal to cover all items. Richard Durrant asked if we could just call for any opposed votes on action items to expedite time. Rex stated that IDWR had told us that would be allowed.

Ron Platt moved to provide \$2500.00 support for the 2021 Treasure Valley Ag Tour. Second by Richard Durrant. Motion passed with all in favor.

Last to Fill Water was covered in the BOR briefing and Rex and Mike will review the Rental Pool Rules and provide the Committee with recommendations.

There was one suggested change to Resolution C to add the wording that the Deputy Watermaster also be hired with the Watermaster. It was moved by Richard Durrant to recommend this change to the water users at the annual meeting. Second by Ron Platt. Motion passed with all in favor.

Resolution 2021-1 would provide up to \$125,000.00 for cloud seeding operations for the 2020/2021 season. Motion by Richard Durrant to recommend Resolution 2021-1 to the water user at the annual meeting. Second by Jim Payne. Motion passed with all in favor.

**Watermasters Report:** Mike Meyers reviewed the 2020 Watermaster's and Deputy Watermaster's report. The Operation in Funds and the 2021 proposed budget. It was moved by Ron Platt to accept the Watermaster's report and recommend the proposed budget to the water users at the annual meeting. Second by Richard Durrant. Motion passed with all in favor.

**2019 Audit Report:** Rex Barrie reported that the audit and been completed and that no discrepancies were noted. Richard Durrant moved to recommend the 2019 Audit report be approved by the water users at the annual meeting. Second by Sam Rosti. Motion Passed with all in favor.

**Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 P.M.**

Clinton C. Pline 12-10-21

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