

**WATER DISTRICT #63**  
**2021 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**JANUARY 11, 2021**



The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clinton Pline at 1:03 P.M.

The roll call was taken as this meeting was held virtually. (see attached list) All Advisory Committee members were present at the meeting. Randy Davison, Mike Houston and Laine Paquin attended via Zoom.

Chairman Pline introduced the Advisory Committee members and stated they would all like to remain on the committee. A motion to retain the current Advisory Committee was made by Ron Platt and seconded by Richard Durrant. The motion passed with all in favor.

The 2020 Annual Meeting minutes were sent out via e-mail prior to this meeting. Chairman Pline asked if there were any corrections. None being heard it was moved by Richard Durrant to approve the 2020 Annual Meeting minutes as submitted. Second by Martin Galvin. Motion passed with all in favor.

A motion was made to pass Resolution A by Richard Durrant. Second by Ron Platt. Motion passed with all in favor.

Chairman Pline asked Rex Barrie to review the change in Resolution C. Rex explained the addition of the wording by adding "and that Mike D. Meyers" this change was added to speed the process of the meeting. A motion to accept Resolutions B thru J was made by Jim Payne. Second by Martin Galvin. Motion passed with all in favor.

Chairman Pline asked Mike Meyers to explain Resolution 2021-1. Mike noted that this resolution was to allow the Water District to continue working with Idaho Power Company on cloud seeding for the 2020/2021 season. Mike stated that the Advisory Committee had approved this with a maximum of \$125,000 being set. Mike asked Cynthia Clark with IDWR to review the Idaho Water Resources Board commitment to provide additional funding to Idaho Power for 2021. She explained the Boards position and stated they were providing funding in the Boise, Wood River and Upper Snake Basin's. A motion was made by Ray Nebeker

to approve Resolution 2021-1. Second by Ron Platt. Motion passed with all in favor.

Secretary Sam Rosti called for nominations for Chairman. A motion was made by Larry Story to elect Clinton Pline as Chairman for 2021. Second by Alan Newbill. Motion passed with all in favor.

Chairman Clinton Pline called for nominations for Secretary. A motion was made by Martin Galvin to elect Sam Rosti as Secretary for 2021. Second by Jim Payne. Motion passed with all in favor.

Chairman Pline asked Rex Barrie to give the Watermaster's report. Rex summarized the 2020 Watermasters report stating the season began with above average snow pack but as the winter come to a close the snow pack had decreased resulting in not filling the system. Lucky Peak failed to fill by 64,848 AF. This resulted in below normal Rental Pool activity with only 1457 AF being used for flow augmentation. Rex stated the Mike was making great strides in the upper basin and hopes to finish up Mores Creek in 2021. Rex also reported that there are several more water rights on drains that will need to be administered going forward. Bank balances were reported at Money Market, \$284,400.11, Checking, \$4,707.25 and State Investment at \$51,484.67. A motion to approve the Watermasters report was made by Richard Durrant. Second by Ray Nebekur. Motion passed with all in favor.

Chairman Pline asked Mike Meyers to give the Deputy Watermasters report. Mike reviewed the Upper Basin work that has been completed so far and reported on the number of sites that are in compliance and being administered by the water district. Mike also reviewed the Dixie Drain water call and reported that all diversions were now in compliance and being administered. A motion was made by Alan Newbill to approve the Deputy Watermasters report. Second by Marty Galvin. Motion passed with all in favor.

Chairman Pline ask Mike to review the 2020 budget and the 2021 proposed budget. Mike explained the 2020 financial statement and with thru the proposed 2021 budget details. Mike stated that he and Rex felt the assessments could remain at \$290,000.00 and showed several items that were reduced for 2021. A motion to approve the 2021 budget was made by Richard Durrant. Second by Ray Nebekur. Motion passed with all in favor.

Mike gave a brief update on the issues with Barber Dam and reported that the new owners were working closely with IDWR, the Water District and water users to resolve the issues related to Barber going off line during the irrigation season.

Chairman Clinton Pline asked Laine Paquin, Area Manager for the Boise River Area office, BOR to give an update. Lanie reported on several topics including the Snake River Feasibility Study, Water Smart program and Anderson Ranch Dam raise. Lanie stated the project was moving forward with EIS studies made possible by the WINN Act in congress. The raise, if completed would increase the capacity of Anderson Ranch by 29-thousand-acre feet. She reported on the mitigation plans related to a three- or four-year project and how the BOR is looking to reduce impacts to space holders. Rex Barrie asked Lanie if there were any updates on the Cat Creek project. Lanie reported that there are no new developments with the Cat Creel project.

Chairman Pline asked Gary Spackman, Director IDWR for his presentation. Director Spackman deferred to Matt Anders to give a report on 2020 water year. Matt had several slides showing total storage, evaporation, operational loss and natural flow. Matt also reported that IDWR had received 47 comments on the re-fill agreement and that IDWR staff was reviewing the comments and would have a response once the review was complete.

Director Spackman reported on the current state wide snow pack map provided by IDWR with weekly updates. Gary stated that most parts of the state were below normal and that the Boise as of January 11, 2021 was at 88 percent of average. Director Spackman reported on the Barber Dam issue and that IDWR had contracted with Power Engineers out of Ketchum Idaho to review the proposals from the Barber Dam owners and operators. IDWR has a keen interest in getting the problems worked out and will continue to work with the water users, Water District#63 and the Barber Dam folks. Gary also reported on a dispute resolution with the City of Nampa over waste water from the treatment plant. Gary spoke about the Cat Creek project and that nothing was moving very fast.

Chairman Clinton Pline asked Paul Arrington with Idaho Water Users Association for an update on state issues. Paul reported that the Governors State of the State address included a proposal for 60 Million dollars for water projects. Paul also reported and several bills pending in the Legislature including changes to 43-209, 42-612 and Idaho's trespass law. Paul thanked the committee for the continued support of the intern program. Paul also talked about the upcoming IWUA annual meeting being held virtually this year. Paul talked to the group about the Governors Salmon work group and the report that has been completed.

Chairman Pline asked Sam Rosti to give the Audit report. Sam stated that the audit had been completed by Gary Merkle and that anyone wishing to review the audit could contact Rex or Mike for a copy. It was moved by Richard Durrant to accept the 2019 Audit Report. Second by Alan Newbill. Motion passed with all in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 P.M.



Clinton C Pline



Sam Rosti

1/10/2022

Date