

RECEIVED  
DEC 27 2021  
WATER RESOURCES  
WESTERN REGION

**Water District #63**  
**Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**July 14, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clinton Pline at 10:06 A.M.

Those present, Clinton Pline, Sam Rosti, Ron Platt, Larry Story, Randy Davision, Mike Houston, Ray Nebeker, Alan Newbill, Lanie Paquin and Jim Payne. Rex Barrie and Mike Meyers were in attendance.

Richard Durrant called and could not attend.

Guests: Gary Olsen from Middleton Irrigation attended.

**Old Business:**

- a. Barber Dam Water Call. Mike Meyers reviewed the water call on Barber Dam and explained that the new owners were submitting an amendment to FERC to install an adjustable weir on the dam to help prevent interruptions in flows below the dam when power trips happen. Barber has been passing half the river flow over the dam to help prevent these interruptions.

**New Business:**

- a. Gary Olsen was introduced to the Advisory Committee as a possible replacement for Martin Galvin. Rex explained that any nominations to the committee would have to be voted on at the annual meeting.
- b. Mike Meyers gave an update on the current conditions in the basin. Natural flows are declining and on July 5, 2021 the priority dates being served were 1878. Due to the low runoff

this season some canals are expected to end deliveries by early September.

- c. FIFC: (Federal Instream Flow Coalition.) Rex reported that IWUA has asked for support for funding from WD #63. Paul Arrington has requested \$3000.00 from WD #63 for this year. Ron Platt explained what the FIFC does and how they report to IWUA with recommendations relating on issues affecting Idaho's water. It was moved by Ron Platt to approve \$3000.00 for this year. Second by Alan Newbill. Motion passed with all in favor.
  
- d. Job Announcement: Rex Barrie reviewed the job announcement for the new Deputy Watermaster and it was decided to release this in mid-August and begin interviews in October with plans to hire the new employee in late 2021 or early 2022. Sam Rosti asked about Rex as a consultant if his help was needed. After discussion it was moved by Sam Rosti to hire Rex Barrie as a consultant thru 2024 for \$5833.00 per year. Instead of cash payments, Rex will take possession of the 2017 Ford pickup. Second by Ron Platt. Motion Passed with all in favor.
  
- e. Budget Discussion: Mike and Rex discussed the upcoming budget process with questions about the rental pool revenue or lack thereof. Also discussed was the wage increase for Mike Meyers for 2022. The committee adjourned into executive session at 11:20 a.m. to discuss this issue. Committee resumed regular session at 11:30 a.m. Sam Rosti moved to set Mike Meyers wage at \$62,500.00 for 2022. Second by Ron Platt. Motion passed with all in favor.

f. Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

Clinton C. Pline

Clinton Pline, Chair

12-10-21

Date

Sam Rosti

Sam Rosti, Sect/tres