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2022 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 10, 2022

The meeting was called to order by chairman Clinton Pline at 1:02 P.M.

Chairman Pline introduced potential new Advisory Committee members Gary Olsen and Mitch Bicandi. Chairman Pline introduced Rex, the Watermaster. Mike Meyers the Deputy Watermaster and Daniel Hoke.

Chairman Pline asked Sam Rosti to read the 2021 minutes. Once completed, Chairman asked if there were any questions or amendments needed. One amendment needed was the correct spelling of Ray Nebeker, changed from Nebekur. Another change needed was the job title of Lanie Paquin. Correct title is Area Manager for the Boise River Area Office. Motion was made by Brian McDevitt to approve the amended minutes, 2nd by Ron Platt. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Brian McDevitt to pass resolution A, 2nd by Alan Newbill. Motion passed.

Chairman Pline introduced Gary Olsen and Mitch Bicandi as new Advisory Committee members. Motion made by Ron Platt to approve committee members, 2nd by Carl Hayes. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Brian McDevitt to elect Clinton Pline as chairman, 2nd by Ron Sedlacek. Motion passed.

Ron Sedlacek motioned to elect Sam Rosti as Secretary/Treasurer. 2nd by Mitch Bicandi. Motion passed.

Chairman Pline asked Mike Meyers to talk about the 2021 budget. Mike went through the budget line by line. Mike explained the extra income coming from additional minimum assessments. Mike explained the wages, going over budget, due to the hiring of Daniel in November. Mike explained what professional services was, that this money is used for auditing and cloud seeding. Mike then explained the auto expense going over budget due to a new vehicle for the district being purchased. Brian McDevitt asked about the \$6,000 spent on

donations, Mike explained this money went towards the intern program at IWUA and Treasure Valley Ag Tour.

Mike then presented the 2022 proposed budget. Explaining that Rex is still on the payroll until his retirement in February. Mike then went line by line explaining the 2022 budget. Once finished, Mike asked if there were any questions. Brian McDevitt asked about the health insurance increase. It was explained that Daniel was added to the insurance and that Rex was not previously covered. Rex asked Mike to talk about the rental pool revenue. Mike explained to the water users that having less rental pool activity the last two years has depleted our savings. It was then discussed about potentially raising assessments to build up the savings account the cover at least one year of operating cost. Rex further explained that if raising assessments were to happen, everyone would be given a heads up in the middle of summer. Brian McDevitt moved to approve budget, 2nd by Bob Carter. Motion passed.

Chairman Pline asked everyone to look over resolutions B-J, asked if there were any questions. Ron Sedlacek moved to approve, 2nd by Donald Barksdale. Motion passed.

Chairman Pline talked about resolution 2022-1. Rex further explained the cloud seeding funding. Donald Barksdale moved to approve, 2nd by Bob Carter. Motion passed.

Chairman Pline asked Mike to read the 2021 Watermasters report. Once finished, Mike asked if there were any questions after reading. Ray Nebeker moved to approve, 2nd by Brian McDevitt. Motion passed.

Chairman Pline asked Director Gary Spackaman from the IDWR to give updates. Gary thanked Rex for his service and Mike for his continued work. Gary reported that at Barber Dam, half the water this last year flowed over the top, hoping to minimize river disruptions. He stated that it seemed to help. Gary continued that he would set up meetings with Barber Dam and water users. Gary reported that a decision was made that Nampa can discharge their effluent water in pioneer irrigation canals. The ruling is being appealed. Gary mentioned the progress on the Anderson Ranch raise. Gary said that a treasure valley ground water study and model is coming out soon.

Chairman Pline asked Ethan Geisler of the IDWR to give a water year summary update. Using a power point, Ethan gave an accounting update and a storage comparison. Ethan talked the new accounting for the upper basin, showing all the diversion sites. Also, that there are still a few more to be accounted for. Ethan stated that they can have a storage update by February 1st.

Chairman Pline asked Lanie Paquin of BOR to give updates. Lanie thanked Rex for his service. Lanie then gave an update on leadership change at the BOR, stating that Lori Gray was retiring after nearly 40 years. Lanie gave an update on infrastructure funding and projects going on in the state.

Chairman Pline asked Brian Horsburgh to give an update on winter stream flow maintenance. Brian talked about the stream flow issues below 240 CFS. IDFG and BOR made the decision to set the river at 210 CFS for the 2021-2022 stream flow maintenance.

Chairman Pline asked Ryan Hedrick to give an update on the snowpack and stream flows in the basin.

Chairman Pline asked Paul Arrington of IWUA to give updates. Paul thanked everyone for their continuing support of the intern program. Paul addressed the \$1.9 Billion state surplus and how everyone wants some of it. Paul talked about the Arpa money and how it will be distributed. Paul asked if there were any questions.

Chairman Pline asked Sam Rosti to explain the audit report. Sam stated that were no discrepancies in the audit and that if anyone needed a copy to get ahold of Mike or Daniel. Sam noted that Gary Merkle did the audit. Ron Platt moved to approve the audit. 2nd by Gary Olsen, motion passed.

Chairman Pline introduced Julie Bushell of Paige wireless. Mike Meyers then gave his power point presentation on automation. Mike talked about what automation is, how to install and the cost of automating. Mike gave an example of an irrigation district using automation and how much it helped them.

Julie Bushnell then gave her power point presentation. Once finished, Julie asked if there were any questions. Tom Ritthaler asked if line of sight is needed for LoRoWan to work. Julie said no, but that they try to maintain line of sight on their towers. Julie stated that the range on their towers could be 20-30 miles. Steve

Sweet asked if this would change the process of communication with Lucky Peak. Mike Meyers answered that the process would not change. Steve Sweet then asked what the cost difference would be between automating the Boise River vs the Anderson Ranch raise. It was stated that the automating cost is about one tenth of the Anderson raise, per Acre Foot. Mark Zirschky asked if his existing Campbell Scientific automation could acclimate to the LoRoWan network. Julie stated that yes it could. Ron Platt asked where the money for automation would be coming from. It was stated this was an ongoing process. Donald Barksdale moved to proceed with investigating the possibility of automating the Boise River and to report back. 2nd by Ron Platt. Motion passed.

Chairman Pline asked Rex if there was anything else. Rex asked Mike to give a snotel sites update, courtesy of a power point by Danny Tappa. Rex thanked everyone for being able to serve the WD 63 water users.

Chairman Pline set the next year's meeting for January 9th, 2023. Ron Platt motioned to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Bob Carter. Meeting was adjourned at 3:08 P.M.