

--- M E E T I N G N O T I C E ---

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT PURSUANT TO LAW,
THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING FOR ADOPTION OF A
BUDGET AND ELECTION OF A WATERMASTER FOR
WATER DISTRICT NO. 65-A,
SQUAW CREEK
WILL BE HELD AT COMMUNITY HALL
OLA, ID

TIME: 1:00 PM ON MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2001

KARL J. DREHER
DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

Squaw Creek Ditch 65-A March 5, 2001

The annual meeting of 65-A was called to order by Chairman Harry McCaulou.

The Chairman and Secretary for 2001 will remain the same as 2000 by a majority vote. Harry McCaulou chairman and Janice Lane Secretary-Treasurer.

Minutes read and approved.

Voting will be by attendance.

The adoption resolution to collect funds by tax roll by majority vote.

Budget kept the same as last year, Water Master \$506., Secretary \$40, Workmans Comp. \$402.00

Treasurer Report: It was reported that the County Treasurer will not make the checks out for the Water Master and Secretary as of 2000. Now they will send money from the tax account for 65- A to the Secretary in June and January.

Since Eric Herr Water Master had not been paid for 2 years and Janice Lane Sec. hadn't been paid for 4 years. The \$4288.03 was in the account, after paying these the account is \$3112.03. After paying the Workmans comp. \$2812.03 will be in the account.

The Loan for the Sage Hen Project discussed.

Eric Herr elected as Water Master by unanimous vote.

Advisory Committee: Eric Herr, Mark John, Allen Sutton, Harry McCaulou.

Other Business:

Steve Lester reported that the Ola Eastside ditch-wooden weir is not acceptable. When water is short the ditches with the good measuring devices will get water and ditches with bad devices will be cut off. Discussion followed. Also reported on the adjudication on irrigation rights.

A question was asked as to what would come out of the court case and Steve Lester reported that the rights would be the same.

Harry McCaulou Chairman set the next meeting for the first Monday is March 2002 at Ola,

Meeting Adjourned

*Harry McCaulou
Chairman
Secretary
Janice Lane*

Mar 5, 2001

Steve Lester - IOWA

Eric Herr - Watermaster

Jim Bier Hopper Ranch

Howy Mc Caulder Chairman

WATER DISTRICT MEETING NOTES

Steve Lester *SL*

DISTRICT NAME/#

Squaw Creek 65A

DATE

March 5, 2001

Only four water users attended the meeting. The officers, watermaster, advisory committee and credentials committee were re-elected. The previous budget was adopted for this year. Voting was set as one vote per person in attendance.

The meeting for 2002 will be at the same time and place.

Other matters discussed included the following:

- (1) Sagehen Reservoir repair work was satisfactorily completed. The reservoir was drained last fall before the repair work. The watermaster is fairly confident the reservoir will fill this spring. The chairman is concerned that water will be short if reservoir water needs to be used much earlier than normal. Storage water is normally turned on by early-mid August.
- (2) SRBA recommendations will be mailed next week. IDWR will hold public meetings in Emmett and Horseshoe Bend in early April as part of the notice of error process. Water users should thoroughly review IDWR recommendations during the notice of error process.
- (3) Water users are encouraged to use the IDWR Internet site to track IDWR recommendations in the adjudication. An information guide was distributed to help the users do this.
- (4) Water users are reminded to check their headgates and measuring devices to be sure everything is okay. I reminded the users that the Ola East Side Ditch (the lower ditch by Ola) does not have an acceptable weir. The weir should be replaced and moved closer to the diversion point. This weir was noted in my 1993 field inspection following the 1992 severe drought year.
- (5) Acceptable diversion works and measuring devices are important if water is short this year. Watermaster deliveries can be impacted by inadequate controls on diversions. Recall that my 1993 inventory identified significant natural flow in excess of storage water found in the system during early September. This suggests the local adage – “it’s all storage water once we turn on the reservoir” – is far from accurate. The water delivery picture is more complex and may require more tools for the watermaster in a short year.