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Squaw Creek Ditch 65-A March 7, 2005

The Annual Meeting for Squaw Creek Ditch 65-A was opened by Chairman Harry McCaulau.

The Chairman Harry MCCaulou and Secretary Janice will retain their duties by a majority vote.

Minutes read and approved. Financial Report discussed. The Sage Hen loan was questioned. How much the original loan and how long, and how the payment was decided. It was decided to call Bill Perkins and get a copy of loan papers.

The Sage Hen board are Bill Perkins, Harry Mc Caulou, and Eric Herr, and were told by the Water Resource Board that the dam needed repair and the board received a loan and had it repaired. Each ditch usually elected a representative for the Sage Hen board. The board hasn't held a meeting for a while because there was no need.

Mark John reported that the rules that governed 65-A were very informal. And ask how the votes were held for the Credentials Committee? Discussion followed.

Vaughn Spiker made a motion and Mark John seconded that the Credentials committee remain the same, Vaughn Spiker, Mark John and Chuch Mackensie. Motion Carried.

The Advisory Committee will remain the same as the Credentials committee.

Harry McCaulau brought up statement that Steve Lester had said. The Water Resources Board says that a Weir should be measuring water in order to tell non-water shares holders of Sage Hen they have to shut down their ditches from Squaw Creek when Sage hen is opened.

It was reported that all the canals have measuring devices.

The Water Master has the right to shut down water users according to the date of the water right.

Water Master, Eric Herr, reported that Sage Hen was shut down on Oct 10, 2004 and had a little more water than 2003. The snow above Sage Hen on the N. Slope is 2 1/2 ft. of snow, bare on the S. slope. The Sage Hen resevoir is 1/2 full. It looks normal. If a normal spring the water year should be O.K. The water was turned out of Sage Hen July 19, 2004.

Water Master Budget will remain the same and collect it by the tax role with a motion by Mark John and second by Homer Nesbitt. motion carried.

Mark John ask about the Deputy Water Master and why should one be appointed.?

Vaughn Spiker ask if it was a 65-A problem or an individual one. Chuck Mackensie reported that all water rights are serious and everyone should be concerned because it could be their shares involved.

All surface water is under Water Resources when it eventually ends up in Squaw Creek, reported

Steve Lester.

Mark John opposed to new water rights when there is a question of having enough water in a short water year. Steve Lester reported that new rights are allocated when water is available but it is suppose to be understood that in a short water year they are shut off.

Eric Herr Water Master for Sage Hen was suggested to take the Deputy job of settling disputes with whom ever calls pays Eric \$50.00. Eric reported he did not have the time to do the job.

It was suggested that the Advisory Committee be the deputy and Homer Nesbitt objected saying that it only needed one and not three. Secretary Janice read the agenda for the advisory committee and it would fit the deputy job.

The Water Master has the authority to shut water user down if there is a dispute the decision goes to the senior water right .

Steve Lester reported that the ultimate authority is the Water Resource.

A discussion followed.

The next meeting will be held the first Monday in March, 1 oclock.

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