Water District Meeting 37-0 notes

April 4 2023

Introduction: Corey King, Dept of Water resources Southern Region

Participants: Brian Been (Muldoon Grazing Association) Mary Peterson (Muldoon Livestock) Bryan and Julie Smith and Brandon and Emma Smith (Legacy Land and Livestock of Idaho) Bruce and Sherry Price, Pedro (Lava Lakes) virtual participants Luke Smith (Legacy Land and Livestock of Idaho) and John Langston.

Bruce Price nominates Corey King as meeting chairman
Brandon Smith 2nd the nomination

Bruce Price nominates Julie Smith
Brandon Smith 2nd the motion

Review minutes from 2022
John Langston was approved as Chairman of the water advisory committee.
Meeting notes did not reflect that it was approved

Sherry Price has questions regarding fee structure

*Change to wording of Brandon Smith "will be" to "was elected"
Julie Smith "Will be" to "was elected"

Questions regarding water usages report. Corey did not have present water usage. Nathan has prepared that in the past. Corey will get the numbers to us.
Brandon already submitted the water master report

Corey proposed motion to pass minutes
Brian Bean moved to pass
Mary 2nd the motion
Motion passes

Review of Resolutions

Review advisory committee for next year

Guy and Kathleen Peterson have missed the last two meetings
Sherry Price and Brian Bean proposed to remove Guy Peterson due to absence from meeting

Discussion about reducing number to four or keep it at five

Proposed Mary Peterson be added to join the advisory committee. Guy Peterson removed.

Bruce Proposed Mary as new member
Brian Bean 2nd motion
Motion passed

All meeting minutes will be mailed out to each water district members

Make sure Guy Peterson has a copy of the minutes since he is absent

Water district 37-0 has a minimum water usage fee of $50
Bruce would like his usage documented

Julie Smith nominates Luke Smith has water master
Sherry Price 2nd motions
Motion passed

This year has potential for a lot of water
If weather is warm quickly it could come fast

Julie Smith nominated Landon Smith as deputy water master
Brian Bean requesting background information on Luke and his qualifications

Luke Smith attended and graduated from the College of Southern Idaho with an Agricultural science degree. Has taken classes with Jeff Cooper. Jeff teaches and trains Dept of Water Resources. Luke also has taken classes water management classes. How to measure and control water flow. Luke was deputy water master last year. Luke will be living near Rigby area.

Possible talk of Bruce Price being deputy water master. He declined.

Bryan Smith gave appreciation to Bruce and Sherry for living on site all year

Bruce will assist the Luke and Landon

Brian Bean will abstain from voting for Landon since he does not know him

Bruce 2nd motion for Landon as deputy water master

Motion passes

Mary proposed Julie Smith as treasurer
Sherry Price 2nd the motion
Motion passes

Confusion on John Langston only billed for 4% water usage. Could be inaccurate reporting. Will reassess and amend if necessary.

Resolutions pass as proposed

Water master report by Brandon Smith
Improved knowledge by Brandon
Devices were in good shape
20 years problems with Guy Petersons head gate
He was tagged last fall. It must be brought up to code/main diversion

Guy Peterson was tagged by the Water Dept. on March 31
He can not be turned on until this is repaired. How will this happen?
Possible high water and flooding/washed out

Bruce Price prosed we give Guy Peterson a deadline for fixing weir and shut off gate.
July 31 2023 in the deadline
July 31 is a fair date due to snow levels
This should have been done in the Fall but was not
A measurable amount of water is going under weir all times and at the head gate leaks and water goes under that. At least one or two CSF

This repair could be completed in one day according to Bruce

A letter had been sent in September and nothing has been done

Guy was cited in November and was given the date of March 31 to have all repairs made
An open enforcement case is open and active with the Dept of Water Resources

If nothing is done then he will be cited and penalty fine and shut off. Full curtailment will be activated. Fines will be assessed. The fine now is $3000. Will increase if it is not fixed.

In order to shut the water off a backhoe would have to been taken up to the site.

The water master will need to inspect and see what if anything has been fixed and will be accompanied by the Department of Water resources.

John Langston and Brian Bean will draft a letter from the committee

Luke Smith ,the water master, will send a letter

Idaho Department of Water Resources will send a letter

The secretary will send out minutes after all other letters have been sent

The logistics of the steps that will happen if this is not resolved:
1. Corey will contact his superiors
2. Enforcement case will be enforced and fines assessed
3. Sheriff would be sent
4. Court case would follow

A letter should be sent stating that the day has come and gone for the deadline in March.

We as a Water District will allow a date of July 31 to be the final deadline.

Water data for April 4 -136%
The Big Wood/Camas Prairie has the highest density of water to snow ration in Idaho
Goal for future : No more issues with illegal diversions
No other business
Corey motions to adjourn meeting
Motion passes

Next meeting will be March 19.2024

Thank you