

March 16, 1994

Jerry Brown, Secretary
PO Box 378
Soda Sprins, ID 83276

RE: Water District No. 11

Dear Mr. Brown:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Minutes of the Annual
Watermaster's Election Meeting held in your district.

Sincerely,

Lisa Keiser
Office Secretary

**WATER DISTRICT 11
1994 ANNUAL MEETING
SODA SPRINGS, ID 83276
FEBRUARY 1, 1994**

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The meeting was called to order by Jerry Brown at 2:00 PM. Nominations were opened for chairman. Virgil Boemhe nominated Lanny Weston, Seconded by Gus Kladus. Marv Sparrow moved that we accept Mr. Weston as chairman by acclamation. Gus Kladus seconded and motion carried.

Mr. Weston opened nominations for secretary. Lee Ream nominated Jerry Brown, seconded by Joe Larson. Marv Sparrow moved that we accept Mr. Brown by acclamation Gus Kladus seconded and motion carried.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr Brown reviewed two letters received from the DWR concerning the requirements of water districts to have independant financial audits. Water District # 11 is not required to have such an audit unless the budget exceeds \$50,000 in any one year.

Mr. Brown reviewed the expenditures of the District for the last year. He requested permission to write off water assessments in the amount of \$205. These assessments are from several years back and it would cost more to recover them than what they were worth. Some of these amounts were assessed to persons who hadn't paid because they did not use any water and also were from persons who had sold their land. There is also a discrepancy in what the BL county treasurer shows and what we show on the financial statement. Lee Ream moved that we write this amount off, seconded by Gus Kladus, Motion carried.

As in the past any water user who has not paid their water assessment by the first Monday in April will be denied water. In addition their account will be charged interest at the rate of 8% per year until paid.

Watermaster, Pete Peterson, presented his watermaster report. He stated that Bear Lake is about 5 feet higher now than last year at this time. 4% of the water that was used last year was stored water compared to about 27% the year before. The 1993 budget was \$39,580 and expenes were \$33,138. Interest earned was \$589. We have \$7,031 left to credit back to the water users. This will be applied to reduce the 1994 assessments. Actual cost was slightly over 6 cents per 24 hour second foot. Gus Kladus moved that we accept the watermasters report. Seconded by Dean Mathews, motion carried.

Mr. Peterson presented the proposed 1994 budget as follows:

Watermasters wages	105 days @ \$21 for	\$2,205
	260 days @ \$30 for	\$7,800
Assistant watermaster	240 days @ \$26 for	\$6,240
Other epenses		<u>\$23,020</u>

TOTAL

\$39,265

Gus Kladus moved that we adopt the budget. Virgil Boehme seconded, motion carried.

Nominations were opened for Watermaster. Virgil Boehme nominated Pete Peterson, Gus Kladus seconded. Marc Gibbs moved that we accept Mr. Peterson as Watermaster by acclamation. Gus Kladus seconded and motion carried.

Nominations were opened for Advisory committee. Virgil Boehme moved that we retain the same advisory committee as last year. Richard Hixson seconded and motion carried. Next years committee is Lee Ream, Dean Mathews, Gus Kladus, and Joe Larsen. Joe Larsen moved that Mr. Mathews be the chairman of this committee. Gus Kladus seconded, motion carried.

Richard Hixson representing UP&L stated that the water outlook isn't much better than last year. Bear Lake reached its low elevation of 5910.25 on 9-26-93. The high was 5911.00 on 7-10-93. It is currently at 5910.50. Net increase over 1992 levels was about 400,000 acre feet. Natural flow carried us thru most of last year. Only pumped for 24 days. Doesn't look like this year will be that way. Snowpack in the BR basin is 53% of normal. UP&L should be able to fill all contract water.

Harold Jones representing DWR reviewed new co-management provisions that have come as a result of a recent court case. Co-management would require certain water districts to manage both surface and ground water users. This may or may not affect our district. The Governor has proposed to merge the DWR and DEQ. If this is done then the sympathy for the water users may be lost.

Virgil Boehme asked why UP&L discontinued cloud seeding. Richard Hixson stated that UP&L is willing to participate in funding such projects but in light of potential lawsuits was reluctant to spearhead such endeavors. They will assist with financing if someone else, such as the counties, would sponsor the project.

Marc Gibbs understood that the counties had made a 3 year commitment. He stated that, " We need to go to the counties and insist that they go ahead with this." To be effective the equipment needs to be in place by December 1.

Joe Larson moved that the advisory committee obtain the correct mailing address of all water users in the District. This will enable contact to be made if needed, to inform water users of information that is of importance to them. Motion was seconded by Marv Sparrow, and motions carried.

Marc Gibbs move that we adjourn. Gus Kladus seconded, motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:04 PM

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