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WATER DISTRICT 11  
1995 ANNUAL MEETING  
SODA SPRINGS, ID 83276  
FEBRUARY 7, 1995

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

Mr. Mathews opened nominations for secretary. Gus Kladus nominated Jerry Brown, seconded by Joe Larson. John Thomas moved that we accept Mr. Brown by acclamation Gus Kladus seconded and motion carried.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Gus Kladus introduced Kelly Holt and Michael Burke from Pacificorp. He reported that the current elevation of Bear Lake is 5907.28. This is in comparison to 5910.50 a year ago. There are about 317,000 acre feet of useable water in the lake. Basin snowpack a year ago at this time was at 53% of normal. Currently it is at about 85%. Runoff is estimated to be about 90% of normal. Gus asked that Dean Mathews review the dredging permits for pumping on Bear Lake.

Dean stated that even though the water users lost the court case, the water users will be better off in the long run. The case helped to define the rules and the application process. With proper filing of the permit we should be able to get a permit for dredging for 1995. There will be a public meeting on the 8th of March to obtain additional information. Dean encouraged everyone to attend the meeting and to provide written comment on the issue. Gus stated that the permit for 1994 was revoked because of errors in the filing. However, this permit should be obtained for 1995. Dean mentioned that the water users were successful in getting the Utah Dairy Assoc to terminate Merlin Olsen as one of their advertisers and to persuade the area Chevy dealers to pull Merlin Olsen advertisements for a time. Dean also stated that the public needs to be educated that the water users are conserving water.

Gus also mentioned that those users who voluntarily conserved in the past were penalized the next year since use was based upon prior year use. He was hopeful that the allocation formula will be revised to protect those users who conserve.

Gus also stated that Pacificorp is proceeding on the assumption that the dredging permits will be granted.

Michael Burke representing Pacificorp reviewed the process of relicensing hydropower plants. FERC requires relicensing every 30 years. Cutler license was obtained in 1994. Pacificorp is in the process of relicensing Oneida, Cove-Grace, and Soda. They are trying to combine the three licenses into one license to reduce costs and time requirements. A copy of his briefing is attached to these minutes. The ability of the power company to deliver water on a timely basis may be affected by the requirements placed in this license.

Watermaster, Pete Peterson, presented his watermaster report. He stated that we used more stored water in 1994 than in 1993 and slightly less than in 1992. Natural flow should be about the same in 1995 as it was for 1994. The cost of water delivered for 1995 was .059 cents per 24 hr second foot. This was slightly lower than for 1994. There is \$4,495 left over from the 1994 budget to credit back to the water users.

Mr. Peterson presented the proposed budget for 1995 as follows:

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| Watermaster 104 days at \$23 per day      | 2,392         |
| 261 days at \$32 per day                  | <u>8,352</u>  |
| Total                                     | 10,744        |
| Asst. watermaster 240 days @ \$27 per day | 6,840         |
| Other expenses                            | <u>25,025</u> |
| Total                                     | 42,249        |

Carl Rasmussen moved that we adopt the proposed budget. Gus Kladus seconded the motion and motion carried.

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

Nominations were opened for Advisory committee. Gus Kladus moved that we retain the same advisory committee as last year except that Kelly Holt be nominated in his place. Virgil Boehme seconded and motion carried. Next years committee is Lee Ream, Dean Mathews, Kelly Holt, and Joe Larson.

Paul Myer representing DWR reviewed the Bear River Compact Operations Committee meeting. He stated that Idaho feels that Utah needs to manage surface and ground water together. Pete interjected that Utah is using a different model than we are to compute usage. Utah feels that each state should be able to manage as they want. Idaho doesn't want to deliver water until Utah changes their method of monitoring water use. The committee discussed what constitutes a water emergency. They will try to define this. The definition could possibly be a drought related situation. A draft set of procedures is being put together by Jack Barnett. The committee has scheduled meetings in March and April.

Dean asked Marc Gibbs to review the Bear River Compact provision of a "call on the river". Marc stated that in such an event water would be allocated based on priority date on the whole river rather than by state line. He also stated that two groups have already written to the Bear River Commission to implement plans to deal with this. The Commission is in the process of defining how this will be done.

Gus Kladus expressed appreciation for the opportunity to work with the Water District over the past 15 years. Due to a different work assignment he will no longer be representing the power company at the water district meeting.

Gus Kladus moved that we adjourn. John Thomas seconded, motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:26 PM

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