

WATER DISTRICT 11
1998 ANNUAL MEETING
SODA SPRINGS, ID 83276
FEBRUARY 3, 1998

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Department of Water Resources
Eastern Region

The meeting was called to order by Jerry Brown at 2:00 PM. Nominations were opened for chairman. Lee Ream nominated Dean Mathews. Seconded by Joe Larsen. Golden Keetch moved that we accept Mr. Mathews by acclamation. Joe Larsen seconded and motion carried.

Mr. Mathews opened nominations for secretary. Lee Ream nominated Jerry Brown, seconded by Golden Keetch. Golden Keetch moved that we accept Mr. Brown by acclamation. Joe Larsen seconded and motion carried.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Pete Peterson, presented his watermaster report. In 1997 1,013,000 second feet of water went thru the system. This is second only to 1986 when there were 1,154,000 second feet. Water flow was constant throughout the water season in 1997. The cost in 1997 was \$37,000 or .036 cents per 24 hour second foot. The cost in 1996 was \$36,000 or .0646 cents per 24 hour second foot. The reason that the cost was lower is because more water was available in 1997 than in 1996. As a result of the wet season less water was diverted from the river. Current lake elevation is at 5919.40.

Joe Larsen moved that we accept the watermaster's report. Seconded by Golden Keetch, motion carried.

Mr. Peterson presented the proposed budget for 1998 as follows:

Watermaster 104 days at \$26 per day	2,704
261 days at \$35 per day	<u>9,135</u>
Total	11,839
Asst. watermaster 240 days @ \$27 per day	6,480
Other expenses	<u>25,800</u>
Total	44,119

Marc Gibbs moved that we adopt the proposed budget. Golden Keetch seconded the motion and motion carried.

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

Nominations were opened for Advisory committee. Pete Peterson moved that we retain the same advisory committee as last year. Golden Keetch seconded and motion carried. Next years committee is Lee Ream, Dean Mathews, Kelly Holt, and Joe Larsen.

Claude Sant stated that the level of Bear Lake at the present time is at 5919.4. Bear River Basin runoff for 1997 was the highest since 1986. The Lake level increased by 11.5 feet over the prior year. This increase represents 57% of active storage capacity. Releases were started on February 28, 1997. During the year 482,000 acre feet were released. The releases during 1997 were for flood control and irrigation needs were met as a result.

Dennis Dunn (IDWR) reported at the advisory committee meeting that legislation is being drafted that will set up a water bank. He also indicated that the IDWR has lifted the moratorium on new water permits.

Marc Gibbs pointed out that the water users need to be active in attending meetings and etc.

Lee Ream reported that he has been appointed to the Bear Lake Regional Commission. Water quality issues are of concern to this committee. Total Maximum Daily Load requirements on the Bear River will need to be studied and plans made to resolve problems. He encouraged attendance at the monthly meetings in Fish Haven on the first Wednesday of each month.

Marc and Pete discussed minimum stream flow proposals in the Black Canyon and Oneida areas. The power company will probably be required to adhere to minimum stream flow as part of their FERC licensing. The capacity of the river downstream will perhaps set the maximum flow.

Golden Keetch moved that we adjourn. Dean Mathews seconded, motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:49 PM

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Pete mentioned that he needs some assistance in getting a lock repaired and some steps built at Last Chance. Kelly Holt and Last Chance will work towards getting this done. Lanny Weston has repaired a problem with the recording device on Black Otter. The clock on Ream Crockett needs to be replaced or repaired.

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

Nominations were opened for Advisory committee. Lanny Weston moved that we retain the same advisory committee as last year. Golden Keetch seconded and motion carried. Next years committee is Lee Ream, Dean Mathews, Kelly Holt, and Joe Larsen.

Carly Burton stated that the level of Bear Lake at the present time is the same as last years high level and is at 5916.66 It was at 5911.7 at this time last year. The Bear River Basin snowpack is at 205% of normal. It was 136% at this time last year. Water content is at an all time high. For example Franklin Basin water content is 44.7 inches. This is 260% of normal. However, the low to mid elevation snowpack is not as good. The projected high this year for the lake is estimated to be 5921.65. This would be two feet lower than the all time high.

He also indicated that we are in a flood control mode this year. The Power Company may need to start bypassing water by mid February to avoid flooding problems when spring runoff occurs.

Carly reviewed the FERC relicensing project that the Power Company is currently undertaking. He indicated that some of the Bear Lake groups wanted to include Bear Lake in the relicensing requirements. The Power Company feels that they have been successful in keeping this portion of the system out of relicensing since Bear Lake doesn't generate power.

The power company is still working with the Corp of Engineers to get a dredging permit. Comment was made that this would be a good time to get this approval since there was a lot of water. Bear Lake interest groups are interested in requiring a discharge permit so that river water doesn't enter the lake. They are concerned with degradation of water quality in the lake. They feel that the tributaries will fill Bear Lake. Carly pointed out that the tributaries basically make up for what evaporates.

Golden Keetch moved that we adjourn. Virgil Boehme seconded, motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:07 PM

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The meeting was called to order by Jerry Brown at 2:00 PM. Nominations were opened for chairman. Dean Mathews nominated Kelly Holt. Seconded by Joe Larsen. Golden Keetch moved that we accept Mr. Holt by acclamation. Virgil Boehme seconded and motion carried.

Mr. Holt opened nominations for secretary. Lee Ream nominated Jerry Brown, seconded by Virgil Boehme. Lanny Weston moved that we accept Mr. Brown by acclamation. Golden Keetch seconded and motion carried.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A letter that the secretary had received from Caribou County was discussed. Caribou County is going to charge the district a collection fee of 4% of the budget that they collect for us. Dean Mathews made a motion that we have the secretary do the billing for all water users in the district. Virgil Boehme seconded and motion carried.

Pete Peterson, presented his watermaster report. In 1996 Bear Lake reached a high of 5916.63 on July 30. The low was 5915.22 on October 26. Natural flow releases started on June 21. Water was pumped out of Bear Lake from July 30 thru September 21, 1996. 54,837 acre feet of water was released from Bear Lake in 1996. The Idaho irrigators used 10,740 of this amount. The cost in 1996 was \$36,000 or .0646 cents per 24 hour second foot as compared to .073 in 1995. The reason that the cost was lower is because more water was delivered in 1996 than in 1995. 13% more water was taken out of Bear Lake in 1996 than in 1997. Pete mentioned that none of the pumpers in Utah have flow meters installed. Utah doesn't know where or how much water is being used other than by Bear River Canal Company. Pete asked Carly if he knew how much power was generated on the system last year. Carly indicated that 430,000 megawatts were generated.

Joe Larsen moved that we accept the watermaster's report. Seconded by Golden Keetch, motion carried.

Mr. Peterson presented the proposed budget for 1997 as follows:

Watermaster 104 days at \$25 per day	2,600
261 days at \$34 per day	<u>8,874</u>
Total	11,474
Asst. watermaster 240 days @ \$27 per day	6,480
Other expenses	<u>25,800</u>
Total	43,754

Carly Burton moved that we adopt the proposed budget. Dean Mathews seconded the motion and motion carried.