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FEBRUARY 14, 2002

GERALD L. BROWN
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SODA SPRINGS ID 83276

RE: Water District No. #11

Dear Mr. Brown:

We acknowledge receipt of the Minutes of the Annual
Watermaster's Election Meeting held in your district.
Thank you.

Sincerely,
Harold W. Jones

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Water Rights Supervisor

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WATER DISTRICT 11
2001 ANNUAL MEETING
SODA SPRINGS, ID 83276
FEBRUARY 5, 2002

Department of Water Resources
Eastern Region

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

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

The minutes of the last meeting were read. Golden Keetch made the motion that we accept the minutes as read. Dean Mathews seconded and motion carried.

Pete Peterson, presented his watermaster report. In 2000, 646,587 acre feet of water was diverted from the system. In 2001, it was 578,455. 244,800 acre feet of water was released from Bear Lake in 2001. 98,000 of this amount was charged to Idaho users. The cost in 2000 was 6 cents per 24 hour second foot. The cost in 2001 was 7.0 cents per 24 hour second foot. Releases from Bear Lake started on May 3 and ended on September 9. Current lake elevation is at 5911.42. Last year at this time it was 5915.81. Maximum level occurred on April 21 and was at 5916.71. The low was on October 31 at 5911.15. Maximum discharge from Bear Lake is limited to 245,000 acre feet. Pete also discussed the meadow and agriculture rights. This led to a discussion of flood irrigation that was done late last fall near the Wyoming line. Pete also indicated that IDWR has requested a deputy watermaster for the 2002 water season. He also needs a laptop computer to better monitor water measurements and allocations.

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

Mr. Peterson presented the proposed budget for 2000 as follows:

Watermaster 105 days at \$31 per day	3,255
260 days at \$40 per day	<u>10,400</u>
Total	13,655
Asst. watermaster 160 days @ \$30 per day	4,800
Other expenses	<u>32,500</u>

Total	50,955
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Golden Keetch moved that we adopt the proposed budget. Virgil Boehme seconded the motion and motion carried.

Nominations were opened for Watermaster. Dean Mathews nominated Pete Peterson and moved that we accept him by acclamation. Golden Keetch seconded and motion carried.

Nominations were opened for Treasurer. Virgil Boehme nominated Jerry Brown and moved that we accept him by acclamation. Golden Keetch seconded and motion carried.

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

Kelly Holt indicated that basin wide the snowpack is 86% of normal. It was 65% last year at this time. The current level of Bear Lake is 5911.42 It was at 5915.81 last year. The power company is in the process of obtaining a 10 year dredging permit. He felt quite confident that this would be granted in March. Evaporation from Bear Lake exceeded the runoff that came into the lake by 11,000 acre feet. Total runoff at Rainbow was 72,000 acre feet. This was the 7th driest since 1889. He estimated that irrigation allocations would be between 220,000 and 245,000 acre feet this year.

Paul Meyer introduced Cindy Bird. She is the Departments new manager in Soda Springs. He also indicated that there is a new Army Corp of Engineers representative in Idaho Falls. His name is James Joiner. He also discussed stockwater issues above Stewart Dam. The Department is encouraging users to make application for a claim. Jack Arnett conducted two mock disaster runs last year to test the call on the river procedures. He found that necessary data was not available on a timely enough basis to make the polices work.

Golden Keetch moved that we adjourn. Joe Larsen seconded, motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:34 PM

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