

Special Meeting of Water District #11 Held May 22, 2008 at the Caribou County Emergency Services Building

The meeting chairman was watermaster Rock Holbrook, the meeting secretary was Connely Baldwin.

There was a general discussion and explanation of the water 2025 grant.

There was a question about water measurement – “do measurement devices need to be in this year?” Corbin Knowles, IDWR employee said yes. A follow-up question was raised: “for natural flow or Bear Lake storage water.” The measurement will help both. Smaller pumps have not historically been measured.

The water 2025 grant will not likely be accepted due to a technicality. Keep your receipts.

Dave Ure indicated that the right measuring device should be installed the first time. Head loss needs to be considered.

Corbin said measuring devices are required. Only 7-day check required. Not required to have datalogger.

Connely discussed the difference between the required water measuring devices and telemetry. Discussion on details of telemetry and radio transmitters.

Miller Ditch – installed a 2' flume recently which proved to be insufficient. State department of water resources required the installation of a flume, but didn't specify which one. Users would like better direction.

Corbin Knowles said that the February order focused on Central division and pumps as well. The order required that a plan be submitted to IDWR. Fifty-five orders were sent out and only 20 responses came back. Some of the responses were sent back since they did not meet the requirements. The standard for closed-conduit measurements is a magnetic flow meter. In our area there is a lot of potential for debris that would clog a mechanical meter. Mechanical instruments are about the same cost as the magnetic meter, but magnetic meters have a longer life and better accuracy. Accuracy must be +/- 5 % of the calibrated IDWR meters.

There was a discussion of timing of installation of devices required by the order. IDWR will work with people who are actively pursuing a plan. There was already a similar order issued previously - about 2000. The order in 2008 was a “reminder.” Some users asked if it was possible to postpone the order? Corbin Knowles said he will talk to Tim Luke.

Corbin indicated that an advisory committee recommendation or individual requests for extensions of time would be considered.

Additional information on measuring devices was requested by the users. IDWR has to be careful not to advocate a particular vendor. They can pass along what has worked in other areas. The order did specify the minimum standards and minimum requirements.

Is it worthwhile to request IDWR more time for users to plan? The Bureau of Reclamation can help with design of devices. The advisory committee does not want to support a resolution to delay installation wholesale. Let the users request delays individually.

Resolutions:

The water users of Water District #11 commit to work with the Bureau of Reclamation to meet established deadlines for entering into a cooperative agreement and commit to the financial and legal obligations of the Water 2025 Challenge Grant, if selected.

David Ure

Seconded by Lynn Keetch

Voting was unanimous in the affirmative

Water users of Water District #11 urge department of water resources to consider the granting the time to evaluate individual water right owner situations and district-wide coordination for installation of data telemetry. Each water right owner will make their own request and submit plans to respond the order.

An additional Special meeting was suggested to be held Sept 2. Same place same time 11:00 am.

Bill Robison

Lynn Keetch

Voting was unanimous in the affirmative

Note: The Sept 2 meeting was not held, as it was not needed.

Meeting attendees – to be attached to final minutes.