

WATER DISTRICT 11
2006 ANNUAL MEETING
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The meeting was called to order by Jerry Brown at 2:08 PM. Nominations were opened for chairman. Lee Ream was nominated by Bill Robinson, seconded by Connely Baldwin. Marc Gibbs was nominated by Lee Ream, seconded by Joe Larsen. Joe Larson was nominated by Dean Mathews and seconded by Marc Gibbs. Joe Larson moved that nominations cease and Bill Robinson seconded, and motion carried. Lee Ream received 5 votes and was elected as the chairman.

Mr. Ream opened nominations for secretary. Marc Gibbs nominated Jerry Brown, seconded by Joe Larson. Mark Harris moved that we accept him by acclamation. Dean Mathews seconded and motion carried.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. Mark Harris made the motion that we accept the minutes as read. Marc Gibbs seconded and motion carried.

Connely Baldwin requested that voting be done based on water rights. Discussion ensued concerning allocation of the budget. The Credential committee was formed as per attached report.

Pete Peterson presented the water master report. He stated that 2005 was a better water year than 2004. 79,635 cfs were charged to irrigators and 333,882 cfs were charged to the power company. This makes a total of 413,517 cfs for 2005. Actual costs for 2005 were \$51,438. The delivery cost for 24 cfs was 12.4 cents. Total cost for 2004 was \$48,526. The cost per cfs for 2004 was approximately 17 cents.

Mark Harris moved that we accept the water master's report. Seconded by Don Harris, motion carried.

Mr. Peterson did not wish to present a proposed budget.

Mr. Baldwin discussed the situation concerning compensation of the Water Master. Last year Pete expressed a desire to receive additional compensation. The advisory board and Pete met in January of 2006 to discuss Water Master compensation. Pete proposed a \$9,250 increase in salary for the Water District and an equal amount for the supplemental water. Mr. Baldwin discussed a need for a job description and that he had requested such from Mr. Peterson. Mr. Baldwin stated that the power company needed justification for such an increase. He would prefer that Mr. Peterson present a proposed budget that the power company could vote on and support. It needs to be reasonable and fair to all of the parties. He stated that Mr. Peterson was firm with his desire to have his salary increased to \$24,000 for the Water District plus \$24,000 for the supplemental water. Dean Mathews asked what a new water master would cost. Bill Robinson stated that we need to appreciate the experience that Mr. Peterson has. Marc Gibbs stated that the purpose of the meeting is to hear the water master report and to set a budget. Mr. Gibbs asked if there was a number that the power company could live with. Connely felt a combined salary of \$36,000 to \$38,000 plus the other expenses would be fair. Mr. Gibbs asked Pete if there was any give on the \$48,000. Mr. Peterson stated that he would not do

so. Mr. Peterson also stated that he did not receive any of the assistant water master salary. Bill Robinson stated that we should do whatever it takes to keep Pete. Dean Mathews stated that water masters have great power in administering the water in the district. Cindy Bird (IDWR) asked Connely if one of the issues was that there was not a job description. Connely stated that was part of it and additionally there needed to be a definition of what the additional duties were that Pete felt would justify the increase in wages for the district as well as for the power company. Connely also stated that Pete felt he should be compensated similarly to other water masters. Cindy asked if the power company was set on their position or are they willing to negotiate this. Connely indicated that there was if they had some justification for the increase in salary.

Mr. Gibbs made the motion that the advisory board could adopt a budget of up to \$82,000, subject to unanimous vote of the advisory board. Additionally, the advisory board would also have the authority to hire a water master. These motions were seconded by Bill Robinson and motions carried.

Subsequent to the annual meeting the advisory board adopted the 2006 budget as follows:

Water Master Salary	21,000
Other Expenses	53,000
Total Budget	74,000

The advisory board also hired Pete Peterson as the water master.

Nominations were opened for Treasurer. Lee Ream nominated Jerry Brown, seconded by Joe Larsen. Mark Harris moved that we accept him by acclamation. Marc Gibbs seconded and motion carried.

Nominations were opened for Advisory committee. Don Harris made the motion that the advisory committee consist of Lee Ream, Joe Larsen, Dean Mathews, and Connely Baldwin. Jerry Jenkins seconded and motion carried. It was noted that Last Chance will provide a substitute in the event Mr. Mathews is not available.

Connely Baldwin reviewed the attached Summary of Bear Lake and Bear River Operations. He reviewed the charts contained therein which show the lake level, outlet canal flow, Bear Lake inflow, and Bear Lake net local inflow. He indicated that the State of Utah is moving closer to having their diversions monitored and usage documented. Mr. Baldwin also reviewed the range of forecasts of Bear Lake elevation and possible irrigation storage allocations.

Liz Robbins, who is in charge of the accounting model, presented a power point presentation showing that the Bear River basin was above normal for 2005. She indicated that she expected Bear Lake to reach a maximum lake level of 5914.

Roger Warner (IDWR) inquired as to the temperament of the users as to whether or not they want to have the BR system adjudicated. Marc Gibbs indicated that Last Chance Canal Company would not favor adjudication. Mr. Warner indicated that the Snake River Adjudication is nearly completed and resources are being shifted to other areas. He feels that the day will eventually come that the BR basin will be adjudicated. Without adjudication the best thing you can do if you have beneficial use or statutory claims is to document them.

Mark Harris expressed appreciation for the services of Mr. Peterson over the past several years. Lee Ream also expressed his appreciation.

Don Harris made the motion that we adjourn, seconded by Joe Larsen, and motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM