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EASTERN REGION

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GLENN ELZINGA, Secretary BOX 64 DTENDOY ID 83468

RE: Water District No. 74-M

Dear Mr. Elzinga:

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

Now we need the Oath of Office and the Petition for Watermaster Services forms before the watermaster can be officially certified in your district.

Sincerely,

Harold W Jones Water Rights Supervisor

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Water District 74 - M Agency Creek Lemhi County, Idaho.

Meeting was held on 10 March, 1997 at 7:00 PM at the Tendoy School in Tendoy, Idaho. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Loudy. Other water users in attendance were Lynn Herbst, James Wagerman (Representing the Muleshoe Ranch) and Glenn Elzinga (Secretary).

Secretary Elzinga brought up the business of a proposed watermaster's budget for 1997. The group discussed the hiring of a watermaster; for the past 3 years, none has been hired, as the users have self regulated. The group agreed that the same would probably happen this year, especially with the record precipitation and snowpack accumulation. Elzinga briefed the group that the watermaster's proposal supports the probability of hiring a watermaster; the estimated budget is zero expenditures for the coming year. Elzinga stated that if in the case that the watermaster is hired, no assessments would be collected because the water district's current account balance (\$268.00) would cover wages (usually 10 measuring tours @ \$15.00 per tour for a total of \$150.00) and other costs associated with bringing on the watermaster. A motion was made to accept the budget as proposed; seconded; vote was unanimous.

Lynn Herbst brought up the issue of workman's comp insurance. He estimated that it would cost about \$350 to pay the watermaster's share, in accordance with the new law. This was more than twice the watermaster's average incurred wages. No other options were discussed as reasonable by the group.

Secretary Elzinga brought up the concern of new residents in the creek bottom in the canyon area of Agency Creek. Chairman Loudy stated that he had observed some inappropriate use of water during the last season. Elzinga stated that we may need a watermaster just to handle this new issue. The group then decided that the best way to handle it would be to visit the problem areas as a group, if the need arose.

Elzinga stated that the next item of business should be election of the watermaster, if indeed one was needed. He made a motion to elect Jerry Eastman. The motion was seconded by Lynn Herbst. The vote was unanimous.

There being no more business, Chairman Loudy adjourned the meeting.

These Minutes certified by Secretary Glenn A. Elzinga.

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