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April 19, 2006

Wayne Avery, Secretary
P. O. Box 182
Lava Hot Springs, ID 83246

RE: Water District No. 29

Dear Wayne:

We acknowledge receipt of the Minutes of the Annual Watermaster's Election Meeting held in your district. The Watermaster Certificate will be sent under separate cover.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dennis Dunn
Senior Water Right Agent

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Instrument # 175363

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Recorded for : PORTNEUF RIVER WATER USERS Portneuf River Water Users Meeting

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Fee: 12.00
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Board members present: Ellis Gilbert, Jim Burnham, Jim Andrus, Howard Hall and Craig Crandall.

Howard Hall called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Howard welcomed people from IDWR: Dave Tuthill, Cindy Bird and Roger Warner.

Howard introduced the advisory board: Jim Andrus, Jim Burnham, Ellis Gilbert, and Craig Crandall. Howard went over the agenda for meeting. Howard Hall presented his President report. He said that we need to discuss the budget at length, no water master in April to save money, he wants the water master to be hired each year. Deleted the \$1000 from the budget of water meeting in Boise. Howard turned time over to Dave Tuthill to correct any statement that Howard made which should be corrected. Dave said things were fine.

Howard asked for the minutes to be read. Craig Crandall motioned to accept minutes as read. Jim Andrus seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Howard asked for the budget to be read. Howard called for a motion to accept the budget as read. Craig Crandall motioned to accept the budget as read, Earl Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Howard had the proposed budget of \$35,700 read, with the secretary's amended budget of \$37,296 read also. Discussion followed on Steve Hebdon's (water master) insurance and his wage. There was talk about different deductibles. Ellis Gilbert asked Steve Hebdon how many miles a day he had to travel while doing his rounds. Steve said 125 miles per day and more on some days. Kirk Irick said that he thought we could get an insurance policy cheaper. Ellis said that he thought Steve's wage was OK. Earl Smith said that maybe we could shop around for a cheaper insurance. Max Hall said that the miles Steve has to travel are hard miles on his truck. Craig Crandall said he thought Steve's wages are in the ballpark. Kirk Irick asked why we got away from advertising for the water master. Dave Tuthill said that it was not a law to advertise. Earl said that if you hire a new water master you advertise the position, otherwise you do not. Ellis said that we need a receipt for all money paid out.

Max Hall made a motion to hire Steve Hebdon as water master for \$16,000 wages, \$7,000 expenses and pay his insurance for the coming year. We will check other insurance companies to get prices for next year. Earl Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed. Dave Tuthill added that Steve is doing an excellent job as water master.

Craig Crandall motioned to accept the Amended Budget of \$37,296. Jim Andrus seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Jim Andrus motioned to raise the minimum bill to \$40 with \$20 for those who do not use any water all year. Craig Crandall seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Jim Burnham resigned as an advisory board member. Howard Hall also resigned as President of the advisory board but will remain as a member of the advisory board.

Craig Crandall nominated Randy Morris to replace Jim Burnham on the board. Jim Andrus seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Craig Crandall motioned to suspend the rules and put a President in by acclamation. Gene Fagnant seconded the motion. Howard Hall thanked Jim Burnham for his service on the board. Max Hall thanked Howard Hall for his service as President. The motion passed.

Craig Crandall motioned to do away with the credit and debit system and just bill on last year's water

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delivered. Dave Tuthill said that advertising is an option.

Dave Tuthill went over the correct way to bill for non-consumptive use. The water master will determine how much time he spends on the hydro diversion and bill according. Dave talked about the division at Topaz gauge. That there were two reaches, one above and one below. He said it would stay one district. He said that there is an amendment to change the original agreement for adjudication and he will stand behind this amendment.

Roger Warner asked Steve if he needs extra pay for what he does after the irrigation season. He said it is just part of his job. Cindy Bird said that Steve has been very helpful with keeping records current.

Earl Smith motioned to adjourn. Ellis Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Proposed Budget

Building Rent	40.00
Secretary Fee	1000.00
Notary	2.00
Copies	11.00
Recording Fee	30.00
Stamps	12.00
Steve's Insurance	(raise 54) 8826.00
Stamped Envelopes	77.00
State Insurance (Workman's Comp.)	1924.00
Idaho Water Users	100.00
Water Meetings	350.00
Water Master Wages	16000.00
Water Master Expenses	7000.00
State Unemployment	200.00
FUTA	500.00
Social Security	992.00
Medicare	232.00
Total Estimated Expenses	37296.00

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