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EASTERN REGION

April 28, 1997

PHILIP E. BATT GOVERNOR

KARL J. DREHER DIRECTOR

ALAN CHRISTENSEN, Secretary 2920 W ARIMO RD ARIMO ID 83214

RE: Water District No. 29-B

Dear Mr. Christensen:

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

Now we need the Adopted Budget, 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

HWJ:sc



Minutes of annual water meeting Garden Creek Water District #29-B March 3, 1997

Pres. Bruce Wheatley conducting Meeting called to order at 7:18 pm

Minutes were read by district secretary Alan N. Christensen

Motion made by Leland Armstrong that minutes be approved. Motion seconded by Emery Nestor and approved by those present.

Bruce Wheatley reported that we had \$9100 available for repairs and improvements. A discussion followed as to rebuilding the south canal diversion. At present water cannot be gotten into the south canal and controlled. The general consensus was that the rebuilding should take place in the fall when the water would be lower. In the meantime we determine the costs and find out who would be willing and available to build the necessary structure. It was suggested that the Soil Conservation Service be contacted to find out what help might be available for design and engineering.

It was suggested that annual assessment be lowered to \$5-\$10 per share. After discussion Bruce Wheatley made a motion that the assessment be left at \$25 for one more year so that money would be available for maintenance of laterals. The motion was seconded by Cecil Armstrong and approved by those present.

WATERMASTER: Bruce Wheatley reported that Marshall Wheatley would be willing to continue as watermaster. After discussion Leland Armstrong made a motion that Marshall Wheatley be hired to be Watermaster for the 1997 water year. The motion was seconded by Emery Nestor and approved by those in attendance.

It was reported that we need to purchase Workman's Compensation Ins. The minimum fee which would cover us would be \$300/year. This would be available either from Farm Bureau or the State Insurance Fund.

It was reported that there would be a lot of high water this year due an to abundance of snow. It was also reported that the loggers had moved out of Garden Creek Basin.

Bruce commented that the ditch companies needed to meet soon and organize for the coming year.

WATER DISTRIBUTION: Leland Armstrong mentioned that present methods of water distribution seemed to work well. Emery Nestor stated that excess water in a canal should be allowed to stay in that canal if it could be used there rather than turned back into the main canal and wasted. After discussion Emery Nestor made a motion that distribution of the water be as it was in the past with the water master overseeing the beneficial use of excess water. No second. After further discussion Bruce Wheatley made a motion that distribution of the water continue as

in the past and that it would be under the direction of the water master. Second by Leland Armstrong and approved by those present.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Leland Armstrong made a motion that all current officers be retained. Seconded by Cecil Armstrong and approved by those present.

Being that there was no further business the meeting was adjourned by Pres. Bruce Wheatley.

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President Bruce Wheatley

Secretary Alan N. Christensen