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Portneuf River District # 29 **Advisory Board Meeting** 

Department of Water Resource

Eastern Region

February 20, 2007

Those Present: Ellis Gilbert, Randy Morris, Jim Andrus, Pres Craig Crandall, and Wayne Avery, Secretary. Steve Hebdon, Water Master (3:07 p.m.)

Craig Crandall called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m. The minutes were read. A motion was made by Ellis Gilbert and seconded by Jim Andrus to accept the minutes as read. The motion passed.

The financial statement was reviewed by the board. Steve Hebdon's Water Master wages and taxes were discussed. Randy Morris asked if we could save any money by going to contract labor. Wayne Avery told them that they needed to be careful since we already pay taxes and have already had problems with the IRS. We would probably need to do away with Portneuf River Water Users and start over under a new name. Randy Morris said that we would only be saving State Unemployment and FUTA which is \$269. Ellis Gilbert asked that the 2006 Budget be handed out in a column along side the 2007 Budget. Discussed advertising of water masters job. It was decided not to advertise. It was decided to give Steve Hebdon a three year contract, with annual renewal and a negotiable wage every year.

Craig Crandall reported on the letters he had received from people that were not happy with last year's meeting and Steve Hebdon's insurance.

Craig Crandall asked Steve Hebdon to come at 3:00. Steve Hebdon arrived at the meeting at 3:07 p.m.

Ellis Gilbert said the Chesterfield Reservoir was about 53% full and they think it will fill. Craig Crandall said 24 Mile Reservoir was full on Thanksgiving Day.

Steve Hebdon said he has some questions:

1- How does the board feel about his job? Everyone present said they were pleased with what he is doing. Steve said he has all his records for fuel and how many miles he travels each day. He said he has also kept track of his hours, they average about 10 hours a day seven days a week. He said that the State paid his December Insurance and he did not charge us for his wages for the first 15 days of April 2006. Steve said that his wages and expenses will stay the same as last year (\$16,000 - wages, \$7,000 - expenses).

- 2- Steve would like Linda (his wife) to be voted as his assistant at no extra expense to the water district.
- 3- Steve would like a renewable contract to go for 5 years. Craig Crandall told Steve that the board proposed a 3 year contract with an annual renewal. Ellis Gilbert said we had a good deal with what Steve Hebdon is charging. If we paid by the mile at \$ .40 it would be a lot higher.

The past due assessments were reviewed. Nothing was decided.

Reviewed the agenda for the Portneuf River Water Users, Dist. #29 meeting to be held March 5, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. Craig Crandall appointed Jim Andrus, Randy Morris and Wayne Avery to be on the credential committee.

A motion was made by Ellis Gilbert and seconded by Jim Andrus to authorize Wayne Avery to do electronic payments, and all checks to have two signatures. The motion passed.

Randy Morris said that we need to change the Proposed Budget to Show \$1,000 out of 2006 carry over to go to Steve Hebdon's wages to bring it up to \$16,000 total wages and \$7,000 expenses.

A motion was made by Randy Morris and seconded by Ellis Gilbert to adjourn. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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