

**BIG COTTONWOOD WATER USERS  
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 22, 2008  
10:00 a.m.  
OAKLEY CANAL COMPANY**

**PRESENT:**

Doug Cranney  
Jared Mitten  
Shane Lierman

Mike Todd  
Marilyn Short  
James Mullen

**NOT PRESENT:**

Ryan Cranney  
Mike Cranney  
Travis Patton  
David Pickett

**I.** Doug Cranney, acting president, called the annual meeting of the Cottonwood Water Users to order at 10:10 a.m., on January 22, 2008. The meeting was held at the Oakley Canal Company Office located at 100 West Elm St. Oakley, Idaho.

**II. Appointment of Secretary:** Jared Mitten made a motion to appoint Marilyn Short as meeting secretary. Shane Lierman seconded it. All approved

**III. Minutes:** James Mullen read the minutes of the 2007 Annual Meeting. He also read the minutes of the amended minutes and explained the corrections. Jared Mitten made the motion to accept the minutes and the amended minutes. Shane Lierman seconded the motion. All approved.

**IV. Reappointment of officers:** Jared Mitten made a motion that all current officers retain their current positions, Shane Lierman seconded the motion. All approved.  
The officers are: Mike Cranney - President, Travis Patton - Secretary/Treasurer.  
Jared Mitten made a motion to retain James Mullen as Watermaster. Shane Lierman seconded the motion. All approved.

**V. Financial Report:** Marilyn Short was asked to discuss the financial reports. As of January 21, 2008, there was \$12,888.07 in the checking account. The Oakley Canal Company's 2008 assessment fee is \$5,000.00. Jared Mitten made a motion to approve the fee, Shane seconded the motion. All approved. Jared Mitten made a motion to approve the secretary's fee of "\$150.00 per year. Shane Lierman seconded the motion. All approved. Jared then made a motion to approve the financial report, Shane Lierman seconded the motion. All approved.

**VII. Watermasters Report:** James Mullen gave the Watermasters report. He then review the minutes of the February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007 Committee meeting and explained the new simplified way of charging for water assessments. He explained that the committee had decided that the \$233.00 overage would go into the Cottonwood Water Users account.  
Jared Mitten noted that some adjustments, that had been made to the assessments, since the budget meeting. Those were as follows: 29 inches of Frank Bedke water and 6 inches of Pickett water, in the first priority year, will be charged \$2.00 per inch instead of \$3.00 per inch, because this small amount of water can't be delivered the distance to the flats.

James reported that the snow report is much the same as last year and projected a water year similar to 2007.

Shane Lierman reported that he was having problems with the State regarding water conservation, and asked James Mullen if he kept records of the water put into the injection wells. James reported that he did keep records and will provide the Department of water resources a report from his records. There was discussion about the use of gauges to measure the water going into the wells and it was reported that the gauges were outdated and no one knows how to read them.

James Mullen will set up a meeting with Jim Stanton to show that the Cottonwood water users are putting water into injection wells and they should be given credit for it. Shane Lierman expressed the urgency of making that a high priority item.

Jared Mitton made a motion to approve the Watermaster report, Shane Lierman seconded the motion. All approved.

#### **VIII. Old Business:**

David Pickett entertained a motion to spray along the cement ditch, from Cottonwood to Flats, to control the weeds and sage brush. The board agreed to spray in the spring and then burn them next year. The spraying of sagebrush along the ditch banks was discussed and no one knew if it had been done. It was decided that they would talk to the advisory board and see what needs to be done.

#### **IX. New Business:**

1. James Mullen discussed the need to replace the screen in the cement box next to Mountain Road, from the cement ditch, from the lower diversion. He offered some suggestions and it was suggested that he design a new screen for it, and that the water users, below that point of the ditch, would pay him for it. Doug Cranney made a motion to have James Mullen devise a new screen and install it. Jared Mitton seconded the motion. All approved.

2. James reported a leak in the pipe, from the cement box by mountain road, in the flood channel.

3. There was discussion about the replacement of check boards at the upper diversion. It was suggested that James Mullen replace these boards and bill the Cottonwood water users.

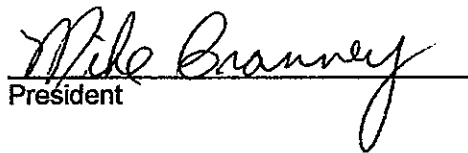
4. James Mullen asked Mike Todd if the Fish and Game could do something about removing the willows in the West Canal ditch between the check and the parshell flume, off of the high line ditch, to the first delivery point to Fish and Game ground. Mike said he would check it out.

5. Shane Lierman expressed concern about the cement diversion for 3 Aces and Arden Cranney. It needs replacing. He agreed to fix it and split the cost with Arden Cranney.

6. James Mullen mentioned that the measuring gauge at the main diversion needs to be fixed. Mike Todd informed him that it had been fixed.

Jared Mitton made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Shane Lierman seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

  
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President

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Secretary/Treasurer

# Cottonwood Creek Water Rights

425C 2 37.5" 1892  
430A 7" 1892

2007 Cost

✓ 1. Pickett Ranch - 45-443C ~~6" 1882~~ Ok, charge \$2/inch  
425E 21" 1892  
431 48" 1892  
432 "  
1244C 116.5" 1892

574  
\$252485  
\$568

2. Fish & Game - 45-437 ~~80" 1892~~  
40" 1882  
13584 95" 1892  
12437 185" 1892

\$405445  
935 OK

? 3. Frank Belke - 45-425E ~~59" 1892~~  
443B 27" 1882 charge at \$2/inch  
10594 40" 1892

\$195245 296

4. Blair Dance (Wash) - 45-421448 320" 1907  
LCSC Enterprises 441

\$320 OK

5. Delroy Nulton - 45-421 100" 1892  
441 40" 1885

\$320 OK

6. Russ Patterson - 45-13536 320" 1892  
160" 1871  
~~13614 180" 1892~~

\$480/120 OK

7. Andy Garney 45-423A > B 123  
55" 1892  
442 35" 1882  
434 125" 1892  
425D 25" 1892

\$215

✓ 8. Garney Farms - 45-433 136" 1892  
434 40" 1892 disallowed  
514A 160" 1907  
516 " "

\$196352642

9. Paul Woodhouse - 45-515 160" 1907  
450 160" "

\$160320 OK

J# 7. Arden Granney - 45-423 A+B 123" 1892

424 125" "

439 12" 1892

440 25" 1887 ?

442 35" 1882

\$~~682~~ 712

10. Oakley Canal Co - 45-2062

3500" 1909

not charged due to late  
priority