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Interim Director

March 2, 2010

Water Districts 37 & 37M
107 West 1st St
Shoshone, ID 83352

RE: Water Districts 37 & 37-M, Big Wood River & Lower Little Wood River

Dear Kevin;

We have received your 2010 meeting minutes and adopted budgets showing that you and Cyndi have again been elected as watermaster and treasurer of your districts. Oaths of office are enclosed for your signatures. Once we receive your notarized oaths, certificates of appointment will be issued.

Regards,

James E. Stanton
Sr. Water Resource Agent

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL WATER USERS MEETING

January 11, 2010

WATER DISTRICT 37, BIG WOOD RIVER

WATER DISTRICT 37M, LITTLE WOOD RIVER AND SILVER CREEK

ITEM #1 CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Frederic Brossy called the Annual Water Users meeting, held at the Lincoln County Conference Center in Shoshone Idaho, for Water District 37, Big Wood River and Water District 37M, Little Wood River and Silver Creek, to order at 1:33 pm on January 11, 2010.

ITEM #2 SELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Greg Lierman made the motion that Frederic Brossy preside as chairman for the January 11, 2010 annual meeting. Carl Pendleton seconded the motion. Greg Lierman made a motion to close the nominations for Chairman. Carl Pendleton seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion for Frederic Brossy to preside as Chairman passed unopposed.

ITEM #3 SELECTION OF SECRETARY

Chairman Brossy asked for nominations for secretary. Pepin Corso-Harris nominated Cyndi McCowan as secretary of the January 11, 2010 annual meeting. Greg Lierman seconded the motion. Greg Lierman made a motion to close the nominations for Secretary. Carl Pendleton seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unopposed.

ITEM #4 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE 2009 ANNUAL MEETING

Chairman Brossy asked if there were additions or corrections? Larry Schoen commented he was unable to find the 2009 minutes on the IDWR website. He asked that a draft copy of the minutes be made available in a reasonable amount of time. Gerald Bashaw made the motion to accept the minutes from the 2009 Annual Meeting as presented. Greg Lierman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unopposed.

ITEM #5 SELECTION OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

ITEM #6 REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Chairman Brossy asked for comments on Items #6 and #7. Chairman Brossy suggested forgoing the credentials committee until that time there may be need for one. There was no credentials committee report.

ITEM #7 ADOPTION OF 2009 DISTRICT 37 BUDGET

ITEM #8 ADOPTION OF 2009 DISTRICT 37M BUDGET

Watermaster Kevin Lakey described changes to the 2010 budgets. He explained there had been no raise included for himself or the secretary, but a 3% raise (with associated costs, including SUTA, Taxes and Persi) were added for the ditch riders. He commented the State Unemployment Insurance had taken a substantial increase for 2010 along with an increase in medical insurance. He showed that \$5000.00 had been removed from the 37M budget for Silver Creek maintenance, he did not feel additional funds should be assessed because there were funds already set aside in a separate savings account if the need should arise.

Kevin went on to explain the USGS had approached the Water Districts advisory board concerning the reintroduction of the Ketchum gaging station. They were seeking funding from various entities and had asked that \$4000.00 be made available for the project? Kevin felt the station would be helpful in identifying flows above/below Hailey

and recognize those times of the year when water was gaining or losing. He said the information received from this station would not be used when cuts in water rights were to be determined. Jim Bartolino of the USGS told the group this funding would in no way obligate the Districts for maintenance payments after the initial installation.

Kevin stated the budgets were increased from 2009 by \$1080.90 for 2010. He said the assessed amount for 2010 would not be increased, but the \$1080.90 would be funded from the savings accounts of the water districts. (The assessed amount for individual accounts would be based on the 5-year average of water use.)

Bud Purdy questioned if District 37M (Silver Creek) was obligated to help with the funding of the Ketchum gage site? Bud Purdy made the motion to accept the budgets but that the budgeted amount of \$1333.33 for the Ketchum gage be removed from the budget. Nick Purdy seconded the motion. Chairman Brossy told Mr. Purdy the \$1333.33 would need to be moved to the District 37 budget because the amount of funding requested by the USGS was \$4000.00. Chairman Brossy asked Mr. Bartolino for more information concerning the Ketchum Gaging station. Mr. Bartolino explained the total amount of funding for the project would be in the neighborhood of \$16,000.00, of which he had commitments from other entities excepting the \$4000.00 requested from the Water Districts. He stated the information obtained from the site would be available on-line. He said the site had been established around 1948 and operated until 1973 when it was abandoned. He said there had been a lot of development in the area above Hailey since that time and the information obtained from the site was vital in establishing flows from the three main tributaries (North Fork, East Fork and Warm Springs) in the area. Rob Struthers asked if the site would be operational in 2010? Mr. Bartolino said since there were some funding constraints, the site would probably not be operational until 2011. Rich Dinges felt there would be a need for this site if the districts move into conjunctive management. Kevin asked if the IDWR was going to assist with the funding for operational costs? Mr. Bartolino said the cost would be around \$8000.00 per year to operate, but those funds could be gained from other sources beside the water districts.

Larry Schoen asked about the advantages of having the Ketchum gage operational, and said it would be providing baseline data for the future at a bargain price. Mr. Bartolino said the information collected would include flows, volumes and other pertinent water information. Kevin clarified that information for cuts in decrees would continue to be derived from the Black 61 gaging site.

Nick Purdy withdrew the second to the motion. Bud Purdy withdrew the motion.

Dave Cropper made the motion to adopt the 2010 Water District 37 budget as proposed. Jerry Bashaw seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unopposed.

Greg Lierman made the motion to adopt the 2010 Water District 37M budget as proposed. Gary Osborne seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unopposed.

ITEM #9 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR DISTRICTS 37 & 37M

Gary Osborne made the motion to approve the 2010 resolutions as presented. Carl Pendleton seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unopposed.

ITEM #10 SELECTION OF ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

Greg Lierman made the motion to add Harvey Brauburger as the American Falls Reservoir District #2 representative for 2010. The Water Districts 2010 advisory board members would be as follows:

<u>Bill Arkoosh</u>	<u>Little Wood Hydropower</u>
<u>Fred Brossy</u>	<u>Lower Silver Creek/Little Wood River</u>
<u>Harvey Brauburger</u>	<u>American Falls Reservoir District #2</u>
<u>Jerry Nance</u>	<u>Big Wood Canal Company</u>
<u>Gerald Bashaw</u>	<u>Upper Silver Creek</u>
<u>Pete Van Der Meulen</u>	<u>Big Wood Above Magic Reservoir</u>
<u>Howard Morris</u>	<u>Big Wood Below Magic Reservoir</u>
<u>Allen Koyle</u>	<u>Big Wood Hydropower</u>

Mark Sabala seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

ITEM #11 DISTRICT NEWS AND UPDATES

Kevin gave an overview of the 2010 goals. He said work on the decree books was continuing. As the SRBA neared completion, the integration of delivery records into an Arcmap layer was also a goal. He said in cooperation with IDWR and deputy watermasters the canal layers in the GIS program, were planned to be completed by the spring of 2010.

Kevin discussed the "off-season" deliveries (deliveries after October 31). He said Sun Valley Co. had given water delivery records for snowmaking. There were also stock water deliveries to Dietrich that could be recorded, if ice was not a problem, and Hydropower use. The districts did not charge for any out of season deliveries. There was discussion that those efforts could cost more than was equitable.

Kevin's plan was to install data loggers in the Gimlet 9, Aspen Lakes and Rinker 11-11A areas (6 total). These loggers were intended to improve the management of the non-consumptive water rights.

Kevin's plan to continue to improvement of management practices of deliveries, would include coordination with Above Magic deputy(ies) to establish ride boundaries (before April 2010), coordinating with IDWR to identify surface water rights within the basin that should be added to the districts assessment lists, and continued cooperation with IDWR in the development of a ground water measurement district.

Kevin discussed water delivered for the Legacy Project at the delivery point at a diversion within the District 45. He said approximately 263 Acre Feet had been delivered in 2009. The water was delivered from May 10 until August 14. He said he was investigating new places to divert the project water.

After discussing the year in review, he said the order of the day really was conservation.

Kevin turned the floor over to Jim Bartolino of the USGS. Mr. Bartolino discussed the on going ground water studies in the Above Magic area. Larry Schoen commented he was grateful to the commitment shown by the USGS in District 37. The information would give a better picture of the resource we have.

Dave Tuthill and Lee Brown of Idaho Water Engineering gave a presentation of the work their group did. They discussed implementation of conjunctive management. They said

they could assist in GIS compellation, that it would be important to collect and read information correctly. They felt conjunctive administration was up to the water users in the basin and not necessarily up to the state. They felt with the importance of water, conjunctive administration would eventually be required. And it would be important for the state to receive accurate water records.

Mr. Tuthill said people had the desire to wait and let the IDWR fund the project, but with the states' funding situation that could be a long time down the road. He said the district had the option to move gracefully and methodically to conjunctive management.

Allen Merritt of the IDWR, commented whether there was a water measurement district or a ground water district, the District was probably heading there. As an interim step maybe creating a measurement district was an idea. He said it would involve the same process to get where we were going. He said Interim Director Gary Spackman did not want to go through all the meetings twice. There had not been a determination if there would be separate ground and surface water districts. When concerns were raised about enforcement, Chairman Brossy said there would not be enforcement in a measurement district.

Rob Struthers commented it would cost a lot less money if everyone in the district could work together.

ITEM #12 ADJOURN

Chairman Brossy adjourned the meeting at 3:39 pm.

Respectfully,

Frederic Brossy
Chairman

Cyndi McCowan
Sec./Treas.
Water District 37 & 37M