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WATER DISTRICT #31
Dubois, Idaho

CLARK AND JEFFERSON COUNTIES, IDAHO

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF MARCH 9, 2011

The water users of Water District No. 31 met in the Clark County Annex Building, Dubois, Idaho, on Wednesday, March 9, 2011, at 1:00 p.m., as provided by Idaho Statutes for the purpose of electing a chairman and secretary, electing a watermaster, adopting the 2011 budget, and any other business that may come before the District.

Those in attendance were: Dallas Furness, Chairman; Jim Hagenbarth, George Perschon, Renee Perschon, Brian Wehausen (Camas Wildlife Refuge), Keith Shulberg, Willy Schmitt, James Cefalo (IDWR), Rhett Jacobs, Bill Frederiksen, Kay Garner, Richard Savage, Greg Shenton, Watermaster; Brett Murdock, Deputy Watermaster; and Laurie Small, Secretary.

The meeting was called to order by Dallas Furness, Chairman at 1:02 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Chairman entertained a motion to adopt the proposed agenda. Jim Hagenbarth moved that the proposed agenda be adopted as the order of business for this meeting. The motion was seconded by Keith Shulberg. Motion passed.

1. Adoption of Agenda
2. Reading and Approval of Previous Year's Minutes
3. Nomination and Election of Chairman and Secretary
4. Appointment of Credential Committee
5. Report of Watermaster and Approval
6. Fix the Compensation of Watermaster and Deputy
7. Adoption of Budget
8. Election of Watermaster and Appointment of Deputy
9. Appointment of Advisory Board
10. Adoption of Resolutions
11. IDWR Report
12. Other Business
13. Set Date and Time of Next Year's Annual Meeting
14. Adjournment

MINUTES

Minutes were passed out to all those in attendance. Minutes were read individually. Chairman Furness asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. Keith Shulberg found an error in the scheduling of the 2011 meeting. Motion was made by Hillman and should have read Ron Hillman. Chairman Furness asked for a motion to accept the minutes with corrections made. Keith Shulberg made the motion to accept the minutes with corrections made. Willy Schmitt seconded the motion. Motion passed.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY

Chairman Furness asked for nomination from the floor for Chairman and Secretary. Willy Schmitt moved that Dallas Furness continue as Chairman and Laurie Small as Secretary. Bill Frederiksen seconded the motion. Keith Shulberg moved to close nominations. Bill Frederiksen seconded the motion. Both motions passed.

APPOINTMENT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Jim Hagenbarth moved and Keith Shulberg seconded the motion to dispense with the appointment of the Credentials Committee at this time. Motion passed.

REPORT OF WATERMASTER

Deputy Watermaster Brett Murdock distributed the 2010 Watermaster's Report. Watermaster Greg Shenton discussed the items in the report as follows.

2010 WATER YEAR

The 2010 water delivery was at 106,104 A.F. for the water district. A total of 14,412 A.F. of water was delivered in Clark County, and 91,692 A.F. of water was delivered in Jefferson County. The 2009 water delivery was at 103,308 A.F. for the water district. A total of 21,235 A.F. of water was delivered in Clark County, and 82,073 A.F. of water was delivered in Jefferson County. The 2010 water delivery was up 2796 A.F. from that which was delivered in the 2009 water season.

STREAM FLOWS

Beaver Creek ran to Dubois until July 23rd. Camas Creek flowed to the Refuge until July 22nd in 2010.

WELL FLOWS

Independent water users started pumping on the 27th of March and Mud Lake Water Users started pumping the 1st of April.

CLEANING OF CAMAS CREEK

The 404 permit, from I-15 to a little east of the railroad, has been renewed for five years.

BEAVER

Beaver have been fairly steady in the Kilgore area. Each year there is a few problem areas, but not more than a handful. This year the most trouble we had was at the upper Laird Division.

The Watermaster also reported on opposition on a water transfer request from Blaine Larsen. Water was found in other areas to fill that request.

MUD LAKE CONTENT

Watermaster reported on the water levels in Mud Lake for March 1, 2010, which was 12,000 A.F. May 1, 2010, which was 33,500 A.F. and November 1, 2009, which was 11,100 A.F.

CAMAS CREEK INFLOW INTO MUD LAKE

For 2009 the inflow was 1620 A.F. The 2010 inflow was 0 A.F.

2010 WATER USE OF MAJOR CANAL COMPANIES

Mud Lake Water Users used a total of 60,959 A.F., applying 2.78 A.F. per acre, while the Independent Water Users used 7,865 A.F. applying 1.91 A.F. per acre. 2010 average use in the Mud Lake area 2.64 A.F. per acre. From 1992 to 2010 the average is 2.85 A.F. per acre. The high was in 1992 of 3.31 and the low was in 2009 of 2.26.

SNOW REPORT - MARCH 1, 2011

The Camp Creek-Beaver Creek measurements show a snow depth of 33" with water content at 7.0 compared to Kilgore-Camas Creek measured show a snow depth of 36" with water content at 9.1. The Camp Creek snow course is at 85% of normal, the Kilgore course is 90% of normal, the Crab Creek course is at 85%, and the Lake View Ridge is at 95% of normal. The average of all 4 sites is 89% of normal.

Greg also reported on the cloud seeding in the area. An aerial map was passed out that showed the placement of both manual and remote generators in the area. The snow level percentages are showing a 3-10% increase in some of the areas being measured. RC&D is putting in for a \$48,000 grant through the Idaho Resource Board to help with expenses.

2010 BUDGET REVIEW AND 2011 BUDGET PROPOSAL

Greg Shenton reviewed the 2010 budget and actual expenses, explaining some of the expenditures. Greg also went over the 2011 Budget Proposal which would remain the same as 2010 budget if adopted. The Federal Agencies were \$7,764.05.

APPROVAL OF WATERMASTER'S REPORT & ADOPTION OF BUDGET

Keith Shulberg made a motion to approve the Watermaster's Report. Jim Hagenbarth seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Bill Fredriksen made a motion to approve the compensation of Watermaster and Deputy. Keith Shulberg seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Jim Hagenbarth made a motion to adopt the Proposed 2011 Budget as presented. Willy Schmitt seconded that motion. Motion passed.

	2011 Proposed Budget		2011 Adopted Budget
Misc. Expenses	\$38,550.00		\$38,550.00
Channel & Legal	1,000.00		1,000.00
Secretary	\$450.00		\$450.00
Office Rent	2,000.00		2,000.00
TOTAL	42,000.00		42,000.00
Watermaster Salary	31,800.00		31,800.00
Deputy Salary	23,500.00		23,500.00
TOTAL	55,300.00		55,300.00
Watermaster Mileage	14,500.00		14,500.00
Deputy Mileage	12,000.00		12,000.00
2010 Budget	123,800.00		123,800.00
2011 Budget	123,800.00		123,800.00
Less Federal Agencies	7764.05		7764.05
Proposed Budget	116,035.95	Adopted Budget	116,035.95

ELECTION OF WATERMASTER AND DEPUTY WATERMASTER

The Chairman called for nominations from the floor for Watermaster and Deputy Watermaster. Keith Shulberg moved to open nominations. Jim Hagenbarth seconded the motion. Motion passed. Keith Shulberg nominated Greg Shenton as Watermaster and Brett Murdock as Deputy Watermaster. Jim Hagenbarth seconded the motion. Richard Savage moved nominations cease. Jim Hagenbarth seconded the motion. Motions passed.

APPOINTMENT OF ADVISORY BOARD

The Chairman re-appointed the following to the Advisory Board: Dallas Furness as Chairman, Jim Hagenbarth, Valeria Maxwell, Andy Dobson, Keith Shulberg, Gerald Messerli and Bill Frederiksen as members. Keith Shulberg made the motion to approve the Advisory Board. Richard Savage seconded the motion. Motion passed.

RESOLUTIONS

The Chairman called for a motion to adopt the following resolutions.

High Water at Mud Lake

Be it hereby resolved, that the Watermaster be authorized to determine when diversion is needed and to divert any high water. That such water be considered stored in the aquifer, with rights to the water being retained by the district. Diversion of said waters would be by diverting at the Lone Tree Diversion, and pumping through the diversion canal at the Mud Lake Water Users.

Collection of Water Assessments

Be it hereby resolved, that no ditch, canal co., or other water user shall have the right to demand and receive water, and the watermaster shall not deliver such water, until full payment is made. Said payment becomes due April 1, and becomes delinquent April 15, and if not paid by April 15, shall bear interest from the date of April 1, until paid at the rate of 8% per annum.

Be it further resolved that government agencies be exempt from the above provisions to the extent necessary for them to comply with payments according to the provisions of Federal law, and that the Watermaster of District 31, be authorized to enter into contract with said agencies of the United States for payment of assessment as provided in the budget.

Mud Lake Water Users

Be it hereby resolved, that any water user that completes the water year with a negative balance on the Mud Lake balance sheet shall have that negative balance carried forward to the April draft column on the balance sheet of the following year, and said negative balance shall be charged to the Mud Lake allotment of said following year, as set forth in part 5, paragraph 4 of the Mud Lake Decree.

District Billings and Collections

Be it hereby resolved, that the Clark County Auditor make up a roll of all Water District 31 users to include all Jefferson County users. Be it further resolved that the Clark County Treasurer mail out said billings and make collections of all Water District 31 Water Users to include all Jefferson County Water Users in said Water District 31 boundaries.

Be it further resolved that the Clark County Treasurer also make all payments and disbursements owed by Water District 31, which are presented through the proper claims procedures which are common to other Clark County practices.

ADOPT RESOLUTIONS

Keith Shulberg made a motion that the resolutions be adopted. Rhett Jacobs seconded the motion. Motion passed.

IDWR REPORT

James Cefalo made a statement referring to the USGS measurements. He wanted to inform the water district that the IDWR is doing some of the well measurements in the area and thought that they may be able to do additional measurements to help with costs in the district. The Watermaster reported that the district has already signed a contract with the USGS with the payment going through the Water District 110. James suggested coordinating efforts so that there was no duplication of measurements being done. James also informed the district that the IDWR is running at 50% manpower due to budget cuts and hoped they would be patient when dealing with them.

OTHER BUSINESS

The district had no further business at this time.

MEETING TIME

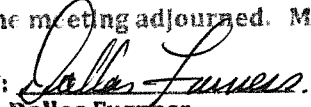
Keith Shulberg made the motion to have the next meeting on March 14, 2012 at 1:00 p.m., at the Clark County Annex Building in Dubois, Idaho. Willy Schmitt seconded the motion.

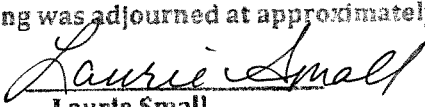
Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Furness asked if there was any further business; having no further business, he called the meeting adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:54 p.m.

ATTEST:


Dallas Furness
Chairman


Laurie Small
Secretary