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Water District No. 65

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Regular Board Meeting

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Date: April 8, 2013
Time: 8:00 p.m.
Location: Payette River Irrigation Office

Attending: Doyle Fackler, Howard Sevy, Ron Mio, Jim Hutchins, Joan Howell, Joy Sisler, Dyke Nagasaka, Darlene Maxwell, Fred Coburn, Roy Maxwell, Wayne Martin, Marcia Herr, Jamie White, Recording Secretary and Watermaster Ron Shurtleff

Guests: Roger Batt, Gayle Batt, Jerrold Gregg, Bureau of Reclamation, Snake River Area Manager, Brian Sauer, Water Conservation Engineer P.E., USBR; Chris Beardsley, US Bureau of Reclamation, Deputy Manager, Snake River Area

Chairman Doyle Fackler called the meeting to order.

Guest: Chairman Fackler introduced Roger Batt; he was here to discuss the upcoming Legislative Tour and presented an informational flyer to the board members. He is requesting a contribution similar to the 2008 Tour. Mr. Batt handed out an agenda for the tour which will be conducted on August 26, 27, and 28th. He mentioned that if the water district is able to contribute to the tour, in reciprocation the district would be allowed to send a couple people along to attend the tour. Chairman Fackler thanked Mr. Batt for introducing the opportunity to the Advisory board and stated that a decision will be reached later in the meeting. Mr. Batt thanked the members for their time and asked to have the decision forwarded to him at a later date.

Minutes: The March 11, 2013, meeting minutes were presented in written form to all persons in attendance to review. Chairman Fackler asked if there were any additions or corrections. **Dennis Lammey moved and Darlene Maxwell seconded to approve the March 11, 2013, minutes as presented. Passed.**

Financial: Chairman Fackler asked Ron to review the financial statement for the district. Ron reported a checking account balance of $2,073.17 and a balance in the State Treasury Fund of $184,617.76 resulting in a checking and savings total of $186,690.93. Total accounts receivable equaled $5,625.71. Total fixed assets will remain at $78,068.37 producing a total assets balance of $270,385.01. Ron then reviewed the profit and loss statement and stated that as of April 8, 2013, the District is showing a negative net income of $84,949.45. Chairman Fackler asked if there were any other questions or concerns. **Dennis Lammey moved and Ron Mio seconded to approve the Financial Statement as presented. Passed.**

USRB Update:

The floor was then turned over to Brian Sauer, US Bureau of Reclamation. Mr. Sauer presented a slide show and reviewed the Water Supply Outlook. He presented a slide show and stated the run-off forecast is 100% of normal. Brian then stated the present reservoir condition shows that the Payette Reservoir System is 79% of capacity, which includes Cascade Reservoir at 82% full and Deadwood at 68%. The 6-10 day outlook shows below normal temperatures and precipitation and the three month outlook show below normal precipitation and an equal chance or below temperatures

The floor was then turned over Jerry Gregg, USBR, Snake River Area Manager, he stated there is still a possibility the Bureau may be asking for additional acre-feet for flow augmentation; they will let Ron know within a couple of weeks.

Jerry then briefly reviewed the Bull Trout, Critical Habitat issue. He stated that he intends to meet with Norm Semanko before the Biological Assessment draft is made ready. They plan to have the final draft ready to present at the Sun Valley conference in June. Jerry said if no fatal flaws in the plan are found, it will be presented to the Fish and Wildlife Service where they will have 130 days review it and hopefully accept it.

Jerry then addressed Black Canyon Dam; he stated that they had to lower the pool 15' more than expected to inspect Basalt Spires that were left and cast in the structure. He stated this is the lowest the level has reached since the dam was constructed. With the large drawdown large amounts of sediment was moved downstream and has settled in many areas below the dam. Mr. Gregg said this may cause problems with some canals by blocking headgates and inlet channels. He stated, since this is a direct result of the drawdown of the reservoir for the additional generation unit installation, there may be some access to assistance for costs invested to restore flow to canals. Mr. Gregg suggested that if a canal was affected by the sediment deposits, it should document any additional costs that were involved with the restoring the canal and to submit an application for assistance to the bureau. He further stated the application should be patterned much like the conservation applications that have been submitted for other projects. Mr. Gregg said compensation may be available and each application for reimbursement will be reviewed and evaluated individually by bureau staff.

Watermaster Report:

Ron presented a slideshow and included the reservoir storage reports in the packets. He also provided the reservoir storage reports, snow water equivalent, and the year-to-date precipitation for the Payette Basin. The NRCS, April 1, 2013, Outlook was included and stated water, year-to-date, precipitation is now below normal in all there basins, with the Boise Basin at 83% of average being the worst. Snowpack percentages took a large hit this month, dropping to 53% of median in the Weiser, 58% in the Boise and 69% in the Payette. Fortunately, reservoir storage is above average with the Boise system at 113% of average and the Payette system at 119%. Unlike the last couple of springs, flood control releases are not needed and mangers are encouraging water conservation.

Ron then stated the accounting system will be up and running, as the canals begin to fill. Liz Cresto plans on attending the May meeting and will introduce a new accountant who will be working with the system.

Ron then discussed the 2012 Cost Share project list and a request from the Black Canyon Irrigation district. Ron stated the 2012 project to automate the Check above the Langley Siphon had been completed under the estimated budget request by $5,175. Ron said the Black Canyon Irrigation District had asked if they could apply for that funding to be applied to a project which they are performed this spring. The project is repairs to a lined portion of their canal just downstream from their main headgate. The process utilized, is the application of a resilient plastic product named Aqualastic. Ron explained the 50% assistance rule would apply and depending upon the cost of the project the district would be able to assist up to 50% up to the total of $5,175. **Moved by Wayne Martin and seconded by Fred Coburn to allow the excess funds from the BCID, Langley Siphon project, to be used towards the liner repair project of Black Canyon Irrigation Dist. Passed.**

Ron then explained an application that was recently submitted by the Famers Cooperative Irrigation Company. The project is an additional part of the Westside Lateral project that was approved during the February meeting. Ron stated the budget will allow for this project to be funded since the Washoe Ditch and Enterprise Ditch projects have been postponed to the 2013 Cost Share program. Ron further noted the request is for a 25% funding level since it is a request for assistance in conjunction with the Farmers Coop Cost Share Assistance program. Ron said there should be no reason why the district could not fund this project in the 2013 budget year, **Moved by Darlene Maxwell and seconded by Marcia Herr to allow funding from the postponed Enterprise and Washoe projects, contingent on their approval, to be used for the Farmers Co-op, West Side Lateral piping project. Passed.**

Canal Safety: Ron reported that the IWUA Canal Safety Awareness Program request was included in the packets. The program is designed to develop an enhanced, area-wide public awareness of the dangers posed by irrigation canals and ditches, focusing primarily on young people. Last year the program was also started in Eastern Idaho so they now have coverage all across Idaho, and the IWUA was asked to donate additional money and it is split between the three areas of coverage, eastern Idaho, Magic alley and the Treasure Valley. **Moved by Dennis Lammey and seconded by Howard Sevy to contribute $500 towards the IWUA Water Safety Awareness Program. Passed.**

Legislative Tour Action: Chairman Fackler mentioned that the board needed to take action on the request by Mr. Roger Batt in regard to the legislative tour contribution request. After some discussion; **Dennis Lammey moved to contribute $2000 to the Legislative Tour for 2013. The motion was seconded by Darlene Maxwell, and the motion passed.**

Soil &Water Conservation: Included in the packets was a thank you from the Payette Soil & Water Conservation District, for our support in the 4th Annual Agriculture Symposium. It stated the districts received excellent feedback from individuals who attended this year's symposium and our participation helped make this event a success.

Tim Folke Letter: Ron included a copy of a letter received from Tim Folke, CPA. It stated that due to health issues, he has decided to retire effective March 27th, 2013. Along with Kurt Folke, another very experienced CPA was recently hired and will allow the staff to fully move forward with the very latest innovations consistent with the 21st century.

Adjournment: Chairman Fackler asked if there was any further business that should be considered at this annual meeting. Hearing none the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

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Ron Shurtleff, Watermaster Jamie White, Recording Secretary

Water District No. 65
Balance Sheet
As of May 6, 2013

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	May 6, 13
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking - Water District	13,696.69
State Treasurer	184,617.76
Total Checking/Savings	198,314.45
Accounts Receivable	
A/R - Assessments	64,468.27
Acct. Rec. - Rental Pool	3,259.79
Total Accounts Receivable	67,728.06
Total Current Assets	266,042.51
Fixed Assets	
Office Equipment	20,724.56
Field Equipment	30,043.81
Vehicles	27,300.00
Total Fixed Assets	78,068.37
TOTAL ASSETS	**344,110.88**
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Cost - Share Funds Payable	5,365.75
Printing Expense Payable	902.72
Payable to Lessor - In Basin	6.00
Payable to IDWRB - Fees	0.60
Total Other Current Liabilities	6,275.07
Total Current Liabilities	6,275.07
Total Liabilities	6,275.07
Equity	
Equity - Equipment	78,068.37
Retained Earnings	270,995.42
Net Income	-11,227.98
Total Equity	337,835.81
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	**344,110.88**

Water District No. 65
Profit & Loss
January 1 through May 6, 2013

	Jan 1 - May 6, 13
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Interest Income	321.95
Assessment Revenue	74,741.30
Administrative Fee Revenue	
Admin Fees - In Basin	3.90
Total Administrative Fee Revenue	3.90
Total Income	75,067.15
Gross Profit	75,067.15
Expense	
Payroll Expenses	
Salary - Watermaster	15,099.99
Payroll Taxes	
Company FICA Expense	936.20
Company Medicare Expense	218.95
Company Fed Unemployment Tax	42.00
Company State Unemployment Ta	118.69
Total Payroll Taxes	1,315.84
Benefits - Medical Insurance	2,850.00
Benefits - Retirement	1,509.99
Total Payroll Expenses	20,775.82
Office Rent	2,300.00
Office Assistance	1,600.00
Postage and Delivery	349.69
Postage Reimburasal Account	0.00
Office Supplies	1,296.62
Telephone	514.65
ArcGIS License Maitenance fee	1,600.00
Professional Fees	
Accountant Fees	2,575.00
Professional Fees & Licenses	275.00
Total Professional Fees	2,850.00
Automobile and Mileage	1,943.59
Dues and Subscriptions	500.00
IWUA Basin Members Dues	23,208.80
Water Education	
Contributions	500.00
Total Water Education	500.00
Internet Services	315.82
Meeting Expenses	38.18
Travel and Training	
IWUA Convention Expense	175.00
Meals and Lodging	222.11
Training Expense	100.00
Total Travel and Training	497.11
Repairs and Maintenance	
Equipment Repairs	21.00
Repairs and Maintenance - Other	85.00
Total Repairs and Maintenance	106.00
Interest Expense	627.27
Insurance	595.00
Equip. Purchases, Office & Field	6,676.58

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January 1 through May 6, 2013

	Jan 1 - May 6, 13
Cost - Share Incentive Prog.	
Water Management	20,000.00
Total Cost - Share Incentive Prog.	20,000.00
Total Expense	86,295.13
Net Ordinary Income	-11,227.98
Net Income	**-11,227.98**