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WATER DISTRICT INFORMATION SHEET

2016
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75-A JESSE CREEK, POLLARD CREEK, CHIPPS CREEK
Water District # / Stream Name

GREG LOWELL
Watermaster Name

307 State St, SALMON, ID, 83467
Address

208-940-2383 / 208-756-1770 Phone Number, Home / Cell
CAPTAIN@CUSTERTEL.NET E-Mail Address

N/A
Assistant Watermaster Name

N/A
Address

N/A
Phone Number, Home / Cell

E-Mail Address

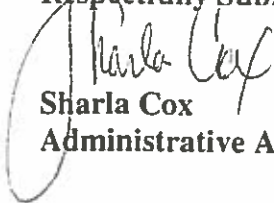
JESSE FARMER - LOWELL
Secretary Name

307 State St. SALMON, ID 83467
Address

208-756-1770 Phone Number, Home / Cell
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Please print in the blank information above and return it to the Idaho Department of Water Resources. Your cooperation on this matter would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sharla Cox
Administrative Assistant

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ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES -MARCH 19, 2016

The Annual Meeting was called to order March 19, 2016 at 1:12pm, in the "new" Salmon public library meeting room by Chairman/Secretary/Treasurer, Jesse Farmer-Lowell.

Those in attendance were Greg Lowell, Jesse Farmer-Lowell, Jeff Parker, Dale Edwards, James W. Miller, Robert L. Blackadar, Mike Wallingford, Gary Power, Ken Boese, Jim Austin, and John Goodman.

The Secretary read the March 21, 2015 Annual Meeting minutes. A motion was made by Bob Blackadar to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Jeff Parker, and was passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Treasurer read the 2015 Financial Report. A motion was made by Dale Edwards to approve the Financial Report, seconded by James Miller, and was passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Bob Blackadar stated that Dale Edward's assessment of \$60 was added to the Proposed Budget in 2006. Discussion took place regarding the fact that the assessment was annually included on the Water District 75-A Annual Proposed Budget. Bob Blackadar stated that he would like the payment for the Jesse Creek Lateral added as an assessment on the District 75-A Annual Proposed Budget. It was noted that at present, that payment is made separately to Greg Lowell as Water Master of the Jesse Creek Lateral by Bob Blackadar in a lump sum.

Greg said that there would be difficulties in mixing the Jesse Creek Lateral assessment with the Water District 75A budget.

Bob suggested that Dale Edward's Jesse Creek/Gorley Ditch Lateral assessment should be paid separately from the Water District.

Dale explained that the point of diversion is the same as the Water District.

Bob said it was a different compensation to the Water Master.

Discussion occurred and ended with a motion made by Jim Austin that a different section be added to the budget for Dale Edward's assessment. The motion was seconded by Gary Power, and passed unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

James Miller inquired if pipe is going to be put in at the ditch above the water plant. Gary Power answered, yes. He is checking on putting in 350 feet of pipe at a cost of \$12,000.

WATER MASTER'S REPORT

Greg told the water Users that during 2015 weather occurred causing a situation in which only the City was allowed to take water because of the low levels. He would have had to shut off water to all other Users in District 75-A. However, the City chose to pump water even though

they could have taken water from Jesse Creek The water pumped from the Salmon River by the City was not reported in the Annual Report, and the other water Users were allowed to take the remaining Water District 75-A water available.

Greg explained that there is no Water Master on the Salmon River, although some day there will be regulations, and a new person will handle the whole upper basin.

Bob Blackadar brought up the fact that Greg took a vacation in August, and upon his departure, the water level immediately dropped drastically.

Greg explained that four Users were left in charge, and there were no changes requested during his vacation. He claimed to have "taken care of the matter with cooler evenings and rain". There was some humorous discussion, and it was decided that, indeed, there had been no problems.

COMPENSATIONS FOR WATER MASTER AND SECRETARY/TREAS.

Greg Lowell made a request that the Water Master's fee be paid in quarterly increments.

Dale Edwards made a motion to that effect for both the Water Master and the Chairman/Secretary/Treas. The motion was seconded by Bob Blackadar, and passed unanimously.

James Miller stated that both the fee paid to the Water Master and the Secretary should be doubled because of the work that they do.

Discussion followed during which Bob Blackadar suggested the Water Master's fee be increased by \$100.00 and the Secretary's fee be increased by \$50.00 as they bring a "wealth of expertise" to those positions.

James Miller made a motion that the Water Master's fee be increased by at least \$200.00 and the Secretary's fee be increased by \$100, and that the salaries be reconsidered each year. The motion was seconded by Gary Power, and passed unanimously.

Thereby, the Water Master's fee for 2016 will be \$1100.00 and the Secretary's fee for 2016 will be \$350.00

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN/SECRETARY/TREASURER

ELECTION OF WATER MASTER

Gary Power made a motion that Greg Lowell remain in the position of Water Master and that Jesse Farmer-Lowell remain in the position of Chairman/Secretary/Treasurer for the year 2016.

Bob Blackadar seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF CREDENTIALS AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

It was suggested that James Miller, as the representative of the City of Salmon, the major water User, be a member of the Committee, along with Dale Edward, Bob Blackadar, and Jeff Parker, the Arrowhead representative. John Goodman made a motion to that effect. It was seconded by Bob Blackadar, and passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE 2016 PROPOSED BUDGET

Greg Lowell explained the traditional split of water fees between the District and the Users.

There was discussion about whether that traditional manner of payment should be continued in 2016. Following discussion, Bob Blackadar made a motion that the traditional payment split between the District and the Users will continue in 2016, and in 2017 Users will pay the full amount of the fee. The motion was seconded by Jeff Parker, and passed unanimously.

It was noted that Shane Newton is no longer a water User, and will be removed from the 2016 Proposed Budget. With no further discussion, a motion was made by Bob Blackadar that the 2016 Proposed Budget be approved, seconded by James Miller, and was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions for governing Water District 75-A for the upcoming season of 2016 are as follows:

1. The 2017 Annual Water District 75-A meeting will be held at 1pm on Saturday, March 4th in the Library Conference room.
2. All payments are to be made to the Lemhi County Treasurer by June 1, 2016. Late payment will be subject to an 8% penalty fee.
3. The Water Master will withhold water until a User's assessment is paid.
4. The Water Master shall work from April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017.
5. Gorley Creek water rights will be assessed a flat fee of \$60.00, not to be divided in half.
6. A charge of \$12.50 will be assessed each User named in the Adopted Budget of this District whose share of the total budget is less than \$25.00

OPEN DISCUSSION

Greg reported that efforts are being made by the Users to install additional measuring devices and fix any not working. He stated that it is a work in progress.

John Goodman reported that he installed an 18 inch culvert, solving the flood problem caused by Proksch's head gate. There are now three culverts at that location.

A motion to adjourn was then made by Bob Blackadar, seconded by Jeff Parker, and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Jesse Farmer-Lowell, Secretary

Jesse Farmer-Lowell
3/29/2016

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Sharla...

Enclosed, please find the information for District 75-A, including our Annual Meeting Minutes, the 2016 Proposed Budget, and all of the other papers you sent in our annual packet to be filled out.

Please take note that the budget this year is somewhat different, both in names of water users, the amounts charged, and the salaries of both the Water Master and the Chairman/Secretary/Treasurer. Just a couple of changes, but wanted to bring them to your attention as our Budget has been pretty much the same each year.

Hope that your operation went well, and that you are experiencing some good relief.

Sincerely,

Jesse Farmer-Lowell, Secretary/Treasurer

208-756-6770

Dennis: Our District pays 1/2 each User's fee (assessment). Users pay the other half. Amounts shown on budget are the 1/2 due from users, eg, Arrowhead's assessment is \$99. + \$99. = \$198.

I have not filled in DWR's form for the budget. If you need that, let me know and I will do so.

2016

WM Salary	\$ 1100.-
Sec/Treas	350.-
Other	1000.-
	<u>\$2450.-</u>

Jesse