

WATER DISTRICT INFORMATION SHEET

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74 J / Withington Creek
Water District # / Stream Name

Ben Armstrong
Watermaster Name

PO Box 486, Salmon 83467
Address

Cell - 208-940-1551
Phone Number, Home / Cell E-Mail Address

None
Assistant Watermaster Name

Address

Phone Number, Home / Cell E-Mail Address

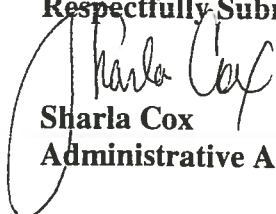
Bob Loucks
Secretary Name

260 Withington Creek Road, Salmon 83467
Address

208-756-3032 baloucks@centurytel.net
Phone Number, Home / Cell E-Mail Address

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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WATER DISTRICT 74J
Special Meeting April 19, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 A.M. in Room 103 at the Brooklyn Annex by Chairman Jack Jakovac for the purpose of electing a Watermaster.

Members Present

Attending the meeting were: Jack Jakovac, Bob Loucks, Carolyn Thomas, Alfonso Martinez, Tom Stephenson, Lynn Thomas, Morgan Peets, Andrea Daine, and Cindy Yenter, IDWR. Most water rights except David Yoder, Linda Davidson, Christopher Beachy, Bart Crofoot, R.J. Stephenson, and Kathy Jordan were represented.

Election of Watermaster

Ben Armstrong was present and introduced himself. He is a Salmon native and his Grandfather, Paul Fisher, has been a rancher on the Lemhi River for many years. He has experience as an irrigator and some experience with duties of a Watermaster on Carmen Creek. He has visited with both Rick Sager, Watermaster WD-74, and Gary Thomas, former Watermaster WD-74J, so he is familiar with WD-74J. He understands that the compensation for the position is \$50/day and mileage both ways.

He is also aware that he is expected to read the measuring devices at each diversion 1X weekly from the time he is engaged by the Chairman until the creek goes to regulation. When the creek is in regulation, he will read the measuring devices 2X weekly. Ben is moving to a home in the Baker community May 1, so he will be readily available.

Ben's cell phone is **208-940-1551** and his email address is benstepharmstrong@yahoo.com.

Watermaster Nomination

Motion: (L.Thomas - M.Peets) That Ben Armstrong be elected Watermaster. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11.30 A.M.

S/Bob Loucks, Secretary-Treasurer

WATER DISTRICT 74J
Annual Meeting March 8, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 P.M. in Room 103 at the Brooklyn Annex by Chairman Jack Jakovac.

Members Present

Attending the meeting were: Jack Jakovac, Bob Loucks, Mike & Carolyn Thomas, Barbara Peets, Alfonso Martinez, Tom Stephenson, Lynn & Heather Thomas, Morgan & Alisa Peets, R.J. Stephenson, and Cindy Yenter, IDWR. All water rights except David Yoder, Linda Davidson, Christopher Beachy, and Kathy Jordan were represented.

Election of Officers

Chairman – Jack Jakovac was nominated and unanimously elected.

Secretary-Treasurer – Bob Loucks was nominated and unanimously elected.

Cindy Yenter – Errors in Watermaster Report

Cindy discussed errors in the Annual Report. An amended report will be filed.

Watermaster Compensation

WD-74J has been paying \$15/hour plus mileage both ways. We have been unable to find anyone who will accept the job for that salary. A considerable discussion ensued. After discussion, the following Motion was offered: (T. Stephenson-M. Thomas) That the Watermaster be paid \$50/day plus mileage both ways. Motion passed.

Motion: (L. Thomas-T. Stephenson) That the job be first offered to Gary Thomas, if he refuses, that the job be offered to Gary Jenson. Motion carried.

Gary Thomas was contacted during the meeting. He declined to accept the job. We were again unable to contact Gary Jenson. Other suggestions were Heber Stokes, Kent Pharris, and Lynn Herbst.

Budget

A copy of the Budgets from 2014 – 2017 was emailed to the members prior to the Annual Meeting. Bob Loucks had proposed a 2018 Budget of \$3235 with an Assessment of \$1250. Because of the change in Watermaster Compensation, this Budget was no longer sufficient. Motion: (A. Peets – T. Stephenson) That the Budget be set at \$3480 and the Assessment be \$1500 in 2018. Motion carried.

Resolutions

Resolutions previously adopted were discussed. They are:

1. The Treasurer of Water District 74J is hereby authorized to collect the assessments of the Water District in accordance with Idaho Code § 42-618.
2. Given that the water district cost for administering water for many water users is greater than their normal assessments would be based upon their average annual use of water, it is resolved that pursuant to Idaho Code § 42-612 (4) the Treasurer of Water District 74J is authorized to assess a \$25 minimum charge for Watermaster services for water users in the District.
3. In accordance with Idaho Code § 42-612 (5), the assessment amount for each individual user as shown in the annual adopted budget shall constitute a final determination of the amount due for that year. In the computation of assessments, the Treasurer shall use a 4-year rolling average of diversions for each water user.

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4. All payments for assessments not received by January 1 of the year following the billing date shall accrue penalties in the amount of 10% of the charge plus interest in the amount of 1% per month, as of the June 1 due date and as provided pursuant to Idaho Code Section 42-617. It is resolved that the Watermaster is authorized pursuant to Idaho Code Section 42-618, to withhold or suspend deliveries of water to any water user who has not paid their assessment charges.
5. The annual Water District 74J meeting shall hereafter be held on the first Thursday of March, of each year unless the Director of IDWR should find it necessary to change the meeting date or unless changed by resolution of the district at any annual meeting.
6. The Watermaster is authorized as an employee of IDWR under Idaho Code § 42-1701(5) to make reasonable entry on lands within the district, in accordance with IDWR policy, to carry out the duties of the Watermaster as instructed by IDWR.
7. When WD-74J is in regulation, the Watermaster visit at least twice weekly, with 24 hours notice to those with multiple diversions.

An additional resolution was offered in 2017 but not adopted. Discussion of the proposed 2017 resolution ensued and amendments were offered. The resolution was then presented as amended.

8. The Watermaster will manage distribution of water within the District from POD Wi-3 (74-216J & 74-221). This POD has 2.81 cfs (140.5 miners inches) of water right. The Chairman of WD-74J will put the Watermaster on duty when only 2.0 cfs (100 miners inches) is delivered. At that point, the District will not be in regulation. When the creek flow approaches 1 cfs (50 miners inches) at POD Wi-3, the Watermaster will put the creek on regulation. If there is any "surplus" water after the creek is on regulation, it will be shared proportionally among the water rights.

Motion: (A. Peets-J .Jakovac) That Resolution 8 be adopted. Motion carried. Additional resolutions proposed were:

9. The Watermaster will complete the Annual Watermaster Report by a month after the end of regulation. The Report will be distributed to water users after it is completed. Watermaster will not receive his final pay check until the Report is completed.

Motion: (T. Stephenson-M. Thomas) That Resolution 9 be adopted. Motion carried.

10. When Watermaster is on active duty, a report of his measurements will be emailed to each water user within 48 hours of the measurements.

Motion: (T. Stephenson-M. Thomas) That Resolution 10 be adopted. Motion carried.

Advisory Committee

Motion: (M. Thomas-T. Stephenson) That the Advisory Committee consist of Jack Jakovac, Morgan Peets, and Tom Stephenson. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 P.M.

S/Bob Loucks, Secretary-Treasurer

ADOPTED BUDGET AND RESOLUTIONS
PERTAINING TO THE COLLECTION THEREOF

FOR 2018

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Department of Water Resources
Eastern Region

WATER DISTRICT NO. 74J
STREAM Withington Creek
COUNTY Lemhi
NAME OF SECRETARY Bob Loucks
ADDRESS OF SECRETARY 260 Withington Cr Rd

COLLECTION AND HOLDING OF WATER DISTRICT FUNDS

Please check the appropriate box regarding the collection and holding of Water District funds.

- ☒ The Water District collects and holds its own funds.
- ☐ _____ County collects and holds funds for the Water District.
(county name)
- ☐ _____ County collects the Water District's funds and deposits the funds in an account
(county name) held by the Water District.

(This report must be certified and made in duplicate, one copy to be forwarded to the appropriate regional office of the Idaho Department of Water Resources., and one copy to the Secretary of the Annual Water User's Meeting of the Water District. If a designated county collects funds for the water, then a third copy must be sent to the auditor of the designated county.)

_____, Idaho, _____, 20____

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within is true and correct copy of the budget as adopted at the annual Water User's Meeting of Water District No. _____, held at _____ on the _____ day of _____, 20____ and all resolutions adopted at said meeting pertaining to the time and the manner of collecting the amounts provided for in the said budget.

Bob Loucks

Secretary, Water District No. 74J

Adopted Budget

		WATER DISTRICT 74J						Adopted
		Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
	2014	2015	2015	2016	2016	2017	2017	2018
1/1 Cash on hand	\$469	\$118	\$118	\$25	\$25	\$27	\$27	\$1,985
Income	\$2,325	\$2,150	\$2,153	\$2,256	\$2,256	\$3,500	\$3,478	\$1,500
Loan					\$125	\$230	\$230	
	\$2,325	\$2,150	\$2,153	\$2,153	\$2,256	\$3,730	\$3,708	\$3,485
Office		\$100	\$100	\$100	\$108	\$0	\$0	\$25
Secretary		\$625	\$547	\$250	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Watermaster		\$1,000	\$1,312	\$1,200	\$1,944	\$2,000	\$998	\$2,320
Workmen's Comp		\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300
Accountant		\$30		\$30	\$60	\$60	\$85	\$110
Accounts Payable		\$30			\$77	\$415	\$415	\$191
US Treasury						\$250	\$254	\$110
Expense	\$2,675	\$2,246	\$2,293	\$1,880	\$2,659	\$3,025	\$2,051	\$3,056
12/31 Liabilities								
Loan					\$125	\$230	\$0	\$0
US Treasury					\$254	\$81	\$81	\$110
Accountant			\$30	\$30	\$85	\$110	\$110	\$110
Secretary				\$47	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total			\$30	\$77	\$464	\$421	\$191	\$220
	WD-74J operates on a Calendar Year (1/1 - 12/31)							

WATER DISTRICT No. 74J

TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR 2018 \$ 3075
Assessments \$1500

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April 27, 2018

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
Governor

GARY SPACKMAN
Director

Bob Loucks
260 Withington Creek Rd
Salmon ID 83467

RE: WATER DISTRICT #74J

Dear Secretary / Treasurer:

We acknowledge receipt of the Minutes of the Annual Watermaster's Election Meeting held in your district. The Watermaster Certificate will be sent under separate cover.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sharla Cox
Administrative Assistant