

Minutes of the meeting of Watermaster District 37N held February 4, 2025, at the Casey City Hall at 3:00 p.m. Present were board members: Dusty Simpson, Paul Olsen, Bob Simpson. Cody Yerrington was on the phone. Also: Bryan Wood, and Kathi Peck.

Waterusers present were: Greg & Cindy Mann, Rich Payne, DJ Parke, Corey Skinner and Collin Gless (IDWR).

Dusty Simpson called the meeting to order and asked for nominations for a meeting chairman. Bob nominated Dusty, Paul seconded. Voting was unanimous.

Dusty then asked for nominations for a meeting secretary. Bob nominated Kathi, Paul seconded and voting was unanimous. Kathi was nominated as treasurer by Bob, seconded by Paul and voting was unanimous.

Kathi read the minutes from last year's meeting and they were approved by a motion from Cody, seconded by DJ.

Bryan Wood presented the watermaster budget for 2025. The budget increases by \$20,300, which represents an increase in wages. Total budget is \$105,908.00. Paul moved that it be accepted, Bob seconded it and the voting was unanimous.

Dusty then opened the floor to nominations for watermaster. Dusty nominated Bryan Wood, Bob seconded the motion, voting was unanimous. Bryan was commended for the amazing job he has always done for all the waterusers and the board.

Bryan reported 15,000 a/f water currently in the dam. Bob gave a report as to the weather forecast and snowpack. Little Wood has gone from 63% of normal to 32% in the last week because of the storm just this last weekend. The forecast calls for more moisture the end of the month.

Dusty presented a financial outlook for the irrigation district, noting that the hydro plant income was \$273,000 which is close to the average of \$300,000. Assessments were levied last November, based on the amount of water run in 2024. Everyone seems happy with paying the assessments.

Bryan informed the waterusers of the ongoing work by the Bureau of Reclamation monitoring the seepage at the dam. They will continue the monitoring while they come up with a plan to fix the problem. It will take years, but the board wanted to make waterusers aware of it.

Dusty explained the ongoing lawsuit with Joel Sweet across the highway from the water office. We are waiting on a survey to determine the exact location of the easement. Joel is extremely hard to work with and we have spent considerable money on lawyer fees. Hopefully, it can be resolved this spring before water is released into the canal.

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Dusty informed the waterusers that there is a non-election for the directors of the irrigation board since no one filed a petition to run against Dusty or Paul. They will continue represent districts 3 & 4 for three year terms. He also noted that due to Milo and Dennis resigned last July and Cody Yerrington and Bob Simpson were appointed by the board to fill their terms.

No resolutions were passed and the next year's meeting will be on the first Tuesday in February at 3:00.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00p.m. By a motion from Paul, and seconded by Bob.

Kathi Peck, Secretary

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