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**ANNUAL WATER USERS MEETING
BIRCH CREEK WATER DISTRICT #32D**

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Department of Water Resources
Eastern Region

The Birch Creek Water District 32-D Water Users meeting was held March 8, 2022, 10:00 a.m. at the Clark County Annex Building, Dubois Idaho.

Andy Wagoner called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Those attending were Andy Wagoner, Heath Wagoner, Lane Newman, James Palmer, Christina Henman (IDWR), Jared Adamson (IDWR), Greg Shenton (Watermaster), Brett Murdock (Deputy Watermaster), and Laurie Small (secretary).

Minutes were read individually. **James Palmer made a motion to accept the previous year's minutes. Lane Newman seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRMAN & SECRETARY

Mr. Wagoner asked for nominations for chairman and secretary. **Lane Newman moved to have Andy Wagoner as chairman and Laurie Small as secretary. James Palmer seconded the motion. Mr. Wagoner asked for further discussion. Nominations passed.**

APPOINTMENT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Chairman, Andy Wagoner, waived appointing a credentials committee at this time. If one is needed, they can be appointed at that time.

WATERMASTER'S REPORT

Mr. Shenton presented the Watermaster's report for the year 2021. The 2021 diverted flows totaled 15,167 A.F., down 1,483 A.F. from 2020 flows. A chart with the yearly deliver in acre feet for the last 15 years was included in the report. Measurements of stream bed losses taken by contract with U.S.G.S between the reaches of Blue Dome to the Birch Creek Power Hydro Pond were included in the report. The weir on both ends of this reach gives the Watermaster a very accurate measurement of the total reach if the weirs are properly maintained along with annual silt removal. The advantage of a weir is the fact that at any time you read it you get accurate and immediate flows. Mr. Shenton discussed the maintenance of weirs and fish ladder.

Mr. Newman asked if 2021 was a record low year with 15,167 delivery or if there was lower delivery possibly in 1998-2000. Lowest on record is in 1996 measuring 12,340 AF. Snow course measurements were 103% of average at Meadow Lake with 41" of depth and 11.9" water content, 96% of average at Beagle Springs with 27" of depth and 6.9" water content, 68% of average at Haun with 21.75" of depth and 3.25" water content and 60% of

average at spring Mountain with 27.8" of depth 6.8" water content. Snow measurements were taken on February 24, 2022. Twenty-two-year water content averages are 4.54" at Haun and 10.55" at Spring Canyon. Thirty-year water content averages are 6.3" at Beagle Springs and 11.3" at Meadow Lake.

Cloud seeding continues with both the remote and manual generators. There are 25 manual and 25 remote generators in the area. Cloud seeding was down 30% due to the weather systems and patterns.

Mr. Shenton showed pictures and discussed awarding Mac Wagoner with a plaque, donated by Patty Whittaker, for his time serving as Chairman. Mac was also given a \$75.00 gift card to Texas Roadhouse.

The Watermaster reported \$230.00 remains in the district's checking account.

Mr. Shenton reviewed the 2021 budget and proposed 2022 budget.

PROPOSED AND ADOPTED BUDGET FOR 2022

	Proposed	Adopted
Watermaster Salary, Mileage & Other	\$5,300.00	\$7,100.00
Secretary Salary	\$300.00	\$300.00
Snow Survey	\$600.00	\$600.00
USGS Measurements	\$800.00	\$800.00
Total Budget	\$7,000.00	\$8,800.00

Mr. Shenton discussed a possible budget increase to cover the increasing costs of fuel, USGS measurements, insurance and wages. Mr. Newman asked Mr. Shenton what his opinion would be on an appropriate increase. If the runs were increased by \$50.00 that would be a \$1200.00 increase or by \$75.00 would be a \$1800.00 increase. Either would be appreciated.

Lane Newman made a motion to accept the Watermaster's Report. James Palmer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Lane Newman made a motion to approve the proposed budget with the Watermaster's requested increase of \$1,800.00 bringing the total budget to \$8,800.00. James Palmer seconded. Motion passed.

NOMINATION FOR WATERMASTER

Lane Newman made the motion to have Greg Shenton continue as Watermaster and Brett Murdock as Deputy Watermaster. James Palmer seconded the motion. Motion Passed

Lane Newman made a motion that the Water District adopts the following resolutions.

RESOLUTIONS

COLLECTION OF WATER ASSESSMENT

No ditch, canal, or other water user shall have the right to demand and receive water until full payment due is paid. Payment shall become due April 15, and shall become delinquent May 15, and if not paid by May 15, the payment shall bear interest from April 15, at the rate of eight percent (8%) per annum.

The Watermaster shall not deliver any water until full payment due is paid.

WATERMASTER TERM OF SERVICE

The Watermaster shall be elected for a term of one full year. The purpose is so the Watermaster can serve in the legal capacity to do official business for the district in the event of emergencies, legislative actions, hearings, disputes or other water related or job-related activities. The Watermaster cannot be required to make deliveries before April 1, or after November 1, (the normal irrigation season) unless an emergency exists. The Watermaster shall not be paid before April 15, or after November 1, from the Water District Budgeted regular funds.

HEADGATES & WEIRS

All control devices and measuring devices shall be in good working order before water can be demanded or delivered. The Watermaster shall not deliver any water unless such devices are in good working order.

USGS MEASUREMENTS

Two USGS measurements will be done each year.

WATER DELIVERY

Allow Brandie Terry and Mrs. Sorenson to receive water for their lawns, with no daily records required, no cost to them until any future changes are made.

James Palmer seconded the motion. All resolutions passed.

APPOINTMENT OF ADVISORY BOARD

Chairman, Andy Wagoner, appointed the following to serve on the advisory board this year. Lewis Newman, Lane Newman, Heath Wagoner and James Palmer (representing Ted Sorenson).

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to discuss.

IDWR REPORT

Jared Adamson spoke briefly about a hearing being held on March 9, 2022 proposing to modify WD 110 to include an area located between the existing WD 110 and the ESPA GWMA boundaries. The proposed modification will incorporate into WD 110 all ground water rights in this area that are not currently within a water district. Ground water rights excluded from administration by WD 110 are domestic and stockwater rights as defined in Idaho Code 42-111 and 42-1401A (11).

Recharge efforts were down to 130,463-acre feet for the 2020-2021 season. This hurts the five-year average of 250,00-acre feet goal they hoped to meet. Lane Newman inquired if the IDWR were in favor of the recharge efforts. Mr. Adamson responded that IDWR is in favor of the recharge program and so was the Idaho Resource Board.

Mr. Shenton mentioned that diverted water is measured and recorded but cannot be counted for recharge.

MEETING TIME

Andy Wagoner asked for suggested dates for the next meeting. **Lane Newman moved that the next year's annual water meeting be held Tuesday March 7, 2023, 10:00 p.m. at the Clark County Annex Building. James Palmer seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

James Palmer moved to adjourn. Lane Newman seconded. The meeting adjourned at 10:48 p.m.



Andy Wagoner, Chairman



Laurie Small, Secretary

WATER DISTRICT 32-D SIGN IN SHEET

March 8, 2022

Avery Wagoner

Herb Wagner

Christina Henman

IDWR

Jared Adairson

Greg Shenton

Water Dist. 32-D

James Palmer

Lane Newman