Payette River Basin, State of Idaho

Water District No, 65

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Regular Meeting- May 9, 2023

Date: May 9, 2023
Time: 8:00 p.m.
Location: Payette River Irrigation Office

Attending: Sign in sheet attached.

Guests: Kara Ferguson. IDWR, Ryan Hedrick, BOR, Patrick Kelly,

Welcome: Chairman Haws called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes: Chairman Haws asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes of the regular meeting on March 14, 2023, which were provided via email prior to the meeting date as well as being in the packet handed out at the meeting. **Carl Hayes moved, Doyle Fackler seconded, to approve the March 14, 2023, minutes as presented. Motion Carried.**

Financial Statement: Chairman Haws asked Watermaster Neil Shippy to report on the financial condition of the District. Watermaster Shippy went over the balance sheet, the profit & loss statement, and the balance sheet previous year comparison report. **Korth Elliott moved, Doyle Fackler seconded, to approve the January 1, 2023, to May 3, 2023, financial statement as presented. Motion carried.**

IDWR Report: Given by Kara Ferguson- 2023 Water Accounting Report Start of a new water year. - The Payette basin is currently at 144% of normal SWE %. She showed a slide of all the SNOTEL sites. Kara stated that this represents we are doing quite well

BOR Report: Given by Ryan Hedrick- Reservoir Storage Conditions & Stream Flow Forecast- Ryan stated that the Payette system is at 68% of capacity. Cascade is 69% full and Deadwood is at 64%. Ryan showed a slide of the Payette System Inflows and said that there is 826 kaf in the system which is 77% of average. The slide shows that the average from 1991 to 2020 is 1066 kaf. He stated that the wintry weather is preventing water from coming off. For storage contents there is 548 kaf in the two reservoirs and that is 91% of average. The forecast for May 1 to July 31 is another 1450 kaf coming in and showed a model run showing the storage content. Ryan said that Cascade is looking good and that they are starting to see Deadwood fill. He reported that Deadwood will start increasing flows out slowly and fill the system.

Watermaster Report: Cost Share Incentive Program, 2023 Progress- 2 paid out to date, Lake Reservoir Company Lardo Dam and Noble Ditch Rosenberger Check upgrade. Not completed projects include Water District

65-Stream Pro measuring equipment(invoice has not been received), Black Canyon Irrigation-Multiple Canal projects, Emmett Irrigation District- Replace J Lateral Check Structure(done and waiting on the bill), Bilbrey Ditch-Replace 4 delivery point structures, Farmers Co-op-Lateral 67 720' of 24" pipe, Stewart Ditch- Automation upgrade, Seitz Ditch-Automation Upgrade, Reed Ditch-Little Rock Access pipe replacement, Enterprise Ditch-Simplot check replacement and replace 3 headgates, Reed Ditch-Replace 3 headgates. There is one project ongoing from 2022. – Maxfield Ditch-Main headgate rehab- only one left to be paid out in 2022.

Administrative Plan Draft, Watermaster Shippy presented an administrative plan that has nine phases detailing the administration. There was much discussion.
Ron Mio suggested forming a smaller group to come up with solutions. **Ron Mio moved, to form a subcommittee to address the administration and the hard questions in the upper region. Hearing no second the motion failed.**
Consensus of the board is to keep moving forward.

Advisory Committee Members: Watermaster Shippy said that the original board was nine members and now it is at twenty. He wants to know if the board wants to formalize the board and keep it to a certain number of members. He also said that a formal way of deciding members for the board is needed. John Hartman said he thinks it is a good idea to formalize the board. Stewart Russell did not want decisions made tonight but thinks this is something that needs to be discussed over subsequent meetings. Watermaster Shippy said he has been discussing this with Eastern Idaho and finding out how they formalized their board. Chairman Haws asked for the sense of the board, and it was decided that this will be put on the agenda next meeting. Chairman Haws asked that all members take this back to their respective boards and discuss it that way when the District meets in July everyone can discuss what the thoughts and comments were from all. **Dick Fisher moved, Carl Hayes seconded, to use this for information only and will be an action item on the July meeting. Motion carried.**

Any other Business: None.

Adjournment: **Stewart Russell moved, Michael Shippy seconded, to adjourn. Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Marc Haws

Chairman, Marc Haws

Crystal Russell

Recording Secretary, Crystal Russell

	Water District 65 & Rental Pool 05/09/23			Signature
1	Brown	Jason	Butler/Banes Ditch, Gill Slough	
2	Coburn	Fred	Stewart Ditch	
3	Davis	Phil	At-large	
4	Elliot	Korth	Emmett Irrigation District	
5	Fackler	Doyle	Last Chance Ditch Co.	
6	Ferguson	Kara	IDWR	
7	Fisher	Dick	Farmers Co-op Irrigation Co.	
8	Hartman	John	Black Canyon Irr. District	
9	Haws	Marc	Letha Irrigation & Water Co.	
10	Hayes	Carl	Black Canyon Irr. District	
11	Hedrick	Ryan	USBR	
12	Henggeler	Chad	Farmers Co-op Irrigation Co.	
13	Housley	Matt	Bilbrey Ditch Co.	
14	Howell	Joan	Letha Irrigation & Water Co.	
15	Mio	Ron	Noble Ditch Co.	
16	Nagasaka	Dyke	Lower Payette Ditch Co.	
17	Nichols	Lee	At-large	
18	Odette	Casey	Lower Payette Ditch Co.	
19	Potter	Michelle	Enterprise Ditch / Reed Ditch	
20	Russell	Stewart	Emmett Irrigation District	
21	Sams	Susan	Washoe Irr. & Water Power	
22	Shigeta	Todd	Noble Ditch Co.	
23	Shippy	Michael	Enterprise Ditch / Reed Ditch	
24	Standley	Jim	Emmett Irrigation District	
25	Standley	Jim	Butler/Banes Ditch, Gill Slough	
26	Surmeier	Dan	Black Canyon Irr. District	
27	Telles	Paul	Washoe Irr. & Water Power	
28	Tilson	Dan	Farmers Co-op Irrigation Co.	
29	Walton	Dan	Emmett Irrigation District	
30	Wanders	Derek	Lower Payette Ditch Co.	
31	PLATT	R.W	65K	
32	ROBERTS	KEN	GOLD FORK IRR CO	
33	Shurtleff	Ron	LPDC	
34	Kelly	Patrick	HDR	online
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