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Water District 130

Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - February 6, 2024

Idaho Department of Fish and Game
Magic Valley Regional Office – Sublett Conference Room

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Attendance: Jim Henderhan, Brian Ragan, Dan Suhr, Justin Temple, Jim Redmond, Lynn Carlquist, Dean Stevenson, Meribeth Lomkin, Corey King, Benton Palmer

Justin Temple moved that Dean Stevenson serve as WD-130 Advisory Committee meeting chairman and that Meribeth Lomkin serve as WD-130 Advisory Committee meeting secretary, Jim Henderhan seconded the motion, motion passed.

The group reviewed the 2023 minutes. Justin Temple moved to approve the minutes, Jim Henderhan seconded the motion, motion passed.

Water District Operations - Watermaster Report:

Water District Update/Review Financial Report:

Corey King noted that the budget is in the handouts, numbers have been carried forward from last year. Financial report/balance sheet shows the Water District's current financial status. The January/February payment to IDWR has not yet been made/is not reflected in the balance shown. There is a small carryover balance, it is estimated to be between \$3,000 and \$4,000 once the IDWR payment is made.

Question: Were the 2023 hours worked by IDWR staff as anticipated?

Answer: New coding methods in Idaho's new accounting system (LUMA) make it difficult to get that level of detail in reports, but IDWR thinks so.

Comment: we all hope to get LUMA straightened out soon.

Discussion on Carryover Balance – general consensus of group is to keep some carryover in the account – less than \$5,000.00.

Question: What is the level of unpaid assessments (outstanding balances due to the WD) for 2023?

Answer: Corey is unsure, but it was similar to recent years. He was able to clean up a lot of data in 2023 and should have better numbers next year.

Lynn recommended that for the 2025 Annual Meeting the Watermaster bring unpaid assessment information to the group for budgeting purposes.

Review and Endorse proposed budget and proposed resolutions:

Watermaster updated the 2023 resolutions by changing the dates throughout, inserted Corey King as Watermaster, and updated the budget within the resolutions. Resolutions were reviewed and discussed by the group.

Justin Temple moved to recommend approval of the proposed resolutions, including the WD-130 budget within them, and endorse them to the full membership of WD-130. Jim Henderhan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

2024 Water District Meeting Agenda:

The group reviewed the proposed agenda and approved it by consensus.

Other Business:

Replace Tom Van Tassel with Rigo Juarez in the Sub District representative list.

Lynn Carlquist and Dean Stevenson reviewed the WD Treasurer duties and offered the position to anyone interested. No takers, Lynn will continue for another year.

Corey King asked if Lynn would rather have a full report – including wage breakout with the IDWR invoice. Lynn said no – it seems OK as invoiced as long as it fits within the budget and the job is getting done.

Corey asked – for future meetings – what information does the Advisory Committee want him to bring to the WD meetings?

Ideas: Spring Flow report and an update on water right measurement/reporting.

Ryan Shurtliff commented that he is seeing about a 5 year turnaround for meters (lifetime from installation to replacement).

Dan Suhr commented that there is a movement to have all domestic wells metered. Anticipate that to come up in the legislative session this year.

Lynn Carlquist commented that another legislative discussion is to remove the Rule 50 and replace it something else. This led to a conversation about what the Rule 50 is and how it was derived.

Benton Palmer moved to adjourn the meeting, Lynn Carlquist seconded the motion, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Meribeth Lomkin,
Secretary