

WATER DISTRICT 143 – ANNUAL MEETING
JANUARY 24, 2023 – 7:00 PM
RAFT RIVER HIGH SCHOOL, MALTA, ID

Agenda for WD 143 Annual Meeting was prepared by Water Master Brian Ragan and the Advisory Board at their organization meeting held on Jan 5, 2023 (See attached agenda)

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Water Master Brian Ragan.

Introduction of guests: Cory King & Jana Reeder – IDWR Twin Falls Office, Kent Searle – Cassia County Commissioner.

Brian called for a nomination for Meeting Chairman: **A motion was made by Kirt Yates, 2nd by Brian Ragan to have Advisory Board Member Mike Wheeler serve as Chairman of the Annual meeting. Motion Passed. A motion was made by Nate Garner, 2nd by Jason Harper to have Sara Jane Ward serve as meeting Secretary. Motion Passed**

Minutes of 2022 meeting were reviewed. **Motion to approve the 2022 minutes was made by Rod Jones, 2nd by Kirt Yates. Motion Passed.**

The Financial Report was presented by WD 143 Treasurer Sara Jane Ward. After all 2022 bills are paid we will have an estimated carryover of \$4,308.67. The Proposed Budget for 2023 is \$17,000.00. **A motion to approve the budget as presented was made by Kirt Yates, 2nd by Rod Jones. Motion passed**

WM Brian Ragan went through the 2023 resolutions. (See attached Resolutions) Clarification was given as questions were asked. The current advisory committee was presented with no changes at this time. Members are: Jake Gerratt, Mike Wheeler, Nolan Branch, Kirt Yates, Dallen Ward, Scott Nichols and Jason Webb. Included in the resolutions are retaining Water Master Brian Ragan, Treasurer Sara Jane Ward and the budget will be \$17,000. **Motion was made by Jason Harper, 2nd by Kirt Yates to approve the Resolutions as presented. Motion passed.**

Other business: Nate Garner presented an update on the Raft River Recharge Group's progress of pipeline project. Environmental study is completed and waiting on approval signatures. Design and construction will begin as soon as possible, with a proposed completion date of May 2025.

Sara Jane Ward & Jaxon Higgs (Water Well Consultants) gave a brief report on the IWUA meeting held in Boise last week. Sara Jane & Jaxon have both been given committee assignments.

Jana Reeder – IDWR presented the process for reviewing and monitoring the 6,400 expansion acres in the district. Each Expansion Right holder must report to the Water Master if they intend to modify their irrigated or curtailed acres. WM Brian Ragan gave a brief presentation of the RR Basin Hydrologic Study that is being done in the Raft River Basin. 12 monitoring wells have been drilled to aid in the research. The study should be completed by December of 2023.

A motion by Clark Ward, with a 2nd by Jake Gerratt that meeting adjourn at 8:10 pm. Motion passed.

Next meeting January 23, 2024.

Minutes submitted by Sara Jane Ward – Recording Secretary

Attendees: 33 Total (see attendance roster)