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Water District 170 Annual Meeting Minutes

January 24th, 2023 2:00 PM Salmon Fish and Game Regional Office.

The meeting chairman Jim Hawkins who was elected at the 2022 annual meeting was not able to attend the meeting so an alternate meeting chairman James Whittaker was nominated and elected by unanimous vote.

James Whittaker called the meeting to order at approximately 2:05 PM. In attendance at the meeting was Scott Zeigler, Mike Overacker, Loyd Morton, Terri Morton, David Schuler, Wendy Jo Hoffman, Jarvis Helmandollar, Joel Alder, Ron Custer, Jerome Pasto, Paul Edwards, Jerry Perry, Virginia Perry, Steve Herbst, John Loffredo, Cindy Yenter, Jeff Richards and David Graybill.

David Graybill was appointed the meeting secretary. Printed copies of the 2022 annual meeting minutes were handed out for review and approved by unanimous vote.

Chairman Whittaker asked for the watermaster report and presentation of the budget and resolutions. David Graybill then gave a report of the 2022 activities and the 2023 goals. One of the goals discussed was the planned measurement order for Administrative Basin 75 which would include requirements for mainstem Salmon River diversions to have suitable measurement and control devices installed by the beginning of irrigation season in 2025 and to also take regular measurements and at the end of the year self-report the seasons measurements to the watermaster of WD 170 starting at the beginning of the irrigation season 2025.

David also proposed the resolutions and budget with the only change being to the "Advisory Committee Structure" because 4 additional subdistricts were incorporated into Water District 170 by the August 2022 Preliminary Order Expanding, Modifying, Combining, and Abolishing Water Districts which became a final order in November 2022. These 4 new subdistricts which include Water Districts 75A (Salmon Area), 75B (Williams Creek), 75D (Carmen Creek) and 75 F (Lost Trail) by this resolution change can now hold one seat on the Advisory Committee of Water District 170. Additionally, by this proposed resolution change 1 additional seat was created for Basin 75 mainstem Salmon River water users. In total 5 seats were added to the WD 170 Advisory Committee bringing the total number of seats to 19. The resolutions were then accepted by unanimous vote.

Chairman Whittaker then called for the selection of the advisory committee. At this time Cindy Yenter motioned to have the Mainstem Salmon River water users at the meeting caucus to select their representation on the WD 170 Advisory Committee which resulted in Scott Ziegler being selected. All non-sub district seats will be determined at the annual meetings. All other seats remain the same if they are not changed at the WD 170 annual meeting.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS (19 Total)

Basin 72 non sub-district irrigation (2 seats) - Thomas McGowan, Challis Irrigation Mitch Wilson, Gini Canal. *Alternate* Karma Bragg

Commercial/industrial/municipal/other uses (2 seats) Thompson Creek Mine: Richard Giampedraglia. *Alternate* Bradley Kucera

US Forest Service - Chuck Mark (non-voting)

US Bureau of Land Management - Linda Price (non-voting)

Basin 75 Mainstem Salmon River – Scott Ziegler

Lemhi Basin (2 seats) – Carl Ellsworth, Lowell Cerise.

Garden Creek - Undecided

Challis Creek - Undecided

Sub-district representatives - WD71 – Undecided, WD72D – Undecided, WD72F – Undecided, WD73 – Undecided, WD75A – Undecided, WD75B – Undecided, WD75D – Undecided, WD75F – Undecided

Chairman Whittaker then asked for the election of the 2024 meeting Chairman. Cindy Yenter questioned the usefulness of electing a meeting chairman a year prior to the next annual meeting as there is no guarantee the elected chairman will be at the annual meeting to direct the meeting. David Graybill asked the water district if they would like to bring it to a vote and the water users then voted to elect the 2024 meeting chairman at the 2024 WD 170 annual meeting.

Chairman Whittaker then asked if there were any other items of business. David Graybill said he that he will be conducting an Upper Salmon Basin wide water rights analysis which will include minimum stream flow water rights to identify locations where installing stream gauges would be beneficial to administering water rights, and therefore satisfying state laws and the Wild and Scenic Rivers Agreement. David Graybill added that there may be opportunities for water users to partner with private and/or public entities to fund the installation and maintenance of the stream gauges.

There being no other business brought forth, Charmain Whittaker adjourned the meeting at 3:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Graybill

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