

Minutes of the meeting of Watermaster District 37N held February 7, 2023, at the Carey City Hall at 3:00 p.m. Present were board members Dusty Simpson, Dennis Hennefer and Dave Parke . Also Bryan Wood, Bob Simpson and Kathi Peck.

Waterusers present were Greg Mann, Marty Acquistapace, Jerry Cenarrusa, Rich Payne, Scott Thorne, Gwenna Prescott Shawn Bennion, Skylar Thompson, and Jana Reeder (IDWR) .

Dusty Simpson called the meeting to order and asked for nominations for a meeting chairman. Bob nominated Dusty, Dennis seconded. Voting was unanimous.

Dusty then asked for nominations for a meeting secretary. Greg nominated Kathi, Dennis seconded and voting was unanimous. Kathi was nominated as treasurer by Greg, seconded by Dave and voting was unanimous.

Bryan Wood presented the watermaster budget for 2023. The budget increases by \$9538, which represents fuel and insurance increases. Total budget is \$93,408.00 Shawn moved that it be accepted, Dennis seconded it and the voting was unanimous.

Dusty then opened the floor to nominations for watermaster. Greg nominated Bryan Wood. Dave seconded the motion, voting was unanimous. Bryan was commended for the amazing job he has always done for all the waterusers and the board.

Bryan reported 14,300 a/f water currently in the dam. Bob gave a report as to the weather forecast and snowpack. It definitely looks better than last year, but we still need more. River Forecast estimates 106,000 a/f to come out through July 1st. The weather is promising for the last half of February for more moisture.

Greg reported as chairman of the Flood Control Board, that they had cleaned the river channel last fall from the county shop headgate to the hogs back. They spent about \$7800 and have a balance of \$11,000 in their account. Discussion followed on the river channel below the diversion, which is clogged with downed trees. They make their downstream and end up messing up headgates and weirs. Jana said that she would get more information for them about permitting, etc.

Bryan talked to the waterusers about the shrink that he has to deal with every year. Last year, it was exactly at 50%. Jerry asked if the board had looked into lining some of the higher loss areas of the canal. Evidently, this has been done some over in the Lost River area. Dave & Bob will ask people they know.

Dusty presented a financial outlook for the irrigation district, noting that the hydro plant did somewhat better last year than the year previous. Assessments were levied last November, based on the amount of water run in 2022. Most everyone understood this and how it was figured.

Jerry asked what was happening with the box culvert across the highway here in town. Dusty replied that, on the advice of Dave Coleman, we have filed a declaration against Joel Olsen and any partners, to remove the asphalt and concrete lid. This lid prohibits the free flow of the canal water to farms. After

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much discussion, Jerry urged the board to get to work on removing it and let the chips fall where they may. It has to be gone before water is in the canal this spring.

Dusty informed the waterusers that there is a non-election for the directors of the irrigation board since no one filed a petition to run against Dave who will represent district 5 for three year terms. Kathi reviewed the election protocols and the deadlines and rules for running for the district board.

No resolutions were passed and the next year's meeting will be on the first Tuesday in February.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55p.m. By a motion from Greg, and seconded by Shawn.

Kathi Peck

Kathi Peck, Secretary