

**BIG COTTONWOOD WATER USERS  
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES  
January 24, 2023  
10:00 a.m.  
OAKLEY CANAL COMPANY**

**PRESENT:**

Tyler Cranney  
Jared Mitton  
Russell Patterson  
Nate Pickett  
Arden Cranney

**NOT PRESENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Heidi Lloyd      Adam Taylor (Patterson)  
Chantry Whittle      Clancy Rogers (Patterson)  
Corey King (IDWR)      Brandon Tycz (F&G)  
Jana Reeder (IDWR)  
David Pickett

**I.** Jared Mitton, President called the annual meeting of the Cottonwood Water Users to order at 10:02 a.m., on January 24, 2023. The meeting was held at the Oakley Canal Company Office located at 100 West Elm St. Oakley, Idaho.

**II. Appointment of Secretary:** Tyler Cranney made a motion to appoint Heidi Lloyd as secretary, Arden Cranney seconded the motion, All agreed, motion carried.

**III. Minutes:** The minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting were read individually. Tyler Cranney made the motion to approve the minutes. Russell Patterson seconded the motion. All approved.

**IV. Election/reappointment of officers:**

1. Russell Patterson made a motion to retain the officers and board of advisors for another year, David Pickett seconded the motion, all approved, motion carried.  
The officers are: Jared Mitton – President  
Tyler Cranney - Secretary/Treasurer.  
The board of advisors is as follows:  
Arden Cranney  
Nathan Pickett  
Russell Patterson- Triple Ace
2. David Pickett made a motion to retain the services of Oakley Canal Company for another year with James Mullen as Watermaster. Russell Patterson seconded the motion, all agreed, motion carried.

**V. Financial Report:** The board reviewed the financial reports. As of December 31, 2022, there was \$15,015.05 in the checking account. The Oakley Canal Company's 2022 Watermaster fee is \$7000; the secretarial fee is \$400.00. David Pickett made a motion to pay the bills, Russell Patterson seconded the motion, all agreed, motion carried.

**VI. Budget:** Nate Pickett made a motion to approve the budget for 2023. Tyler Cranney seconded the motion, all agreed, motion carried.

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**VII. Watermaster's Report:** Chantry Whittle gave the Watermaster's report. The 2023 Snow level at Bostetter is: 44" snow depth – 12.4" water equivalency

2022: 37" snow depth - 10.9" water equivalency

Reservoir Level is 54.5 or 11,715 acre feet

Stream flows: Trapper: 10.5 or (525") Goose: 25 or (1250")

Tyler Cranney made motion to accept the water master report. Nate Pickett seconded the motion, all agreed, motion carried.

#### **VIII. Old Business:**

1. New Check at Lower Diversion – The board approved getting a new check at the lower diversion. James Mullen estimates the cost to range from \$3500 to \$4000.

2. West Ditch Maintenance – OCC agreed to maintain the West ditch by cleaning and spraying. James Mullen reported that the excavator is needed in some areas.

3. New CMP at Injection Well– James Mullen reported that for safety and maintenance purposes the West ditch to the injection well pond is in need of a new cmp pipe and headgate for OCC.

4. Catwalk at Flats - James Mullen reported that the catwalk has been built, the catwalk just needs to be placed.

5. Measuring Device at 28 W Pond – James Mullen and David Pickett agreed to go look at the West pond and ditch to determine where the best place to put a measuring device would be.

6. There was a discussion about the cement box and measuring devices on the flats, at the split to North and South cement ditches. The board asked James Mullen to design a better system.

7. Tyler Cranney will have the screen into the pipe on the flats rebuilt.

8. David Pickett acknowledged that it is Picketts year to burn the ditch and take water first.

9. Billing – The board agreed to continue having the billing done through Cassia County with a 1% interest rate per month on late payments.

#### **IX. New Business:**

1. Assessments – Chantry Whittle reported that he had spoken with James Mullen about raising the assessment. James Mullen told Chantry Whittle the increase should be an additional \$2000 but he would settle for \$1500.00. David Pickett suggested the \$2000 increase on assessments and increasing the Watermaster fee from \$5000 to \$7000. Nate Pickett made a motion to increase the assessments and Watermaster fee. Tyler Cranney seconded, all agreed motion carried.

2. Cement Ditch – Tyler Cranney reported there are 3 sections that need repairs. David Pickett suggested framing it with 2"x12" boards and pouring cement around them. Tyler Cranney said he has spoken with David Mabey at NRCS and they can apply for a program for

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next year to put pipe in. Tyler Cranney said he will call another meeting later in the year to go over that information. David Pickett suggested patching the areas for the time being.

3. Arden/ Patterson Split – Chantry Whittle reported they would like to straighten and clean the ditch at the split to the mountain road. Arden Cranney replied from the weir to the mountain road is straight and very deep. Chantry Whittle replied OCC would need permission to clean the ditch from Big Cedar Rd. to Cranney, Patterson split. After little discussion it was agreed that OCC will clean the ditch this year.

4. Tyler Cranney stated that for the 2023 season it is Cranney's turn to burn the ditch.

The next meeting was scheduled for 10:00am, Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at the Canal office.

Tyler Cranney made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Nate Pickett seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.

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President

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Secretary/Treasurer

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