

## ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 06, 2023

The annual meeting of Water District 47G was held at the El Cazador restaurant located in Buhl, Idaho at 12:00 p.m. Present were Ron Elkin, Chairman/President, Armand Eckert, Treasurer/Secretary, Other members present were Mike Eckert, Hayden Eckert, Jim Elkin and Justin Scoresby. Representing the Idaho Department of Water Resources was Benny Walker. The Water Master, Charles Runyon, the Water Master was not also present.

It was moved and seconded that Ron Elkin serve as Chairman/President and that Armand Eckert remain as Secretary/Treasurer during the 2023 irrigation season and as mentioned above. In addition, it was moved and seconded that Charles Runyon be reappointed the Water Master for 47G.

The previous year's minutes were read and approved as submitted to the Department of Water Resources during 2022.

Benny updated the group on current water outlook. It appears to be dismal.

It was noted that the Water Master was paid his 2022 fees. It was also noted that all water right holders had paid their 2022 assessments. It was moved and seconded to charge an 8% interest again this year for any unpaid charges not paid at year end. Interest would start immediately for any charges not paid within a reasonable time after being billed (i.e., 30 days).

It was decided to appoint Mr. Charles Runyan as Water Master and pay him on a "call" basis during the 2022 irrigation season. It was agreed that the pay rate would be at \$25 per call plus out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Water Master during the "call" period. However, it was also agreed that if it appeared that the Water Master would be used for an extended period, in case of an emergency water shortage period, the district would hire Mr. Runyan on a monthly basis. His pay for any thirty days that he would be hired would be \$500. The \$25 fee would not be owed, if hired on this basis. Members of the District would decide too, as to how months Mr. Runyan would be hired full-time for (e.g., possibly he would only be hired full time for one month, and then go back to being on a "call" basis). It was also decided that the person making the request and the person for whom the request was made, would share equally in paying the Water Master his monthly fee.

It was also decided that the Water District would charge a maintenance fee for all consumptive water right holders and/or water users. The list of water right holders is on file at the Secretary's office. The fee would be at \$1.00 per cfs (Cubic Feet per Second of Water) for each water right holder.

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The Water Master would also be paid 50% of the maintenance fee budgeted for and collected in the same year, whether "called" during the year. If hired for any 30-day period (monthly basis), he would not receive any of the maintenance fee.

Collection of any "call" fees plus any expenses will be made by the Secretary/Treasurer for the District from the person requesting the call. The district will reimburse the Water Master immediately, whether the fee is collected. The same interest rate will also be charge as discussed above on any non-payments.

If the \$500 fee is used for any month, collection will be made from the district water users by the Secretary/Treasurer. The Secretary/Treasurer will also be responsible for billing of the maintenance fee to all water right holders.

It was decided that the above items pertaining to the hiring of the Water Master, Charles Runyan, for the 2023 irrigation season, his fee and the collection thereof, the maintenance charge, interest rate, etc., would all be in a form of resolutions submitted to the Department of Water Resources with the current year budget. Such resolutions were passed unanimously. The period for the employment of the Water Master would run from March 01, 2023, to October 31, 2023.


It was also decided to pay the Treasurer the remaining 50% of the budgeted monies after reducing for any office expenditures.

Further, it was decided not to charge any maintenance fee in the annual budget, for any water right holders with water right number 47-2159, except for the Todd & Neil Ring farm. All other water right holders are "residential" type water right holders. Also, any water right claims under the adjudication process by the United States of America would not be assessed a maintenance fee since they probably would not pay anyway.

The Water Master Report for 2022 was approved. The Water Master 2023 Proposed Budget was reviewed and adopted for the 2023 water year.

Finally, Benny Walker discussed the water outlook this year. Snow pack in the O'Neal Basin is at 110% which is good, but Salmon Falls dam is only at 10% of capacity which is bad. The basin feeding Salmon Falls dam needs to be at about 200% for several years to fill. The basis feeding the Snake River at Milner looks to be good for the Twin Falls Canal Company.

With that the meeting was adjourned

  
Armand M. Eckert, Secretary/Treasurer  
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