

Annual Meeting Minutes
Water District 61D – Little Canyon Creek
January 10th, 2023 11:00am
Glenns Ferry City Hall

Nate Jones calls meeting to order at 11:04 am. Rusty motions for Nate to be chair of the meeting; Travis seconded - motion passed. Meeting Secretary is Kellie Smith. Nate mentions that even though Teresa could not make it to this meeting she is willing to serve as the treasurer for the season. Rusty motioned that Teresa be elected as treasurer; Travis seconded - motion passed. Nate asked if anyone wanted the minutes from the prior meeting to be read out loud or was everyone ok with reading them? The consensus was that folks wanted to read through the minutes in hand. Mark motioned to approve the minutes from the last annual meeting as they are, Rusty seconded – motion passed. Heather Williams provided the financials for Nate to review and discuss the proposed budget, and money spent last year. The ending balance this year is \$434.41 compared to \$993.88 from the previous year. Rusty motioned to approve the financials as presented by Nate, Travis seconded – motion passed.

Nate asked Rob if there are any new resolutions to present this year, some general discussion regarding resolutions. Rob did not have anything new for the resolutions outside of the adjusted budget value and updated years to reflect the 2023/2024 calendar and fiscal year. Mark and Nate inquired if the advisory committee members present would still be willing to act on the committee again this year? Rusty moved to keep the committee members the same, and Mark seconded – motion carried. The discussion about the proposed budget began and Wilder presented. Wilder listed each item in the proposed budget including the \$434.41 in carry over. The proposed budget of \$3515 (-\$434.41) gives \$3080.59 proposed to collect by assessment. Assessments are calculated by proportion of the water right with a \$40 minimum. Discussion about contingency fund after Mark asked why the assessments are up and if they change each year, why the \$1,000 difference? Discussion about why there was inconsistency, Wilder explained that 2021 had extra costs in mileage due to the watermaster call out while he was away at college. The itemized proposed budget was passed around. Wilder and Rusty offered reasons for the need to have a bit of financial buffers as costs to deliver the water can change and once the money is collected, then the assessments would reflect that. Rob asked about the \$40 minimum and had that changed? Wilder explained that the minimum had previously gone up from \$10 to \$40 and was changed in the resolutions in a prior year. Rusty motions to approve the budget as presented. Travis and Mark seconded the motion – motioned passed.

Mark motions to nominate Wilder and Rusty as watermaster and assistant watermaster respectively, Mark and Nate seconded – motioned passed. Wilder reviews the watermaster report stating that; this was a lean water year which is becoming the normal, there can be about a week of lag time to get water from the upstream to the downstream users, encourages folks to clean-up their water right administrative transfers to clean up the PODs that are not being used to the ones that are, and that he was willing to do this again – thanks to Rusty. Rusty mentioned that he thought they worked well together this year and that it was a good experience for him as well.

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Wilder began a discussion of the timing of turnouts and asks for patience and understanding. General discussion of this year's adventures and deliveries. Rusty observed some snow in the upper watershed, but Nate thinks the runoff is starting. Nate has a question for Rob about possible grant money, specifically to get Paul to measure his diversion and improve the controlling works. Rob mentions that there could be some grants managed by the IWRB where they might distribute some funds, but there was not any other information at this time. Rob offered that Kellie was on the lookout for some grant monies from BOR Watersmart grants. Kellie offered that there are different grants that fund specific types of projects, but the cycle takes some time. General discussion about how to get Paul's diversion measured and the issues that are still present with the headgate and direction and timing of water flow. Discussion of possible improvements that could be done to help everyone out.

Nate asked if there was any other business? There was discussion about the transfer that Travis filed with IDWR and Wilder explained the reasoning for the need to get the water right transfers completed. The PODs are limited to the area of the quarter-quarter as describe by the water right. Nate asked about the meeting date for next year, January 9th, 2024, at 11 am in the same location. Rusty motions and Mark seconds – motion passes. Nate motions to adjourn, Travis seconds, and meeting was adjourned at 11:54 am

People present:

Nate Jones, Wilder Jones, Mark Anderson, Travis Williams, Rusty Tral, Rob Whitney (IDWR), and Kellie Smith (IDWR)

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Respectfully submitted,

Kellie Smith