

**WATER DISTRICT #63**  
**2023 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by chairman Clinton Pline at 12:59 PM.

Chairman Pline introduced the advisory committee members in attendance including Sam Rosti, Alan Newbill, Gary Olsen, Larry Story, Mike Houston, Ron Platt, Mitch Bicandi, Randy Davison, Ray Nebeker, Lanie Paquin. A total of 55 guests were in attendance.

Chairman Pline asked Sam Rosti to read the 2022 minutes. Once completed Chairman Pline asked if there were any questions or amendments. There were none. Donald Barksdale moved to approve the 2022 minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ron Platt. Motion passed with all in favor.

Ron Platt moved to approve resolution "A", 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donald Barksdale. Motion passed all in favor.

Chairman Pline introduced Brad Benke as new advisory committee member, replacing the retiring Al Newbill. Bob Carter moved to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Houston. Motion passed with all in favor.

Motion was made by Sam Rosti to elect Clinton Pline as chairman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Reynolds. Motion passed with all in favor.

Brian McDevitt motioned to elect Sam Rosti as Secretary/Treasurer. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Reynolds. Motion Passed with all in favor.

Mike Meyers presented Alan Newbill with a plaque for his service to water district 63.

Chairman Pline asked Mike to do the budget review. Mike read line by line, explaining budget vs spent. Mike explained the increase in rental pool revenue because of cleaning up accounting. Just this year there is two years of rental pool expenditures. Mike went over the 2023 budget, showing that it is matching the same assessment amount as 2022. Mike announced that both the state and federal grants the water district applied for were granted. The monies coming

from the grants is being shown in the 2023 budget under Boise River automation. Brian McDevitt moved to approve the 2023 budget. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donald Barksdale. Motion passed with all in favor.

Brian McDevitt moved to approve resolution "B-K". 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Houston. Motion passed with all in favor.

Mike Meyers talked about a recent email received regarding cloud seeding. Mike stated that Idaho Water Resource Board was covering the cloud seeding cost for 2023. Water District 63 will assess for cloud seeding in fiscal year 2023 for water year 2023-2024. Idaho Power wants to enter into long term contracts with set percentages paid for by Idaho Power, Idaho Water Resource Board and the Water District. Ron Platt moved to assess for seeding this year the same, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Reynolds. Motion passed with all in favor.

Chairman Pline went over resolution 2024-1, explaining that this is the resolution for cloud seeding 2023-2024. Brian McDevitt motioned to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ron Platt. Motion passed with all in favor.

Chairman Pline asked Mike Meyers to read the Watermasters report. Mike read through the report, going over the reservoir total and the water districts bank balances as of January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023. Dave Reynolds motioned to approve the Watermasters report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Carter. Motion passed with all in favor.

Chairman Pline asked Daniel to do the upper basin update. Daniel read the update, explaining that all known diversions were in administration, about 40 diversions. Daniel explained that upper basin water usage was down substantially from the previous year due to the need now for renting water.

Chairman Pline asked Mike Meyers for an automation update. Mike explained that both the federal and state grants were secured. Hopefully getting funding finalized by March or April. Hoping by the end of 2023 water season to be fully installed.

Chairman Pline asked Ethan Geisler of IDWR to give an update. Ethan presented a power point going over the water year 2022 water flows, storage use, reservoir evaporation, operational loss, and storage carry over.

Chairman Pline asked director Gary Spackman to give a IDWR update. Director Spackman gave an update on Barber Dam, stating that the operational flows at Barber Dam that were used last year would continue for this year. Director Spackman was asked where the new developments of Micron and Facebook would be getting their water. Director Spackman stated that there was no answer yet.

Chairman Pline asked Lanie Paquin to give an update. Lanie gave an update, including the progress of the Anderson ranch raise. Lanie stated that the 30% cost estimate milestone should be met this spring.

Chairman Pline asked Bryan Horsburgh to give a USBR update. Bryan gave an update including, the NEEPA study being done on the New York canal, stating that the biggest concern is the day to day operations, not hydrological.

Chairman Pline asked Ryan Hedrick to give an update. Ryan used a power point showing the reservoirs storage and flows throughout the year.

Chairman Pline asked Paul Arrington to give an IWUA update. Paul gave an update, stating that IWUA would not have an intern program this year. Also, that over the last three years that has been 425 million dollars allocated for water funding by the State of Idaho.

Chairman Pline asked Sam Rosti to go over the 2021 audit. Sam stated that the auditor, Gary Merkle stated that the audit was full and complete with no issues.

Chairman Pline asked Mike Meyers, Michael Schubert and Dan Steenson to give their presentation on the Treasure Valley Water Supply Assessment Project. Mike Meyers went over the green bar sheet for June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Mike stated that because of diminishing drain flows, the Boise River was at zero natural flow in the Caldwell to Notus reach. Michael Schubert showed power point graphs on all gaged drains flows dropping over the course of the last years on average. Michael went over the phase 1 of the project to collect and analyze data. Phase 2 is developing analytics for better management. Mike went over the project cost summary and the project schedule.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:28PM.