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WATER DISTRICT #63
2024 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 8TH, 2024

Chairman Clinton Pline called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM.

Chairman Pline introduced the advisory committee members in attendance including Gary Olsen, Mike Houston, Ron Platt, Mitch Bicandi, Randy Davison, Brad Benke, Lanie Paquin, Richard Durrant. A total of 48 guests were in attendance.

Chairman Pline asked everyone to look over the 2023 minutes and asked if there were any questions. Donald Barksdale moved to approve the 2023 minutes, 2nd by Roger Foster. Motion passed with all in favor.

Chairman Pline asked for election of two new committee members for the retiring Sam Rosti and Larry Story. Ron Platt nominated Andy Bishop and Corey Blaine. 2nd by Randy Davison. Motion passed with all in favor.

Richard Durrant asked for nominations for chairman. Ron Platt motioned to elect Clinton Pline, 2nd by Randy Davison. Motion passed with all in favor.

Bob Carter motioned to elect Richard Durrant for the secretary/treasurer for water district #63, 2nd by Brad Benke. Motion passed with all in favor.

Chairman Pline asked everyone to look over the resolutions. Bob Carter moved to approve resolutions "A,B" and "D-K". 2nd by Andy Bishop. Motion passed with all in favor. Neil Allison moved to approve resolution "C", 2nd by Ron Platt. Motion passed with all in favor.

Chairman Pline asked Mike Meyers to give an update on cloud seeding. Mike stated that IDWR has completed a cost benefit analysis on cloud seeding and that we are awaiting the results from that study. Mike stated that water district #63 would contribute \$125,000 to cloud seeding and before any change to that we need to wait and see the cost analysis before making any changes. Bob Carter moved to approve resolution 2024-1 (cloud seeding), 2nd by Mike Houston. Motion passed with all in favor.

Chairman Pline asked Mike Meyers to read the watermasters report. Mike read the report, line by line. After reading the report, Mike went through a slide show prepared by Danny Tappa with NRCS. The slide show showed the annual precipitation and future

favorable storms over the next ten days. Donald Barksdale moved to approve the watermasters report, 2nd Ron Platt. Motion passed with all in favor.

Chairman Pline asked Mike to go over the water districts budget. Mike went line by line over the 2023 budget, actual vs spent. Mike then went over the proposed 2024 budget, line by line. Mike stated that there was a 7% increase to the budget across the board. Roger Foster moved to approve the 2024 budget, 2nd by Andy Bishop. Motion passed with all in favor.

Chairman Pline asked Heidi Smith with IDWR to give a presentation. Heidi presented a slide show on 2023 water season including, storage carryover, natural flow, reservoir storage and operational loss.

Chairman Pline asked Lanie Paquin to give a quick BOR update. Lanie stated that the Anderson Ranch dam raise had completed the 30% design and was moving towards the 60% completed. Lanie also stated that in the water district #63 basin, over \$9.2M had been awarded in watersmart grants.

Chairman Pline asked Paul Arrington to give an update on IWUA. Paul talked about the upcoming IWUA annual conference next week and that the conference is sold out. Paul mentioned that he was working on the private well exceptions and clearing up the language on the statute about ditch easements. Paul stated that the Nez Pearce agreement expires in ten years.

Chairman Pline asked Richard Durrant to talk about the 2022 audit. Richard stated that the audit was complete and that there were no issues. Mike Houston moved to approve the audit, 2nd by Neil Allison. Motion passed with all in favor.

Chairman Pline asked Daniel Hoke to give an update on the water districts automation project. Daniel stated that the project was complete except for four small flow meters to be installed in the spring. Daniel showed the dashboard that shows all the diversions on the river in real time and that the district has the ability for daily accounting now if needed.

Chairman Pline asked Daniel to give an update on the water districts drain project. Daniel stated that 13 of the 50 sites were installed. The rest to be completed in the spring. Daniel stated that the district was measuring and collecting data all ready. Phase 1 of the project is completely funded and that for phase 2 funding, the district had applied for an applied science grant to help fund phase 2.

Chairman Pline asked about next years meeting being on Monday January 13th, 2025. All were in favor. Donald Barksdale moved to adjourn, 2nd by Rich Murgoitio. Motion passed with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 2:32 PM.