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Payette River Water Supply Bank Water District No. 65

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2024 Annual Meeting

Date: January 10, 2024
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: Emmett Church of the Nazarene, Aubrey Hall

Attending: See attached.

Attending via
Phone: Tim Hoyt, Quest CPAs PLLC

Welcome: Watermaster Shippy welcomed everyone and then announced the first order of business is to elect a meeting chair and a recording secretary to conduct this meeting.

Elect Meeting
Officers: **Marc Haws moved to nominate John Hartman as the meeting Chairman. The motion was seconded by Ron Mio, and the motion carried.**

Ron Mio moved to nominate Crystal Jackson as the meeting recording secretary, the motion was seconded by Marc Haws, and the motion carried.

IDWR
Update:

Mat Weaver- Director of Department of Water Resources. Mr. Weaver took over as Director on September 1, 2023. He started by listing the objectives the agency is tackling right now. Which includes staffing, adjudication, water supply enhancement projects and administration.

He continued to say that the legislative session kicked off Monday. He gave a brief overview on the nation flood insurance program, underground injection of wells, and the domestic well exemption.

Director Weaver talked about all the changes happening around the state with new water districts and the expansion of existing districts. He stated that this is difficult work and that the water district and the watermaster should be supported in this task.

Rob Whitney- Water Distribution Section Manager- Mr. Whitney started by saying that he is there to support the watermasters in their duties distributing water using priority dates. He talked about the Water District #65 and the current expansion up into Valley County. He presented a slide show with the following topics. Importance of measurement, legal basis, measurement orders, and measurement standards. He then introduced Nick Miller and said they have all been working together to decide when to issue the measurement order. He opened

the floor to questions. Ken Roberts asked about the time limit around the measurement order, his answer was that it is common for the department to give 1 or 2 or even more years to allow water users to comply. He stated they would get with the advisory committee to get deadlines in place.

IWUA

Update:

Paul Arrington- Idaho Water Users Association. Mr. Arrington started by saying that the legislation session started yesterday and that will be the focus of the association for the next 2 or 3 months. He said that the big issue is the domestic exemption for wells, that they are 85% there and the last 15% is technically complex. He continued by saying there is a lot of good going on in Idaho and touched briefly on the grants available for water projects.

He gave a brief overview of the state issues right now with an emphasis on the Nez Perce agreement. He then covered various regional issues including the breaching of lower Snake River dams. He opened the floor for questions, hearing none he turned the floor over the Chairman Hartman.

Review

Minutes:

Chairman John Hartman directed attention to the minutes of the previous year's Annual Meeting starting on the fourth page of the meeting packet. Chairman Hartman asked everyone to review the minutes of the 2023 Annual meeting in preparation for their approval. **Stewart Russell moved to approve the minutes as presented of the January 11, 2023, Annual Meeting. Doyle Fackler seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

Audit

Report:

Chairman Hartman turned the floor over to Treasurer Ron Mio. Mr. Mio stated the Water District had recently completed its usual annual audit. He introduced Mr. Tim Hoyt via phone, from the Quest Accounting Firm to report the results of the financial audit and the current financial status of the district.

Mr. Hoyt began by saying the Water District presented a complete and clean set of financial records in preparation for the audit. Mr. Hoyt reported the audit had been conducted in accordance with the auditing standards that are generally accepted in the United States and to standards applicable to Government auditing. He reported he had audited the financial statements of the major funds of the Water District as of December 31, 2023, and believed them to be correct and accurate. Mr. Hoyt explained the values on the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position page of the report. He noted the district entered 2023 with a net position of \$524,022 and ended with a profit of \$89,266 resulting in an ending position of \$613,288. Mr. Hoyt reported the carryover funding of \$613,288 representing a 23 ½ -month operating budget which is acceptable and is at a level the advisory board attempts to maintain. Mr. Hoyt asked if there were any questions about the district's finances. No questions were voiced.

Treasurer Ron Mio thanked Mr. Hoyt for his thorough report and turned the meeting back to Chairman Hartman. Chairman Hartman asked everyone if they were ready to accept the financial report. **Marc Haws moved to approve the financial report as presented by Mr. Hoyt. The motion was seconded by Doyle Fackler and motion carried.**

IDWR

Update:

Chairman Hartman introduced Kara Ferguson, Technical Hydrologist with the Idaho Department of Water Resources. Ms. Ferguson gave a 2023 Year in Review summary including water supply, storage use and carryover. She showed slides on each topic and gave an overview. She reported that the total precipitation was 101% of median and the basin peak snowpack was at 117% of Median. She went on to say the day of allocation was July 7th and went on to talk on reservoir accrual, space holder allocation, total storage used and that the carryover on October 31 was 504,916AF. She showed additional slides including storage use, Cascade and Deadwood evaporation, operational loss, and the Payette basin carryover for the year at 400,077AF setting up 2024. There were no questions voiced at the end of Ms. Fergusons presentation.

USBR

Update:

Chairman Hartman introduced Ryan Hedrick, Water Operations Lead for the Middle Snake Field Office. Mr. Hedrick showed slides and gave a brief explanation for each of them. He started by showing the snowpack for 2023. He said that there was average early snow and then late snow accrual and a cold spring that allowed all accounts to be filled. He showed the storage content for both Cascade and Deadwood. He then moved on to the 2024 water supply outlook. He provided a slide showing the Payette system storage content at 102% of average as of January 8, 2024. He said Payette River system is at 64% of capacity and the snow water equivalent is at 49%. He then provided slides showing a 3–4-week precipitation outlook, and a Payette system forecast through July 31. He stated that there is a good chance of filling the system this year. He then opened the floor for questions.

Watermaster

Report:

Chairman Hartman called on the Watermaster, Neil Shippy for his 2023 Watermaster report. Watermaster Shippy presented slides on the groundwater drought indicator from 2016 to 2024. He followed up with water year graphs for Cascade and Deadwood. He then went over the fundamental principle of water delivery in Idaho. He gave a brief overview on what natural flow is and how it is accounted for.

Watermaster Shippy then went on to explain how the rental pool works including the cost per AF.

He also gave a brief history of Water District 65 for those new to the district. He moved on to the cost share program explaining how that works and provided a list of completed projects for 2023 as well as the new list waiting on approval.

As Watermaster Shippy concluded his report Chairman Hartman went over how, when and what happens at a water district meeting. He also expressed his thanks for those that attend these meetings.

Budget

Committee:

Chairman John Hartman asked Treasurer Ron Mio to go over the 2023 budget. Ron Mio went over the 2023 budget and pointed out the highlights like the vehicle purchased and the cost share. Then he went over the proposed budget for 2024. Pointing out the highlights like the line for the deputy/clerical personnel. Ron asked for suggestions or comments. Ken Roberts asked about the membership fees for the new users and why it was not in the budget. Ron Mio appreciated his comments and said that they will have to address that if amending the budget becomes necessary before the next annual meeting. Ken Roberts mentioned the \$200 per user and said that is a 400% increase from last year and for the majority of the small water users this is a huge deal. Ron Mio explained that there had been much discussion concerning the decision to go from \$50 to \$200 and this was the decision the advisory board had come to. Stewart Russell explained how the advisory board produced the decision to charge the \$200. He said no matter what the size of the water right is they will expect the same degree of service from the district and the watermaster. Chairman Hartman spoke up and said that they understand that this is a substantial increase, but it was not something they entered lightly. He stated that administration is a lot of work and that the \$200 is only half of the cost of hiring the help they need.

Nomination

Committee:

Chairman John Hartman directed attention to page 24-25 of the information packets Watermaster Shippy stated this list of Board Members and officers is recommended by the Nominating committee and is recommended to be attached to Resolution No. 6 to serve for the upcoming 2024 season.

Resolutions:

Chairman John Hartman stated now is the time to act on the District's Resolutions. He asked the water users if they wished to vote on each resolution individually, or if they would be willing to adopt Resolution #1 and then Resolutions #2-17. At this time **Marc Haws moved to adopt Resolution No.1 as presented in the information packets. The motion was seconded by Stewart Russell and the motion carried by acclamation.**

Next Chairman Hartman brought up resolutions No. 2-17 and asked if anyone had questions. **Stewart Russell moved to accept resolutions 2-17 with attachments A, B, and C as presented in the information packets. The motion was seconded by Doyle Fackler and the motion carried.**

Next Annual

Meeting Date:

Chairman John Hartman announced it is now necessary to set the date and time for the next annual meeting, and to select a location for that meeting. There was discussion about which date would suit the most people, **Stewart Russell moved to set next year's Annual Meeting date for January 8, 2025, at 1:30 PM at the same location, The Emmett church of the Nazarene, Aubrey Hall. This motion was seconded by Carl Hayes, and the motion carried.**

Adjournment: Chairman John Hartman asked if there is any other business that should be brought before this 2023 Annual Meeting of the Water District No. 65. Hearing none, Chairman Hartman thanked everyone for their participation and declared the meeting adjourned at 3:38 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Neil Shippy, Watermaster

Crystal Jackson, Recording Secretary