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Annual Meeting Minutes Water District 67A
February 6, 2024 1:00 P.M. Indian Valley Fire Hall

WATER RESOURCES
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Attendance- Becky Arrien (sec/treasurer), Kellie Smith (IDWR) Ray Turnbull (Chairman), Dale McKee, Ralph Yantis, Royce Schwenkfelder, Jeff Dunham, JR Jones, Glen Coates, Andrew Butler, Dan Yantis, Ron & Kris Jaeger, Kathy Summers, Brice and Brett Mosekian, Wendy Green, Russell Mink, Dean Dunham, Gary Kershan, Duane Thiessen.

Call to Order/Chairman remarks- Chairman Turnbull called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm, he hopes it snows!

Nominations/Election of Chairman- Dean Dunham motioned to maintain Ray Turnbull as our Chairman, Royce Schwenkfelder second. Motion passed.

Minutes for 2023- Read aloud by Becky Arrien. Royce Schwenkfelder motioned to approve as read. Jeff Dunham second. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report for 2023- Read aloud by Becky Arrien, Royce Schwenkfelder motioned to accept the report as presented and pay pending bills. Ron Yaeger second. Motion passed.

Snowpack Measurement- Chairman Turnbull remarked that we don't have much snow, but do hope to get it. Royce Schwenkfelder presented that there were new changes happening with the USFS, we may be allowed to chain a device to a existing structure on Forest land which may be advantageous for us cost wise, as we would not have to build one to their standards from scratch. Chairman Turnbull moved to table this discussion and maintain this item on the agenda. Jeff Dunam second. Motion passed.

Reports:

Credential Committee- no report needed.

Advisory Committee- Chairman Turnbull presented that the Advisory committee will get a report from Wendy Green and JR Jones so that we know which users have which water rights, where their points of diversion are and how they are using their water. Jeff made a motion that the board continue to keep Wendy Green on and pay her \$20/hour to develop a Water Rights Records Update report. Wendy proposes that the Watermaster will meet with each user to better know how to get the users their water. Problems that can come up are change of ownership, change of point of diversion, change in use, plus numerous water rights lists different uses. Royce Schwenkfelder presents that it will come down to each water user being in communication with the water master, the state and the mapping system. Kellie Smith, presented that the research tool is limited at this point due to a system crash, but we can call the Dept. and get a water agent to assist. Wendy can collaborate with the ditches and have

them gather the data, which will be a great starting place. Dean Dunahm agrees, using the ditches to assist with that as they should have that data in place. Dale McKee presents that the reservoir board (LWID) will need the same kind of report, and will pay half of the hours for this type of report. Dale McKee motioned to add that the reservoir board will pay for half of the hours needed to develop this point of use report and present that along with historical data. and say Ron Jaeger second. Motion passed.

Royce Schwenkfelder presented a report from the advisory committee, that there was a meeting regarding the watermaster position, the board recommends that we hire Mr. JR Jones, at the current wages, split with LWID.

Electronic Measuring Devices Committee- Jeff Dunham presented that there were no new measurements taken on the Elias bridge, as Jake came through twice last year, but both times the river was at the same flow of measurements that we already had. We will try to get new readings this year.

Watermaster Report- Wendy Green will send a notation along with her report to the State agreeing that there is a lack of accurate data available due to our infrastructure. There was a weir installed at Coates in July. Wendy reviewed each ditch and diversion, when we start releasing water from the reservoir, that water goes in through the same measurements/ditches, so part of that water might be adjudicated water part may be reservoir. There was a list of deficiencies put together in 2021, and it continued through 2023 as not many changes have been made. At the C. Ben Ross reservoir outlet, we obtained enough readings from Jake to give us a rating table that will better enable the watermaster to know how much water to send to satisfy users rights. Westside ditch does not give accurate readings. Dean presented that Grays Creek does have an electronic weir ready to be calibrated. Moritz ditch was cleaned up. Elias weir has a hole and leaks around the side, more water was going around the weir than down the weir- LWID is in charge of that weir. North ogle headgate was replaced, but it needs to be cleaned out. All pumps in the river need flow meters, at this time, roughly half do.

New Business:

Set/Approve 2024 Budget/Set Water Assessments- The proposed 2024 budget was presented by Becky Arrien, it was decided to we increase our assessments to \$80/cfs to provide funding for above mentioned report and readings from Pivotrac. Royce Schwenkfelder motioned to approve budget with changes to assessments. Jeff Dunham second. Motion passed.

Nominations/Election of Secretary/Treasurer/Set Salary- Chairman Turnbull made a motion to elect Becky Arrien as secretary/treasurer and maintain same salary, Dean Dunham second, motion passed.

Nominations/Election of Watermaster/ Set Salary - Jeff Dunham made a motion to nominate JR Jones to pay the same salary mileage Dean second. Motion passed. Wendy asked about training for our new watermaster. Royce Schwenkfelder made an amendment to that motion to pay Wendy at the same rate (\$20/hour) for helping to train JR Jones. Jeff Dunham motioned to approve that change. Ron Jaeger second. Motion passed.

Selection of Credential, Advisory, and Electronic Measuring Devices Committees-Royce made a motion to maintain all current board members. Dale McKee second. Motion passed. The 2024 Advisory Committee remains the same: Ralph Yantis, Royce Schwenkfelder, and Jeff Dunham. The 2024 Credential Committee remains the same: Judy Dietch, Dean Dunham, and Russell Mink. The 2024 Electronic Measuring Device Committee remains the same: Jeff Dunham, Royce Schwenkfelder, and Ray Turnbull.

Set 2025 Annual Meeting- (2/4/2025, 1 p.m., IV Fire Hall) Jeff Dunham motioned to approve, Dale McKee second. Motioned passed.

Kellie Smith gave a thank you to Wendy for her time as Watermaster, and stressed that the measuring devices be the priority, that the responsibility lies on the water user. She did mail out letters for water users to get their measuring devices installed and make a plan.

Adjourn Meeting- Dean Dunham motioned to adjourn meeting at 2:10 Jeff Dunham second. Motion passed.