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Water District 45A
Oakley, Idaho
January 6, 2025

Eugene Matthews, the 2024 Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, January 6, 2025. The meeting was held at the Oakley Fire Station, located at 100 E. Main Street, Oakley, Idaho. Eugene Matthews, Wendy Wells, Seth Larson, Jared Bedke, Ryan Hawker, Jerry Zollinger, and Vickie Smith were in attendance at the meeting. Corey King from IDWR was also in attendance. He said that this was the first time he'd been able to come to our meeting in the last three years. It was nice having him with us. VS **Gerald and Paul Marchant came to the meeting as we were closing it. They had a prior commitment, but wanted to know what had been discussed. Eugene, Jerry, and Wendy visited with them following the meeting.

BUSINESS

MINUTES

The minutes from January 8, 2024, prepared and read aloud by Vickie Smith, were reviewed and discussed by those in attendance. The 2024 BINDER which contains bank statements, correspondence, account billings, Cassia County Tax Water Master tax receipt list, etc., was available for the attendees to review before the reading of the minutes. A copy of the Meeting Agenda was given to everyone in attendance. Also, available for attendees to look at were copies of Water Delivery Concerns, compiled from information generated at the 2023 and 2024 meeting.

MOTION to accept the minutes: Jared Bedke

MOTION seconded: Jerry Zollinger

FINANCES

The financial statement was reviewed and discussed. We had \$8,997.52 in the 45A account at D.L. Evans Bank, Burley, Idaho, as of December 3, 2024. Wendy's final payment for presenting her Water Master report for the 2024 season had not been deducted from the ending balance at the time of the water meeting. (\$8,477.52 is the total after Wendy's \$520.00 check is deducted).

MOTION to accept the financial report: Seth Larson

MOTION seconded by: Jerry Zollinger

*Seth has a bill to submit.

ELECTION of a CHAIRMAN of the WATER BOARD

MOTION to nominate a CHAIRMAN: Jared Bedke nominated Eugene Matthews.

MOTION seconded by: Ryan Hawker

After being nominated, Eugene said that he would like to stay on as the BOARD CHAIRMAN, even though he has held the position for several years. Those in attendance were very positive about Eugene continuing on as the CHAIRMAN of the BOARD. Eugene is easy to work with, understands the Basin Creeks water system, and knows all of the people involved with the 45A irrigation unit.

The vote was unanimous to retain EUGENE MATTHEWS as the 45A CHAIRMAN of the BOARD.

CHAIRMAN APPOINTS a WATER BOARD for the 2025 WATER YEAR

Eugene suggested that the WATER BOARD from 2024 be retained in their positions. The attendees thought that would be an excellent idea and the stream representatives in attendance thought so too - JARED BEDKE, JERRY ZOLLINGER, and SETH LARSON agreed with the idea and thought that *PAUL MARCHANT would be "on board", too. *Eugene asked Paul about this position after the meeting was over and he agreed to it readily.

The appointed board members will represent the following streams:

MILL CREEK: Jared Bedke/Paul Marchant

SPRING CREEK: Jerry Zollinger

SUMMIT CREEK: Seth Larson

SECRETARY/TREASURER: Vickie Smith (salary \$350)

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WATER MASTER'S REPORT and UPDATE of CONCERNS

Wendy Wells, the 2024 Water Master, had a very precise printout for the attendees showing how the water was delivered to each user. She showed percentages and inches of water delivered to each user. Wendy had a handout with percentages and inches of water delivered for everyone, on each stream for the months of April through September. The water users like the way Wendy keeps track of the water use and her weekly update email that she sends out to everyone.

Wendy had some concerns about some water delivery sites and her ability to measure the water accurately. She noted that several sites needed to be repaired. The BOARD MEMBERS said that they would get together ASAP and discuss what needs to be done and the timeframe. **(PAGE of CONCERNS attached to this document)

ELECTION of a WATER MASTER for WATER YEAR 2025

Eugene asked Wendy if she would like to be the Water Master for 2025. Someone in the group said, "Maybe she needs a raise." Eugene asked Wendy about this and she said, "Who wouldn't want a raise?" "Yes, a little more money would help to pay for my gas." Some figures were then generated by the audience about a raise and Jared Bedke said, "Let's raise her wage from \$5,350 to \$5,500." Attendees thought that was fair.

Eugene asked her if she would be the 2025 Water Master and she said, "Yes".

*Then, following the meeting format:

MOTION to nominate a WATER MASTER: Jared Bedke

MOTION seconded: Unanimous consent

PAYMENT STATS for WATER MASTER:

April through September: \$820 per month

Year End Wrap-Up: \$580 (Collected at the WD meeting in January 2026)

THE ASSESSMENT/BUDGET

This year's agenda had a historical perspective about the cost of the water assessment since 2015. The cost per share has fluctuated from \$8.00 per share (2015-2016) to \$4.00 per share (2021). Water years 2022-2024 = \$6.00 per water share. At \$6.00 per share, we generate \$7,929.00.

MOTION to accept \$6.00 per water share for 2025: GROUP VOICE

MOTION to second: unanimous

The ASSESSMENT for 2025 is : \$6.00 per share

MISCELLANEOUS:

*Corey King, from IDWR, gave us some facts about the Snake River Plain and common groundwater, deep wells drying up in Southern Idaho areas, the Raft River flow issues, etc. Was good to have him join our meeting.



*Monday, January 5, 2026, at 6 p.m., is our next scheduled ANNUAL MEETING.

The meeting was pleasant and congenial. We covered important issues and made some helpful decisions to benefit our Water District.

Everyone helped to clean up our meeting area (including vacuuming the floor).

Thanks to the Oakley Fire Department for letting us use the building for our Annual Meeting.

Minutes prepared and submitted by: Vickie Smith 1-13-25