



State of Idaho

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March 30, 2012

C. L. "BUTCH" OTTER
Governor

GARY SPACKMAN
Director

ROHL HIPWELL
18125 OREANA LOOP RD
OREANA, ID 83650

RE: Watermaster Appointment 2012— Catherine Creek #57B

Dear Mr. Hipwell:

Enclosed is your Watermaster Certificate of Appointment for the 2012 season.

You will take charge of the water of the district and distribute the same in accordance with the laws of Idaho and decrees of the courts. Distribution shall be in accordance with the terms and conditions of the user's respective rights, and as may be required by the Department of Water Resources. You should note that the enclosed Certificate of Appointment authorizes delivery of natural flow and also stored water pursuant to Section 42-801, Idaho Code.

During the 2011 session, the legislature made several significant changes to the Watermaster Statutes in Chapter 6. In summary the following changes were made:

- Under IC42-605, new watermasters will continue to file an oath of office with the Department. However, a duly appointed watermaster that is reelected in consecutive years will no longer be required to file additional oaths each year.
- Under IC 42-608, a wateruser no longer is required to submit a written Petition for Watermaster Services to the Department when calling the Watermaster. The wateruser now calls the watermaster directly when there is a necessity for control and distribution of water within the district.
- Under 42-615, the watermaster no longer have to submit the district proposed budget to the Department. They are to prepare a proposed budget 14 days in advance of the annual meeting. The proposed budget and distribution should be submitted at the annual meeting for consideration by the water users.

These changes definitely will eliminate significant paper work and time for all parties. Feel free to contact our Western Regional Office if you need assistance during the irrigation season, phone 334-2190.

Sincerely,

John Westra,
Western Region

Enclosures: Certificate of Appointment

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2012 Water Meeting Minutes Harts Cr, Picket Cr. & Catherine Cr. Water Dist 57B.
January 10th, 2012.

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Chairman called meeting to order 1:10 p.m.

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OLD BUSINESS:

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Read minutes from last years meeting and were accepted by the water users. Reviewed last years water use. Users all agreed there were no problems or issues on the creeks this past year and everything went smoothly.

ELECTIONS:

Bill White was elected chairman / Secretary.

Rohl Hipwell was elected Water Master.

A representative of the Department of Water Resources was unable to attend. Bill White will contact them for a copy of the water masters oath and petition, so they can be filled out by the water master.

The advisory committee will be the water master, chairman and one other water user, or if need be the water master or chairman and two other water users.

Duties of the water master will commence on March 1st, 2012. It was decided that if the water master needs wages, the water users having the problems will be charged to pay the water master. The wages will be decided by the advisory committee and the water master.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business

Meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Water users present:

Dave Alley
John Jones
Rohl Hipwell
Robert Thomas
Bill White

William J. White

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