

## MEMORANDUM

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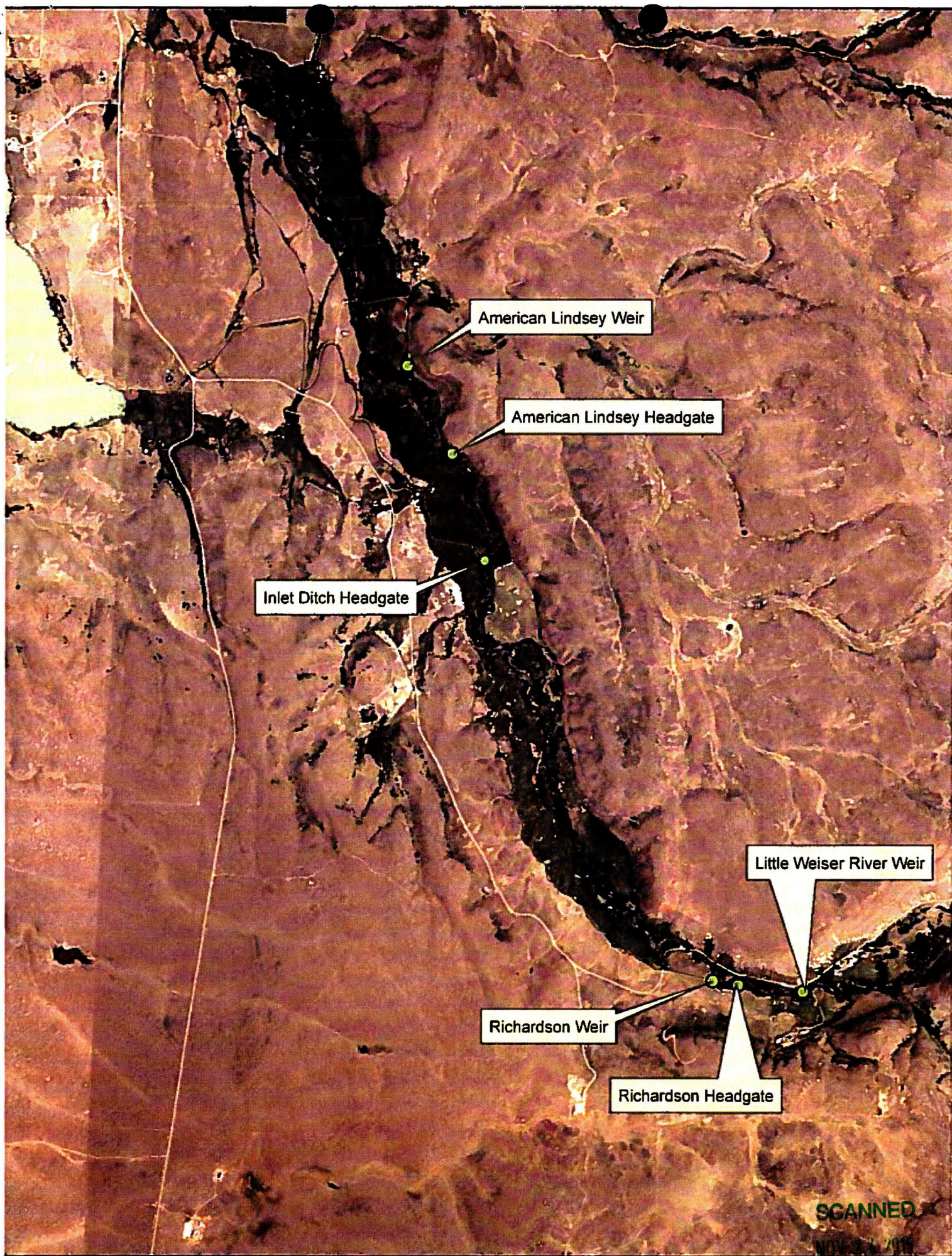
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Little Weiser  
River measuring  
device  
  
20' weir



Little Weiser  
River looking  
down  
Richardson  
Ditch. Headgate  
located just  
around bend at  
end of photo.





Richardson  
Ditch

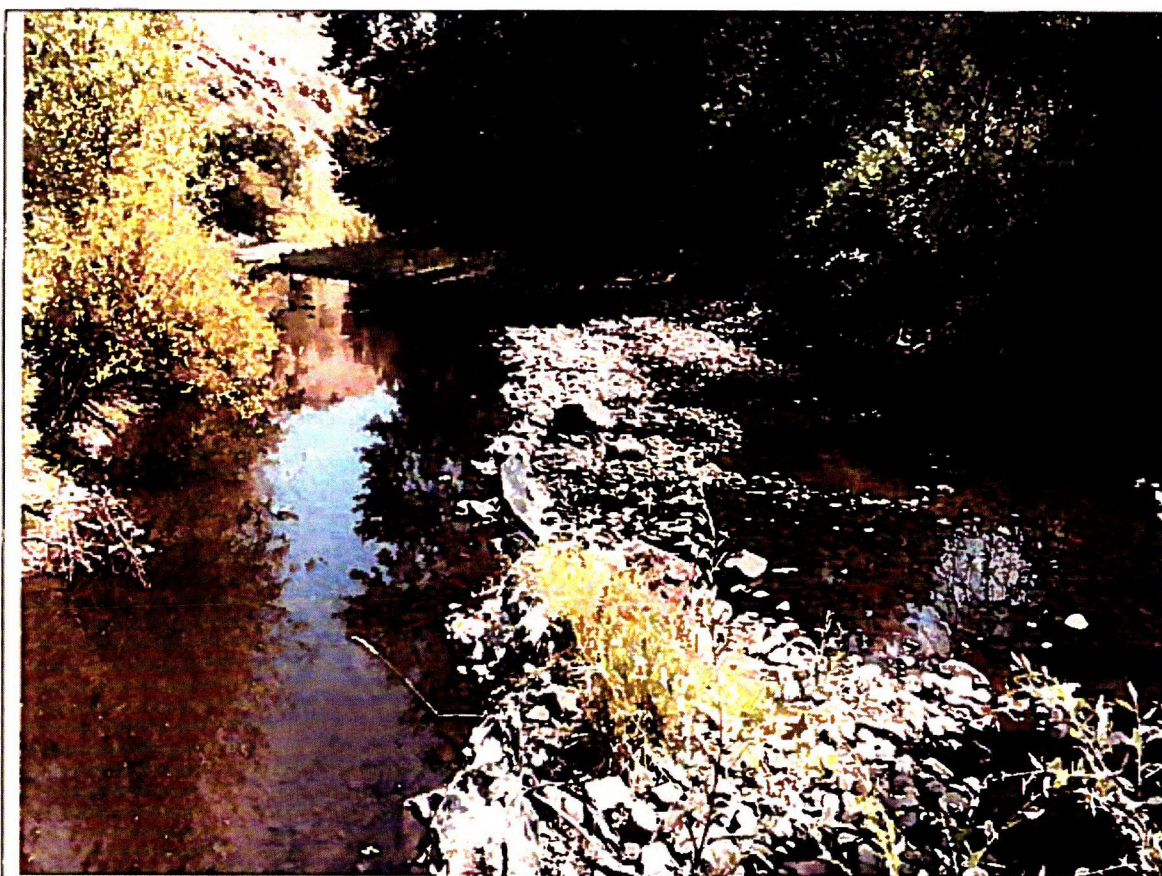
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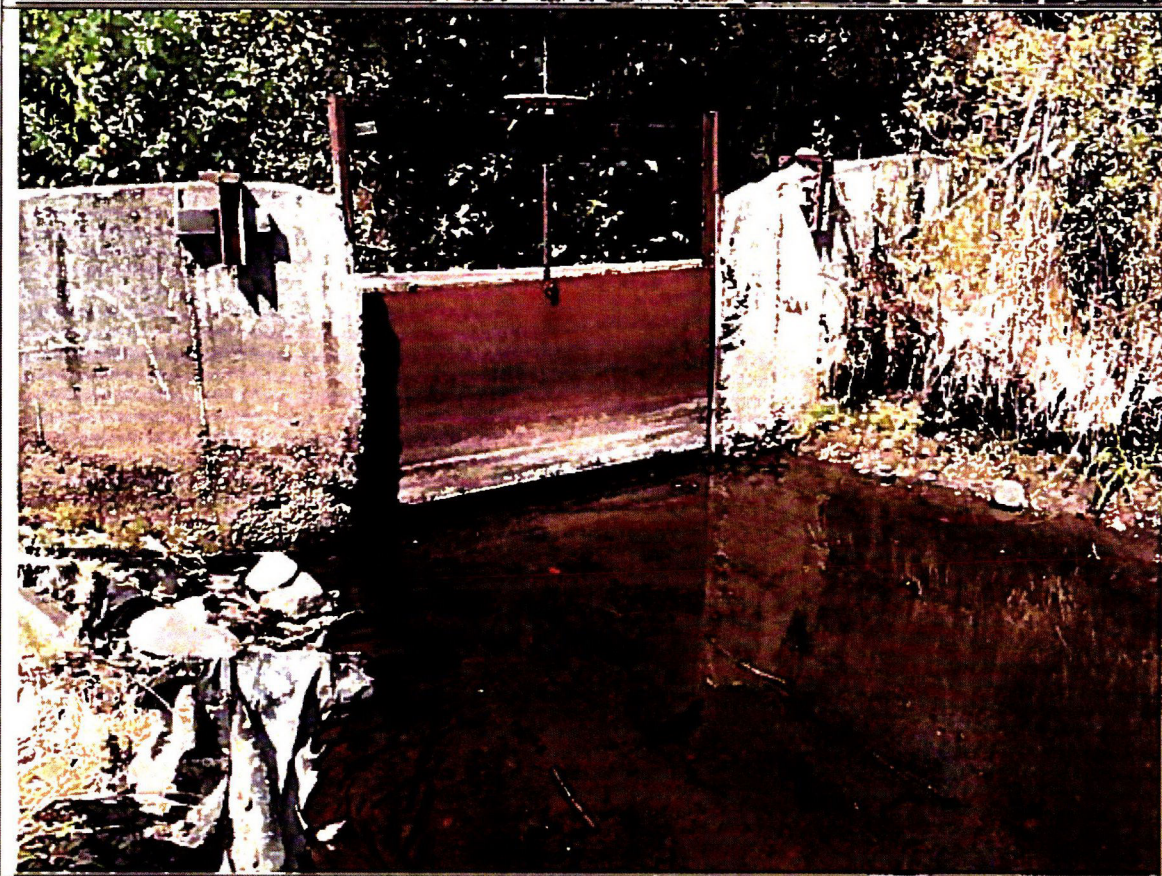
5' weir





Little Weiser  
River

Standing on  
American  
Lindsey  
headgate,  
looking  
upstream. Water  
enters ditch to  
left. River water  
passes to right.



American  
Lindsey Ditch

Headgate





American  
Lindsey  
measuring  
device.

6' weir.




# WATERMASTER REQUIREMENT SHEET

WATER DISTRICT: WTA

2015

Date/Time of Meeting: 2/3/15

Place of Meeting:

<u>Watermaster</u> Name: <u>Joe Shippah</u> Address:  Phone:	<u>Assistant Watermaster</u> Name: Address: Phone:
<u>Secretary/Treasurer</u> Name: <u>Jeff &amp; Angela Glemser</u> Address: Phone:	<u>Chairman</u> Name: <u>Royce SchwenkFelder</u> Address: Phone:

## Sent

- ☐ Certificate of Appointment
  - ☐ Watermaster
  - ☐ Assistant Watermaster
  - ☐ Secretary/Treasurer
- ☐ Daily Record books and instructions

## Received

- ☒ Annual Meeting Minutes
- ☐ Adopted Budget ← please see \* pg (does this count)
- ☐ Oath(s)
  - ☐ Watermaster
  - ☐ Assistant Watermaster
  - ☐ Secretary/Treasurer
- ☐ Watermaster Report
- ☐ Daily Record Books



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Water Season of 2015

November 14, 2014 checked inlet head gate for trash Miles 15

November 24, 2014 shut reservoir down 1 turn inlet seems ok Miles 24.2

December 1, 2014 cleaned trash out of inlet with Ralph Yantis Miles 28

December 12, 2014 cleaned trash out of inlet opened it 2 turns Miles 31.2

Dec 18, 2014 Cleaned trash from inlet with Ralph Yantis. Shut inlet down some  
Miles 28

2015

Jan 6, Cleaned trash from inlet opened head gate 2" Miles 35

Jan 29 Cleaned trash from inlet with Ralph Yantis Opened head gate some Miles 28

Feb 15 Reservoir is 17' from being full. Cleaned trash from inlet, opened it 3 turns  
Miles 35

Feb 20 Checked inlet ditch with Royce Schwenkfelder, Isaac Ward, and Ralph Yantis.  
Measured Res 10'9" to fill Miles 44

Feb 27 Ralph Yantis and I opened head gate on inlet canal (more) It looks like the  
reservoir is rising 1' per week Miles 28

March 27 Little Weiser weir is 1" over the shoulder Under drain is running clear and  
about 1" deep  
Miles 38

March 31 Called Russell Wilkerson about putting weir in Allison ditch. Cattle had  
tromped it out.

April 3 Helped Wayne Burkhart put boards in the spillway Reservoir is at 55'  
Miles 28

April 9 Called Ron Jaeger about weir being washed out. He said he was going to fix it.

April 10 Dean Dunham called and said they wanted water in Greys Creek on Wed. (not  
much)

Mileage for Reservoir before 67A 384.4

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April 11 Let Wayne Burkhardt know Greys Creek would be taking water on Wes.  
Miles 21

April 14 Little Weiser weir is just up to the shoulder, about 50.39 cfs Reservoir is about full--maybe 1 more inch. Talked to Mike Johnson about Anderson Ditch, checked weeds on ditch bank. Miles 31

April 16 Went to measure Greys Creek ditch. No water yet was supposed to be in on Wed. will check Miles 21.03

April 17 Martha Voerman called and would like me to come see what Joe Holmes is doing. She said Joe was going to pipe the ditch around her house. She built her house on the feeder ditch. Closed it off and Joe Holmes said he would pipe it around her house at his expense and everyone seems happy. Miles 20.9

Talked to Wayne Burkhardt and he said if I would check ditch every 7 days he would be happy.

Little Weiser Weir	12"
Greys Cr.	6 1/2 "
Stew.	4"
Mortz	5 1/2 "
Wilkerson	dry
Allison	dry
Don weir	dry

Miles 31.4

April 20 Called Royce Schwenkfelder to see who was taking care of the S Ogle ditch and he said he was. One time a week was OK to check ditches on 67A was his opinion.

April 23 Called Water Resources in Boise to check on the seniority list of 67A

April 26

Little Weiser Weir	14"
Richardson	5"
Greys Creek	12"
Stewart	8 1/4"
Wilkerson	4 1/2 "
Allison running some	
Schwenkfelder	6"

Miles 52.3

May 1 Shut down water off upper canal Miles 18



May 2 Talked to Bob with Craig Excavation and opened up water to upper canal Miles 26

May 3 Looked at Little Weiser Weir, it is about the same as last week. Putting in dam on the Donner ditch. Miles 27

May 4

Little Weiser Weir	3" over shoulder
American Lindsay	7"
Greys Creek	12 ¼"
Mortz	3 ½"
Stewart	8 ½ "
Under wood	OK
Wilkerson	11 ½ "
Allison	LOW
Schwenkfelder	11 ½ "

Miles 49.1

May 7 Opened Splitter down Anderson Creek. Little Weiser Weir is 1 ½ " over the shoulder Miles 23

May 8 Talked to Royce Schwenkfelder and Wayne Burkhart about how the 5/8 inch of reservoir water should be dispersed to the water users. Wayne said to do things just like we did last year. Donner ditch has weir fixed.

May 11

American Lindsay	9 "
Richardson	7 ½ "
Little Weiser Weir	2 ½ " over shoulder
Greys Creek	12
Mortz	4 ½ "
Allison haven't put in the weir	
Schwenkfelder	11 ½ "
Miles	49

May 18 Little Weiser Weir in 3" over the shoulders Will not measure any ditches today. A lot of water going down Little Weiser. Below the Donner It has rained for 3 days Miles 27.8

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May 19  
 Little Weiser Weir 2" over shoulders  
 Richardson 6 ½ "  
 Stewart 4 ½ "  
 Did not stop on Wilkerson Traffic to heavy  
 Allison ok no weir yet  
 Schwenkfelder 9 ¾ "  
 Donner 3"  
 Miles 25.1

May 26 Checked water at Lower end very little going over dam. Little Weiser weir is just at the shoulder. Called Joe Holmes about North Ogle ---Joe is shutting it off in 2 days. Called Wayne Burkhart and he said we were close to opening the reservoir.  
 Miles 29.3

May 28 Called Russell Wilkerson about where he put his weir in the Allison ditch. He will show me. There is no weir in the inlet canal so how am I suppose to give the board all the weir measurements on each ditch? Can't do that with no weir on the inlet canal. Did not check any ditches on the May 31--will do that in a day or two.

May 31 Sprayed weeds on the upper canal Miles 20.1

June 2  
 Richardson 6"  
 Little Weiser Weir 12"  
 American Lindsay 8"  
 Greys Creek 12 ¼ "  
 Stewart 6"  
 Mortz 4"  
 Allison ok  
 Wilkerson 10 ½ "  
 Schwenkfelder 12 ½ "  
 Donner 0  
 Miles 47.2

June 6  
 American Lindsay 7 ½ "  
 Little Weiser 9 ¾ "  
 Richardson 5"  
 Greys Creek 12 ½ "  
 Wilkerson 10 ¼ "  
 Schwenkfelder 11 ½ "  
 Donner 0

Stewart ditch was basically dry so I did not measure, Mortz ditch was the same. The south Ogle ditch isn't being used. Joe Homes said the north Ogle ditch was shut off.



Dean Dunham called and said the some people were short of water on the Stewart and Mortz ditches, Called Isaac Ward about demossing the upper canal. No decision as made.

Miles 51.0

June 15-16

Stewart	9"
Schwenkfelder	10"
American Lindsay	11"
Richardson	6"
Donner	0
Greys Creek	10"
Opened Reservoir 4 turns	
Little Weiser Weir	8 ½ "

End of 67A Water Miles 48 Total 67A mileage is 617.5

June 20

Little Weiser Weir	7"
Donner	4 ½ "
Schwenkfelder	12 ½ "
Allison	full
Wilkerson	10"
Greys Creek	10
Underwood	dry
Reservoir is about 8200 cf	
Miles 41	

June 22

Little Weiser Weir	7"
Opened splitter 3 turns	
Opened E gate 2 ½ turns	
Greys Creek	10"
Miles 48	

June 23

Opened Reservoir 1 ½ turns  
Opened splitter 3 turns  
Miles 48.6

June 25

Little Weiser Weir	6"
Opened Reservoir	2 turns



Greys Creek 9" Miles 22

June 26

Little Weiser Weir 5 ¾ "

Greys Creek 10"

Opened Reservoir 1 turn

Opened

Checked at Mike Johnson's Pipe is Ok

Miles 15

June 31

Talked to Royce Schwenkfelder and Isaac Ward about weir readings

Miles 30

July 1

Donner 7"

Schwenkfelder 14"

Wilkerson 11 ½ "

Greys Creek 11"

Reservoir is 53'

Little Weiser Weir 5"

Richardson 6" Miles 49

July 2

Shut down Reservoir 1 ½ turns

Miles 18

July

Little Weiser Weir 4 ½ "

Greys Creek 9 ½ "

Reservoir 51'

Schwenkfelder 12 ½ "

Richardson 6"

Stewart 9 ½ "

Greys Creek 9 ½ "

Miles 52

July 13

Shut Reservoir down 1 turn, Reservoir is 48' Fixed Weir at Anderson Creek wit Jack  
Thompson /

Miles 39

July 14

High water washed out 3 damns



July 16  
 Donner 7"  
 Schwenkfelder 11"  
 Allison short but ok  
 Wilkerson 11 ½ "  
 Greys Creek 9 ½ "  
 Miles 42

July 20  
 Opened Reservoir 1 turn  
 Little Weiser Weir 4 "  
 Put Boards in shed  
 Reservoir 45 ½ '  
 Miles 28

July 22  
 Little Weiser Weir 3 ½ "  
 Greys Creek 8"  
 Opened Reservoir 1 turn  
 Miles 28

July 24  
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 Miles 26

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 Schwenkfelder 11"  
 Wilkerson 11"  
 South Ogle can't read  
 Underwood can't read  
 North Ogle dry  
 Greys Creek 9"  
 Anderson 8"  
 Allison very short

July 28  
 Little Weiser Weir 3"  
 Reservoir is about 40'  
 Miles 22



August 2  
 Donner 5 ½ "  
 Schwenkfelder 11"  
 Wilkerson 11 ¼ "  
 South Ogle 2 ¼ "  
 Underwood beavers 4"  
 Greys Creek 7 ½ "  
 American Lindsay 5"  
 Miles 38.5

August ?  
 Little Weiser Weir 3"  
 Richardson 5 ½ "

Joe Holmes called wanted OK to move the water on the Legg place. Gave him the OK.

Royce Schwenkfelder called and was down to 5" over weir and wanted me to look for the Water loss. Found no reason for shortage.  
 Miles 11

August 7  
 Greys Creek 8"  
 Wilkerson 10 ¼ "  
 Could not find water for Schwenkfelder Ditch.  
 Miles 34

August 8  
 Opened Reservoir ½ Turn  
 Opened Splitter 1 Turn  
 Schwenkfelder 10 ¾ "  
 Allison is low. Weir is in I can't find it  
 Can't give a Reservoir level--the measure device is covered with 1 ½ ' of sand. Got a call  
 From the water resource board and we will be getting together to have a meeting about  
 the inlet canal and the Richardson ditch.  
 Received a call from Ron Jaeger that he has no water. He was very angry.  
 Call Royce Schwenkfelder and he has been short of water for 2-3 days. He told me to  
 look for the loss.  
 Miles 26



August 12

Looked at some of the ditches in Indian Valley. Could not look at all of them the daylight was gone.

Stewart 7 ½ "

Greys Creek 8"

South Ogle 1 ½ "

Underwood is about half. Can't read the numbers.

Reservoir is about 26'

Miles 30

August 14

Little Weiser Weir 2"

Had a meeting with the water resource representative( Nick) to go over how to get the right water to the Richardson and American Lindsay ditch. None of the board members showed up meet with us at the office.. Cut water to 2 ½" over weir on the Richardson and the inlet I think is undeliverable. Did not get to check the American Lindsay to see if they are getting the water they have coming.

Jerry Jaeger and Isaac Ward (Ron Jaeger was in the back seat of their automobile) stopped Nick and I on the road, at which time Jerry gave me mean ass chewing over me using the office for a meeting place for the water users and the water resource board representative. Jerry asked for my key to the office and informed my that I was not to go to the office again. I handed over the key to the office to Jerry and Isaac.

Miles 46

August 15

Water user called and told me Jerry and Isaac changed the water in the reservoir and messed with the head gates. Checked Reservoir and it was at about 31'

Miles 30

August 17

Talked to Isaac Ward about changing water and messing with the head gates without my permission.. I informed the water resource board of people messing with my head gates. I think it is not lawful to mess with the head gates without my permission. If Jerry and Isaac would have talked to me I would have given permission.

Water resource rep( Nick) returned my call and ask how things were going. They seemed to have calmed down.



August 20

Wilkerson	10"
Schwenkfelder	11"
Donner	5 1/4 "
Greys Creek	8"
Little Weiser Weir	2"

Miles 64

August 22

Talked to Wayne Burkhart about the inlet canal. Checked Reservoir Looks like we might make it to the 1<sup>st</sup> of September.

Joe Holmes called to say he has lost dam in North Ogle again.

Greys Creek 5 3/4'

Miles 23.1

August 27

Checked Reservoir and the water is about gone. South Ogle is taking water, did not measure but looks about the right amount. Underwood is fine. Upper canal has dropped about 6". Lower canal is full. Didn't check North Ogle because the dam was washed out.

Miles 28

September 8

Winterized sprayer and replace some parts 36 miles

Return Sprayer to shed 22 miles

September 9

Checked American Lindsay 4 3/4 "

Miles 20

September 10

Royce called---short on water --I went looking for the problem. No luck Took other phone calls from users.

Miles 26

This is a full time job-----I take water calls everyday all day long from the water users and the board members. The state sends water permit papers for recommendations all year and the list goes on. Wear and Tear on my 4 wheeler and pickup all year round keep the Reservoir level monitored.

Total miles for Reservoir 993.4

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2015 WATER SEASON C BEN ROSS CONTRACT AND EXPENSE

384.4 MILES IN LATE 2014 AND BEFORE WATER SEASON IN 2015 C BEN ROSS

993.4 MILES IN 2015 WATER SEASON C BEN ROSS

1377.8 TOTAL MILES

1377.8 MILES @ \$.59	\$812.90
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PHONE	\$150.00
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CONTRACT WAGES	\$4,000.00
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SUPPLIES AND PARTS	\$58.00
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TOTAL	\$5,020.90
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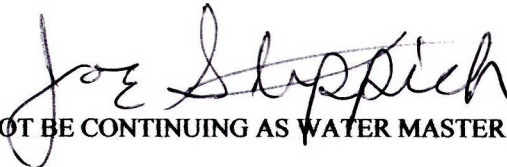
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617.5 TOTAL MILES for 2014 and 2015

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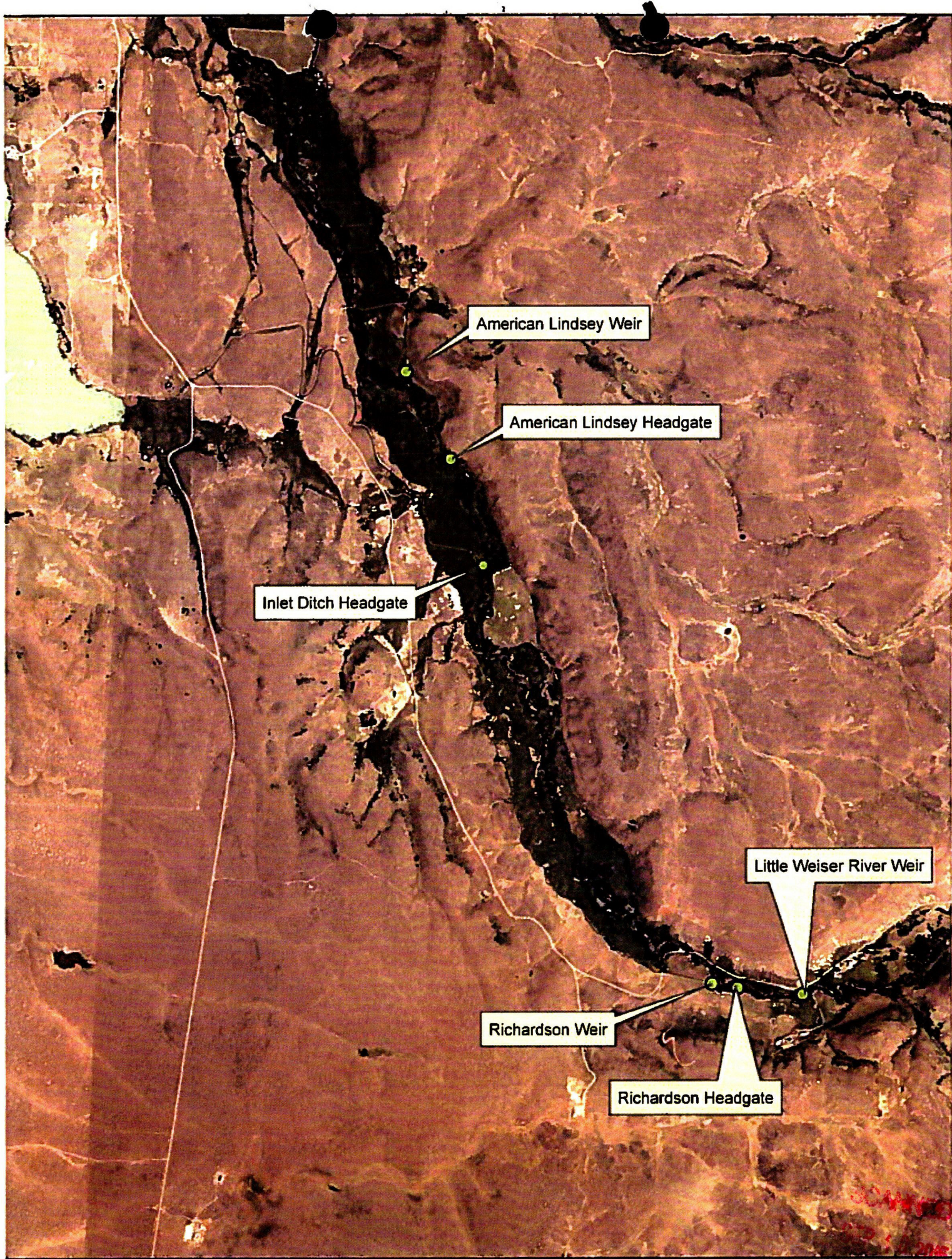
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Little Weiser  
River measuring  
device

20' weir



Little Weiser  
River looking  
down  
Richardson  
Ditch. Headgate  
located just  
around bend at  
end of photo.



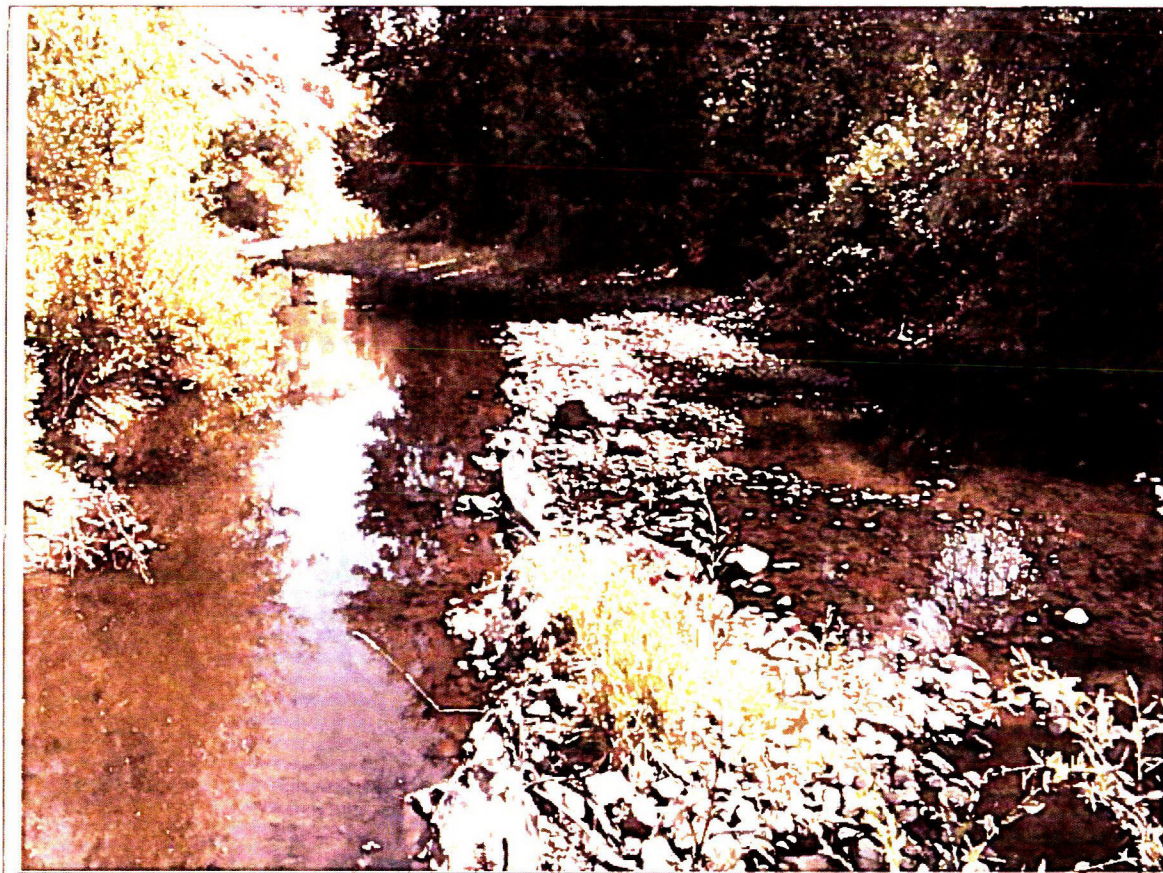


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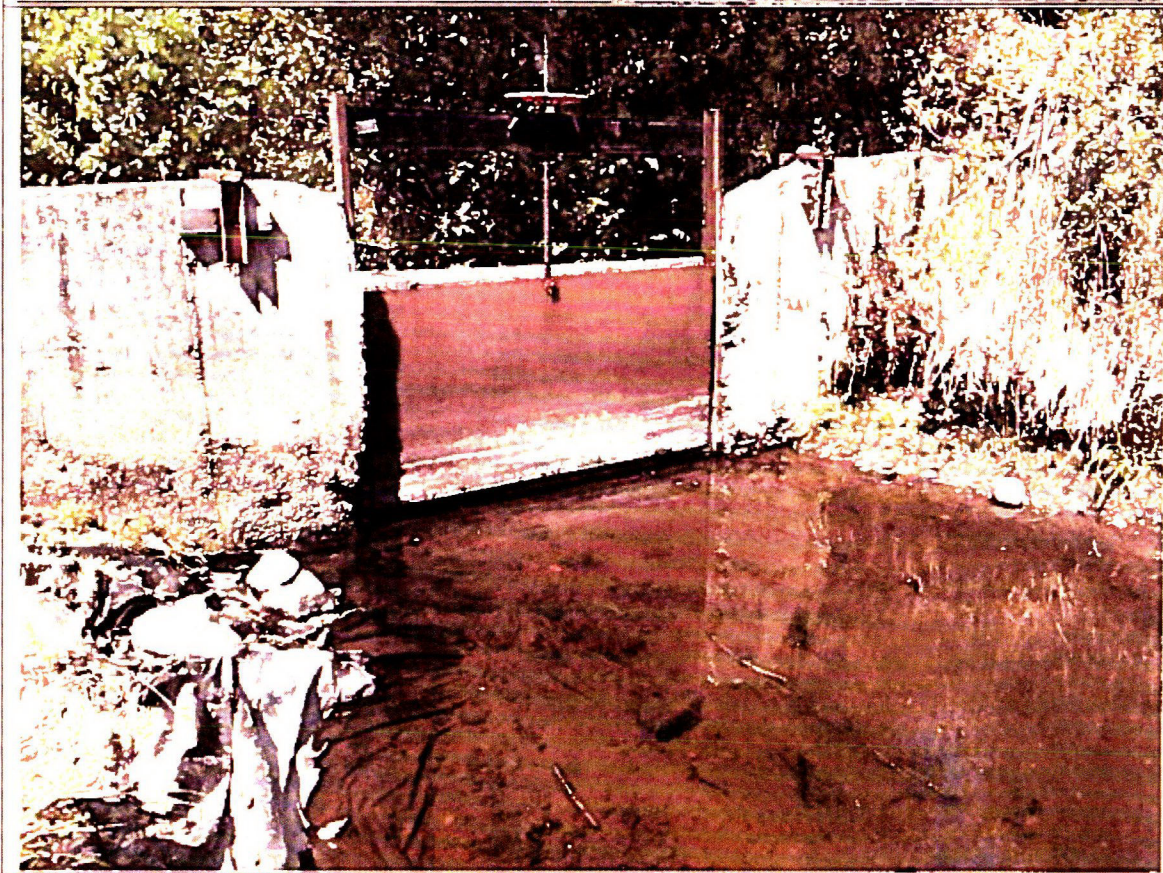
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Little Weiser  
River

Standing on  
American  
Lindsey  
headgate,  
looking  
upstream. Water  
enters ditch to  
left. River water  
passes to right.



American  
Lindsey Ditch  
Headgate





American  
Lindsey  
measuring  
device.

6' weir.

August 14, 2015

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JOE STIPPICH  
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RE: Information Request – Water District 67A

Dear Watermaster:

The Department has not yet received the following information from your Water District. The referenced forms have been enclosed for your convenience.

- Adopted Water budget for 2015 (Watermaster's Proposed Budget form enclosed).
- Watermaster report for 2014 (Watermaster's Report form enclosed).
- Watermaster Oath for 2015. The Oath should be signed and notarized (Official Oath form enclosed).

Please submit the requested information as soon as possible. Feel free to contact me at 208-334-2190 if you have any questions or need assistance during the irrigation season.

Sincerely,

Rachel Neely  
Administrative Assistant 1

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67 A – WATER DISTRICT

ANNUAL MEETING

020215@ 1330 HOURS

(Audibly recorded)

- 16 Attendees: Dean Dunham, Ron Dunham, Joe Stippich, Jerry Jaeger, Ray Turnbull, Jim Buchanan, Victor Ward, Ralph Yantis, Tony Morgansen, Isaac Ward, Ron Jaeger, Jeff Dunham, Ron Ray, Larry Boehm, Royce Schwenkfelder, & Jeff Glemser. No Idaho Water Resource Board personnel were present.
- Meeting was called to order by Royce Schwenkfelder and opened for nominations for Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer.
  - o Chairman – Royce Schwenkfelder – Approved
  - o Sec/Tres - Jeff and Angela Glemser – Approved
- Minutes of last year, 2014, were read by Jeff Glemser - Approved.
- Treasurer's report submitted by Angela Glemser and read by Jeff Glemser – Approved
  - o Income was normal for average year of approximately \$7000.
  - o 67 A water district paid for election advertisement for LWID in 2014. LWID will reimburse 67A for \$29.70.
  - o Annual financial audit to be done as requested by the board. 2014 completed on 020615 by US Bank with no discrepancies.
  - o Jeff and Angela Glemser to be paid \$500 for 2014 Sec/Tres work and same for 2015 - Approved
  - o Water district financial report required by Idaho State House Bill 560 to be submitted electronically on the state web site by 030115. Completed 022715.
- Credential Committee members nominated, present, and approved: ← 
  - o Jim Buchanan, Ralph Yantis, & Ray Turnbull
- Advisory Committee members nominated and approved:
  - o Gordon Wilkerson, Ralph Yantis, Russell Mink, Royce Schwenkfelder
- Old business:
  - o Joe Stippich presented a watermaster's report which was discussed by all who attended.
  - o Royce Schwenkfelder commended Joe for doing a good job in getting water to everyone in 2014.
  - o Joe Stippich advised that the canal bank was raised at Darren Coriell's and the canal at Mike Johnson's needed to be fixed better.
  - o Joe Stippich advised that it was the most difficult to get water to everyone during July between the 4<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. He further advised that it appears that

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water is disappearing in the middle of the district and asked for suggestions to remedy the situation.

- Jerry Jaeger suggested that Joe be more cognizant of the water situation and anticipate what will be needed and when.
- Ray Turnbull advised that more communication is needed with Joe Stippich.
- Joe Stippich suggested that there are problems with the lower end of the water district not getting the water as it seems to disappear in the middle of the canal system and may be due to the lack of “recharging.” He believes that it may be the sprinkler systems in the lower end the district that do not allow the water to sub through the ground and back into the river for reuse, where flood irrigation does recharge the river (i.e. canal system). He further commented that he knows the canals are full until the middle of the district and then the water starts to disappear.
- Jeff Glemser asked Joe Stippich if he needed help, such as a second person that he could train, who would also cover for him in time of illness or for time off. Joe didn’t know if it would help and suggested it would be up to the water users to pay for a second person. No motion made.
- Royce Schwenkfelder opened nominations for Watermaster.
  - Watermaster – Joe Stippich – Approved.
  - The motions were made to pay Joe Stippich his standard pay of \$4000, phone bill, government set mileage of .57 cents per mile, and the fuel for his four-wheeler – Approved.
- New business:
  - Victor Ward and Dean Dunham brought up the suggestion of putting a weir in the river on Bob Elias’ property to ensure the lower end of the water district was getting their water.
  - Ray Turnbull, Royce Schwenkfelder, Jerry Jaeger opposed putting a weir in as they believed it would not help and would be costly.
  - Dean Dunham countered that a tremendous amount of water is coming down from the upper end of the district and then disappears at the middle of the district; and the weir would tell us where the water is going.
  - Jerry Jaeger suggested that 60% of the water from flood irrigation goes back into the river for reuse, as sprinkler irrigation causes 40% of the water to evaporate and no water goes back into the river. Thus, as water irrigation systems improve, more water is lost.
  - Isaac Ward commented that 40 to 50 years ago he remembers the reservoir was not empty at the end of the season because we had a lot more water in the river. He added that we do not have the water in the system as we did back then.
  - Dean Dunham suggested that a weir would begin to find out where the problem is, whether it’s the upper end verses the lower end of the district.

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- Royce Schwenkfelder and Jerry Jaeger believed that the weir would not help, and the communication between people would solve the issue.
- Joe Stippich reiterated that the river needs to be recharged which is not happening as much in the lower end of the district due to sprinkler systems.
- Royce Schwenkfelder suggested adding 10 feet to the reservoir for everyone's benefit.
- Jeff Glemser suggested to make a mechanical device to measure the water to find the area(s) where the problem is without affecting the course of the river.
- Isaac Ward believed that putting a weir in the river would slow down the flow and delivery of water, and would cause a flood liability.
- Jerry Jaeger advised that the reservoir is approximately 1.27 acre feet per acre which possibly gives 30 days of added irrigation when it was originally built.
- Royce Schwenkfelder believes that the district is not using the tools already in place (i.e. weirs) appropriately to measure water and did not believe another weir would help.
- No resolution was settled upon.
- Motion to set the assessments for the year.
  - Same as last year, assessments set at .38 cents per cfs. – Approved
- Jeff Glemser advised it is a continual issue trying to find out who owns properties when the properties within the district are exchanged between people. The only recourse is to turn the water off for those who do not pay per Idaho Water Resource Board.
- Motion made for next annual 67A Water District meeting.
  - First Monday of February of 2016 (020116) – Approved
- Meeting was adjourned at 1530 hours.

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2014 TREASURER'S REPORT

STATEMENT FOR REVENUE OF YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 2014

REVENUE: (@ 38¢ PER CFS)

ASSESSMENTS RECEIVED (WASHINGTON & ADAMS CO.): \$7,718.69

BANK INTEREST: \$2.06

TOTAL: \$7,720.75

EXPENSES:

WATERMASTER SALARY \$4,000.00

PHONE EXPENSE

\$150.00

MILEAGE

\$375.74

TREASURER/SECRETARY SALARY \$500.00

\* (NOT PAID YET, WAITING ON APPROVAL AT ANNUAL MEETING)

MEETING ROOM RENTAL \$20.00

ADVERTISING-LEGAL NOTICE

\$60.71

(<sup>ACTUAL</sup> \$31.01 w/o LITTLE WESER ELECTION AT

TOTAL: \$5,106.45 \$5076.75

(\$4,606.45 w/o SEC/TREAS. SALARY

COMING OUT - WILL COME OUT IN 2015-FEB.)

BANK BALANCE:

JANUARY 1, 2014 - \$36,162.45

DECEMBER 31, 2014 - \$38,627.86

NET CHANGE: +\$2,465.41

\* \$500.00 SEC/TREASURER SALARY WOULD NORMALLY HAVE  
COME OUT OF ~~THE~~ DEC. STATEMENT - WOULD BE \$500 LESS  
THAN NET CHANGE LISTED IF THAT WERE THE CASE.

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# AGENDA

## *WATER DISTRICT* ~~LITTLE WEISER IRRIGATION DISTRICT - 67A~~

Annual Meeting

February 3, 2015

Call to order: 1:30 p.m. at the Indian Valley Fire Station Meeting Room

Please sign in on sheet with contact information and email if possible.

### Purpose of annual meeting:

- Election of Chairman, Secretary/Treasurer, & Watermaster
- Minutes
- Old business
- Expense report
- Credential Committee
- Advisory Committee
- New business
- Vote for annual cost per share of water
- Discussion for placement of a weir to ensure appropriate shares of adjudicate water to the southern end of the irrigation district.
- Time & location of next annual meeting.
- Adjournment

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## CONVERSATION MEMO

\_\_\_\_ Office Visit ☒ Telephone \_\_\_\_ Meeting \_\_\_\_ Other

TO WD 67A  
FROM JL  
DATE 2/2/2015  
RE Annual Meeting

Called Wm Joe Stippich 208-355-2208

Can't attend meeting today in Indian Valley,  
short-hauled

Will be in Cambridge at some time for  
WD 67 meeting

Call me there if or later if Wm or  
officers need anything, we'll do whatever  
we can to support them

Joe said things running smoothly for 67A,  
but some in district issues with retention  
board & some of the users - internal business  
of Little Wagon Inn Dist.

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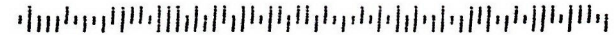
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