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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
Minidoka Project Office
Burley, Idaho

September 9, 1969

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TO THE COMMITTEE OF NINE AND ALL INTERESTED WATERUSERS:

Gentlemen:

The annual reservoir tour is scheduled for September 23 and 24, 1969. The dates have been selected well in advance so that you can plan accordingly. Your being with us on the tour will assure its success.

There are developments which will be of interest to you and on-site discussions will benefit all of us.

ITINERARY - SEPTEMBER 23, 1969

- I. 9:30 a.m. - 1. Assemble at American Falls Dam where the Minidoka Project Superintendent, Glenn H. Simmons, will welcome the group.
2. The Regional Director, Harold Nelson, will discuss the status of the American Falls Dam.
3. Group tour of inside gallery.
- II. 10:30 a.m. - Proceed to Aberdeen.
1. Coffee stop, courtesy Aberdeen-Springfield Canal Co.
2. Depart for Idaho Falls.
- III. 12:30 p.m. - Arrive Idaho Falls, West Bank Coffee Shop.
1. No-host luncheon.
- IV. 1:30 p.m. - Depart for Lower Teton Dam site.
- V. 2:30 p.m. - Arrive Lower Teton Dam site.
1. Robert Pittard - discuss grouting program.
2. Willis Walker - President, Fremont-Madison Irrigation District Board, will discuss the Lower Teton contract.

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*VI. 3:30 p.m. - Depart for Jackson, Wyoming by way of Driggs & Victor.

VII 5:00 p.m. - Arrive Jackson, Wyoming - *Wort Hotel - overnight stop.

*Note: We will arrange reservations at Wort Hotel, at your request.
Please advise as early as possible.

ITINERARY - SEPTEMBER 24, 1969

I. 7:00 a.m. - Breakfast, on your own.

II. 8:00 a.m. - Depart for Jackson Lake Dam, via Teton National Park and Signal Mountain Lookout.

III. 10:00 a.m. - Arrive at Jackson Lake Dam.

1. Jim Skiles will discuss work in progress.
2. Terry Gulley, Chief, River Operations Branch, will discuss 1969 irrigation season and the coming winter operating plans for the river.
3. Examine dam structure and camp area.

IV. 11:30 a.m. - Depart for Colter Bay.

V. 12:00 Noon - Arrive at Colter Bay.

1. No-host luncheon.

VI. 1:00 p.m. - Depart for Grassy Lake.

VII. 2:00 p.m. - Arrive Grassy Lake.

1. Jim Skiles will discuss the progress of the spillway rehabilitation.
2. Examine the dam, spillway, gate house and camp area.

VIII. 3:30 p.m. - End of tour. Proceed homeward by the route of your choice.

Glenn H. Simmons
Glenn H. Simmons
Project Superintendent

S T A T E O F I D A H O
DEPARTMENT OF RECLAMATION
Boise, Idaho
March 7, 1969

RE: WATER DISTRICT NO. 36

STREAM: Snake River

Mr. Clifford Scoresby, Secretary
Box 697, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401

Dear Mr. Scoresby:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Minutes of the
Annual Watermaster's Election Meeting held in your district,
and also the Adopted Budget for the ensuing year.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT W. HAMILTON
Supervisor of Water Distribution

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S T A T E O F I D A H O

DEPARTMENT OF RECLAMATION

Boise, Idaho

March 7, 1969

RE: WATER DISTRICT NO. 36

STREAM: Snake River

NOTICE: Watermaster Election Meeting

SALARY: \$16,329 per annum

INSTRUCTIONS TO ASSUME DUTY WILL BE ISSUED UPON RECEIPT OF AN OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH OF OFFICE, AND A WRITTEN REQUEST SIGNED BY AT LEAST THREE WATER USERS, ASKING THAT YOU ASSUME YOUR DUTIES AT ONCE.

Mr. Henry C. Eagle
Box 697
Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401

Dear Mr. Eagle:

To qualify as a watermaster of the above numbered district for the current irrigation season, you must secure a surety bond in the penal sum of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00), payable to the State of Idaho, to be filed in this office. Upon its receipt and approval, together with your OATH OF OFFICE, executed before a Notary Public, your Certificate of Election will be issued.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT W. HAMILTON
Supervisor of Water Distribution

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MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF WATER DISTRICT NO. 36

Department of Reclamation

Idaho Falls, Idaho, March 3, 1969

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The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Bonneville County District courtroom by Watermaster, Henry Eagle, with about 300 waterusers present.

It was moved by Walter Chapple and seconded by Willis Walker that Leonard Graham be elected temporary chairman. Motion carried.

Clifford Scoresby was nominated and elected temporary secretary.

The minutes of the March 4, 1968, annual meeting were read by Clifford Scoresby. Moved by Lowell Hicks and seconded by Walter Chapple that minutes be approved as read. Carried.

The Chairman declared a recess for the committees on Organization and Order of Business, Credentials, and Committee of Nine to meet. The following nominations for committees were presented and duly elected:

Committee of Nine: A. L. Peters, Lester Saunders, C. N. Scoresby, Leonard Graham, Lavon Christensen, Leo Murdock, R. W. Walker, Lynn Loosli, John Stevenson.
Advisory members: F. C. Gillette, Burdell Curtis, Glenn Simmons, William Kerner.

Order of Business: John Burtenshaw, Saul Moore, Edgar Christensen, Robert Burke, Glen Ramey, Jim Kemper, Frank Ives, D. D. Rydalch, Merton Gray.

Credentials: Ed Phillips, Tom Olmstead, Russel Woolley, La Vern Montgomery, Frank Bailey, Milo Beckman, Frank Kinghorn, Reed Oldham, Louis Rasmussen.

The committees on Organization and Order of Business and on Credentials were excused to conduct their business.

The roll call of canals entitled to vote was read by C. N. Scoresby. Seventy-four canals with decrees of 32,234 cfs were represented.

1969 Report of Committee on Organization and Order of Business

We, your Committee on Organization and Order of Business, desire to report the following:

We recommend that the temporary organization be made permanent and the following be adopted as the order of business of this meeting:

1. Appointment of a temporary organization.
2. Reading of minutes of previous meeting.
3. Recess for caucus.
4. Roll call.
5. Report of Committees.
6. That the temporary organization be made permanent.
7. Financial report of District.
8. Election of Committee of Nine.
9. Resolutions.
10. Election of Watermaster.
11. Unfinished business.
12. New business.

We, the Committee on Organization and Order of Business recommend that the Committee of Nine act as a permanent resolution committee, and anyone desiring to present a resolution be requested to present it to the Committee of Nine.

James Kemper, Chairman

The report was adopted.

1969 Report of Committee on Credentials

We, your Committee on Credentials, recommend the following for your consideration:

1. That the representatives of different rights be determined by roll call in advance of voting.
2. That the companies or other organizations owning decreed water rights shall be entitled to vote through their duly elected officers or by written proxy. Each stockholder of any company not represented by duly elected officers or by written proxy shall be entitled to vote the stock held by them.
3. That in case two or more officers are present from any canal company they shall select one man to vote the stock of said company.
4. That power rights be not recognized in the voting.
5. That no person be elected to membership and service on the Committee of Nine unless he be a landowner and wateruser in the Canal Company or Irrigation District which he represents during the term of his office.

Reed Oldham, Chairman

The report was adopted.

Henry Eagle read the Annual Report of the Committee of Nine to the Waterusers, which includes the financial report. Moved by Howard Andrus that the report be accepted. Motion was seconded and carried.

Harold Nelson mentioned work of the Northwest Water Resources Commission. Roy Stanger is alternate member to William Holden on this body. Mr. Nelson referred to yesterday's report on American Falls Dam to the American Falls Board and the Committee of Nine. It is not advisable to fill American Falls Reservoir with the present deteriorated dam until after ice has gone out each spring. There is a possibility that operation restrictions could be increased if further deterioration occurs. The Bureau now intends to recommend that the new or rehabilitated American Falls Dam be at the same height as present dam.

Richard Larson, Chief of Dam Design Division of Bureau of Reclamation at Denver, explained need for a new spillway section. It would not be practical to repair present structure. The Bureau has completed three alternate designs to conform to recommendations of the independent board of consultants. One proposal is a complete new dam downstream from present dam. A second proposal would rehabilitate present dam and include a new spillway section. A third proposal would provide new spillway and outlet structure and use of old earth fill section of dam. The costs of each of these proposals is about the same. From an engineering standpoint the new dam is the most satisfactory.

Morlan Nelson, Snow Survey Supervisor for Soil Conservation Service, reviewed the installation of a snow pillow on the Jackson watershed. The first installation has been changed and is now located on Lewis Lake divide. A steel pillow has replaced old butyl pillow and should be operable next year. In some areas, trouble has been experienced with bears digging into pillows to get at the methyl alcohol. Possibility of using a fixed satellite to relay data from snow fields was mentioned.

Willow Creek now has a heavier snow pack than ever measured. Soil is still frozen. Records go back to 1964. Even a normal rainstorm could produce a damaging flood. Tremendous snow pack in Mud Lake basin will likely produce large floods. Lost River area has heavy snow.

On Snake River we seem to be on a climbing section of the runoff cycle. April to September runoff at Heise should be about 4,400,000 acre-feet.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Meeting convened at 1:30 p.m.

Allen McGregor from Bureau of Reclamation noted that as soon as the waterusers have selected a plan for the American Falls Dam replacement, his office will prepare final plans for presentation to their Washington office and Congress.

Progress is being made in making a beginning of construction on the Teton Dam.

A report has been released on the Salmon Falls project. Some opposition has developed regarding the location of replacement groundwater wells.

Any new storage in the future on Snake River will require a supplementary groundwater supply. Other locations for groundwater wells are possible that will eliminate opposition.

Studies on the Lynn Crandall project are well along and 1,620,000 acre-feet of storage will be provided. An increase in the Palisades Powerplant will be included which will about double its capacity. Storage for water quality may be included. This report should be available late in 1969.

Studies on Snake River Plain groundwater have been extended. A four-year cooperative program will be carried out with the Geological Survey and State Reclamation Engineer. An analogue model and digital computer are being used in this study.

Glenn Simmons thanked the waterusers who attended the reservoir tour last September. He encouraged any of those interested to attend the tour next September. A study of the distribution of Palisades costs has been made and has resulted in a new distribution with lower costs to the waterusers.

Terry Gulley reviewed last year's reservoir operations. Large releases have been made from all reservoirs during the winter. Contents are somewhat less than last fall for all except American Falls, American Falls is filled to permitted 8-foot level. As soon as ice leaves water will be moved down from Palisades Reservoir and Jackson Lake. Some 600,000 acre-feet of space will be required in the two upper reservoirs by May 15.

Jim Skiles reviewed the Bureau maintenance activities for the past year. Core drilling program was carried on at American Falls dam. Bank protection work was done on American Falls shoreline. Another section of Grassy Lake spillway was replaced. Repairs were made to cavitated areas in Palisades outlet works. Inspections are carried out by a group of experts at three-year intervals.

R. Keith Higginson noted that this meeting is one of 77 being held on this day over the state. The State Reclamation Engineer has the responsibility for supervising and educating the watermasters of these districts. Much misinformation has been spread concerning the proposed water bills now before the legislature. Mr. Higginson's office will be glad to furnish information on these bills to any groups that request such information.

Russell Holm moved that the membership of the Committee of Nine as presented at the morning meeting be elected. Seconded by Martin Gray and passed.

C. N. Scoresby read resolutions 1 - 10. Each was regularly adopted.

Resolution No. 1

That the following transmission losses be charged on stored water: 1.7% Moran to Palisades; 0.8% Palisades to Heise; 4.4% Heise to Lorenzo; 0.5% Lorenzo to Woodville; 6% Woodville to Blackfoot; 4% Henrys Lake to Island Park; 2% Island Park to Warm River; 0.5% Warm River to Ashton.

Resolution No. 2

That in an attempt to establish pre-reservoir conditions, stored water when released from reservoirs shall be charged a reasonable amount to cover lag and river bank storage, said amount to be repaid to stored water by natural flow before the close of the irrigation season.

Resolution No. 3

We recommend that Henry C. Eagle be elected Watermaster for the ensuing year, at a salary of \$16,329 per annum.

Resolution No. 4

Resolved: That the duties of the Watermaster shall begin on this date and continue for a full period of one year.

Resolution No. 5

Proposed Budget for Water District No. 36
for year beginning April 1, 1969

Engineers, Hydrographers and office employees:

1 Watermaster	1 year	\$16,329	
1 Hydraulic Engineer	1 year	13,603	
1 Hydraulic Engineer Aid	1 year	5,145	
1 Hydrographer	4 mos. @ \$520	2,080	
1 Hydrographer	5 mos. @ \$520	2,600	
1 Hydrographer	6 mos. @ \$520	3,120	
1 Clerk	1 year	<u>5,829</u>	\$48,706

River Riders, including mileage:

1 Henrys Fork & Teton River	5 mos. @ \$21 day	\$ 3,150	
1 Henrys Fork	3½ mos. @ \$21 day	2,200	
1 Henrys Fork & Teton River	2 mos. @ \$21 day	1,250	
1 Heise Division	4 mos. @ \$16 day	1,900	
1 Rigby Division	4 mos. @ \$16 day	1,900	
1 Blackfoot Division	4 mos. @ \$16 day	1,900	
1 Idaho Falls Division	60 days @ \$17 day	1,000	
1 Swan Valley Division	100 days @ \$12 day	1,500	
1 Upper Fall River	3½ mos. @ \$170 mo.	600	
1 Leigh Creek	450 hrs. @ \$2.30 hr.	<u>1,040</u>	\$16,440

Miscellaneous:

Gage Readers	500	
Transportation - 31,000 miles @ 10 ¢ a mile	3,100	
Transportation - Government car, 1 year	2,100	
Swan Valley Auto expense	200	
Telephone & telemark	800	
Government travel expense	900	
Supplies and equipment	2,000	
Construction, repairs, maintenance	2,000	
Social Security, Bon Premium & Insurance	1,200	
Retirement & Insurance	3,000	
Groundwater studies	900	
Subsistence	500	
Miscellaneous (postage, interest, report)	900	
Snow pillow	<u>250</u>	\$18,350

TOTAL \$83,496

Estimated State & Federal Funds 37,000

Balanced paid by Waterusers \$46,496

Salary at \$10.00 per day and expenses of upper valley
members of Committee of Nine to be paid by upper valley 1,000

TOTAL \$47,496

The Watermaster is hereby authorized to prepare a statement at the close of the 1969 irrigation season covering actual expenses incurred during the preceding year chargeable to the waterusers, and same shall be pro-rated among the various canals in proportion to the amount of water diverted by each, and he shall then collect same; and he is further authorized to withhold deliveries of water in 1969 from any canals that have not paid their pro-rata share of 1968 costs until such time as said costs are paid.

Resolution No. 6

We recommend that the Committee of Nine be continued with nine regular members. The members representing the Burley and Minidoka Irrigation Districts to be alternated between the two districts as they may arrange. In addition, advisory members representing the Bureau of Reclamation, Teton Basin, Gooding Canal, and a member from the Burley or Minidoka District, whichever is not currently represented on the regular committee. Any canal company or district desiring to have representatives attend meetings of the Committee of Nine should notify the Watermaster, who will then advise them of dates and times of Committee meetings so that they may have an opportunity to attend such meetings.

Resolution No. 7

WHEREAS, in the operation of Water District No. 36 it is necessary to borrow money at times to meet expenses of operation prior to collections from the canal companies at the close of the irrigation season,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Watermaster, or acting Watermaster in case of his absence, is hereby authorized to borrow from time to time during the year ending March 31, 1970, such sums as are necessary to pay outstanding bills, signing notes as authorized officer of District No. 36 as security therefore, the total amount of any such outstanding indebtedness at any one time not, however, to exceed \$20,000.00

Resolution No. 8

WHEREAS, the operation of the storage pool committee in past years has proved to be of valuable assistance to the watermaster in providing an orderly distribution of rental water.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a pool committee again be appointed by the Chairman of the Committee of Nine for the following purposes:

1. To determine general policy regarding source of rental water;
2. To assist the watermaster in the allocation of rental water;
3. To consult with the watermaster on ways to most fully utilize available storage water.

Resolution No. 9

WHEREAS, it has long been the policy of Water District No. 36 to urge and promote orderly development of the water resources of the State of Idaho and the commencement, when practicable, of development of the upper stretches of our rivers to prevent waste by flooding and to obtain maximum use of the water as it flows through our state; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Lynn Crandall project, on the South Fork of the Snake River near Burns Creek, is a project designed for multiple use, to provide, among other things, much needed supplemental water for irrigation of lands now under cultivation as well as to provide water for arid lands which are not now irrigated, and, at the same time to serve as a reregulating reservoir for the Palisades Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Waterusers of Water District No. 36, at their annual meeting held in the City of Idaho Falls, Idaho, this 3rd day of March, 1969, that they urge the early authorization by the Congress of the Lynn Crandall project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this group urge the early construction of the Lynn Crandall Project by the Bureau of Reclamation, in keeping with the long established policy of favoring upstream development in order to permit the greatest use of water as it flows through the state.

Resolution No. 10

WHEREAS, Mrs. Charlotte E. Wood served faithfully and efficiently as clerk in the Water District No. 36 office for over 27 years and whereas such services were terminated by her untimely death on June 20, 1968.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Waterusers of Water District No. 36, at their annual meeting held in the City of Idaho Falls, Idaho, this 3rd day of March 1969, that they express their deep appreciation for her many years of outstanding service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this expression of appreciation be conveyed to her husband, Lowell Wood, to her mother, Mrs. Ed Elg and to her brother Woodrow Elg.

Reed Oldham moved that the rules be suspended and that Henry Eagle be unanimously elected as Watermaster for the coming year. Seconded by Julius Newman. Carried.

Henry Eagle expressed appreciation to the waterusers for their cooperation during the past 10 years that he has served as watermaster. He noted that the first three were dry years. Since then they have been about normal or above.

Chairman Graham thanked those in attendance for their interest and support. He expressed appreciation to Mr. Higginson and Mr. Richard Larson for their presence and contribution to the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

C. N. Scoresby, Secretary