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MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF NINE
IDAHO WATER DISTRICT NO. 01

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December 14, 1972

The Committee of Nine of Idaho Water District No. 01 met at the Ponderosa Inn, Burley, Idaho, December 14, 1972. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 A. M. by Chairman Leonard Graham.

Committee of Nine members present:

Leonard Graham, C. N. Scoresby, Lynn Loosli,
Kenneth Anderson, Alfred Peters, Leo Murdock,
R. Willis Walker, Lester Saunders, and Burdell
Curtis.

Alternate member present:

Joe Studer

Advisory member present:

Carlos Randolph

Absent:

Francis Gillette, resigned.

Others Present:

Ed Sullivan, Bob Pittard, Terry Gulley, Larry
Vinsonhaler, Claude Wisener and John Walker from
the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation; Art Larson and
Michael Bennett, Water District 01; attorneys
John Rosholt, Roger Ling, and Kent Foster; and
about thirty representatives of the water users.

Report of the Power Loss Committee was given by Burdell Curtis.
Mr. Curtis recommended adoption of the report; seconded by Willis Walker.
Motion carried.

Terry Gulley reported on reservoir and river operations with a
tentative operating schedule for all the reservoirs based on the new fill
restriction schedule for American Falls Reservoir. Written copy of report
attached to original minutes.

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MEETING OF COMMITTEE OF NINE

Idaho Falls, Idaho

March 5, 6, 1972

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The Committee met at the Westbank Restaurant at 7:30 p.m., March 5, with Leonard Graham presiding.

Committee members present were: Leonard Graham, Al Peters, Leo D. Murdock, Lynn Loosli, Lester Saunders, Willis Walker, C.N. Scoresby, J.L. Christensen.

Alternate: Burdell Curtis

Advisory: F. C. Gillette

Members absent: Vern Montgomery, William Kerner.

Representing the Bureau of Reclamation were: Ed Sullivan, John Walker, Bill Burpee, Allen McGregor, John Mangan, Jim Skiles and Terry Gulley.

Representing Water District No. 1 were: Art Larson and Mike Bennett.

Also present were: Attorneys Bill Holden, Ken Foster and John Rosholt. About 20 interested waterusers were also in attendance.

It was moved and seconded that reading of the "Annual Report of the Committee of Nine to the Waterusers", not be read at this meeting but withheld until the general meeting next day. Motion carried.

Resolutions 1 through 12 were considered individually and all but 9 and 10 accepted for presentation to the waterusers at the annual meeting on March 6. Resolutions 9 and 10 were determined by legal counsel to need revision.

Ed Sullivan, Region 1 Director of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation spoke briefly on American Falls Dam deterioration, necessary impending repairs on Jackson Dam and Island Park Dam.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

The Committee met again, with William Kerner in attendance, at 11:40 a.m., March 6, and accepted Resolutions 9 and 10 as revised.

Lyle Schnitker, Salmon Falls Project, made a request that the Committee of Nine be represented at the meeting of the Subcommittee of the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives in Twin Falls on March 11, 1972. Al Peters was appointed to attend and present Resolution No. 10.

Committee recessed for lunch at 11:50 a.m.

MEETING OF COMMITTEE OF NINE

The Committee of Nine convened a third time at 3:15 and voted unanimously to continue the same organization as in past years, namely, Leonard Graham, Chairman, Al Peters Vice-chairman, and Cliff Scoresby, secretary.

The storage pool committee to be continued as in the past with members Leonard Graham, John Walker and Art Larson.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Clifford Scoresby,
Secretary, Committee of Nine

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF WATER DISTRICT NO. 1

Idaho Falls, Idaho, March 6, 1972

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. in the Westbank Restaurant by Watermaster Art Larson, with about 180 waterusers present.

It was moved and seconded that Leonard Graham be elected temporary chairman. Motion carried.

Clifford Scoresby was elected temporary secretary.

The minutes of the March 1, 1971, Annual Meeting were read by Clifford Scoresby. Moved by Martin Bergman and seconded by Clarence Hoffman that minutes be approved as read. Motion 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: Leonard Graham, Al Peters, C. N. Scoresby, R. Willis Walker, Lynn Loosli, Lester Saunders, Burdell Curtis, Leo Murdock, Kenneth Anderson.

Alternate member: Joe Studer.

Advisory members: F. C. Gillette, William Kerner.

Order of Business: James Kemper, Martin Bergman, Wilbert Trupp, Tom Miller, Murray Hammond, Russ Wooley, Virgil Temple, Clyde Greenwell, Merton Gray.

Credentials: Frank Kinghorn, Donald Trupp, Kenneth Price, Ray Lott, Ted Cook, Tex Woolstenhulme, Ed Reichert, Ted Diehl, Rudy Pancheri.

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. Sixty-six canals with 143,567 voting rights, or 28,713 cfs were represented.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 11:40, reconvened at 1:20 p.m.

1972 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 of canals shall be held while committee on organization and order of business and committee on credentials are in caucus.
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 prior to District 01 meeting.

Martin Bergman, Chairman

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the report was adopted.

1972 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 or 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.

Donald Trupp, Chairman

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the report was adopted.

Art Larson read the "Annual Report of the Committee of Nine to the Waterusers," which includes the financial report. Moved by R. Howard Andrus, seconded by Irvin Harrop, that the report be accepted. Motion carried.

George James, Area Conservationist, reported for Jack Wilson, who was unable to attend and conveyed his regrets. Run-off expected to be well above normal, but slightly less than 1971. The April-September forecast is for 1,148,000 A.F. at Moran, 5,100,000 A.F. at Heise, 730,000 A.F. at Ashton, and 500,000 A.F. at Teton near St. Anthony. The Snake River drainage is 140% of normal, the Henrys Fork 135%, and the Teton, 150% of normal.

F. Spencer, Max Kyser and Dick Patton, U. S. Corps of Engineers from Walla Walla, gave a status report on the Ririe Dam, noting the anticipated completion date to be the fall of 1974.

Edwin Sullivan, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Regional Director, reported that a monitoring system on the American Falls Dam was indicating a rise in hydrostatic pressure, and that steps were being taken to investigate the situation further. Jackson Dam is scheduled for some extensive rehabilitation on the divider walls between the outlet gates. Island Park is in need of some repairs also.

Allen McGregor reviewed the project planning status of the Lynn Crandall project, and noted that the report has been delayed about a year due to additional studies being required for environment considerations. The Snake River Plan recharge program, the Oakley Fan, and the Minidoka North Side Extension are all under study and in various degrees of completion.

He noted that the Bureau of Reclamation has been designated the lead agency in a Western U.S. Water Plan to develop plans for future water use. The report is due in 1975. Mr. McGregor concluded by asking for ideas and input to the Bureau's studies by local interests.

Jim Skiles, Acting Minidoka Project Superintendent, reviewed the maintenance operation of the past year, which included completion of a cut-off weir at the Palisades spillway basin, riprapping the American Falls Reservoir shoreline, and building or updating sewage disposal system at American Falls, Island Park, Minidoka and Palisades.

Terry Gulley noted that the water supply for 1972 is excellent, that Jackson Lake is being drawn down now to make flood space, and that flood space is being made in Palisades, having begun the first of February. The Minidoka Powerplant has operated at capacity all winter, Island Park will fill in April, in spite of a discharge of no less than 400 cfs all winter.

Robert Robison, construction engineer for the Teton Dam, reviewed the construction schedule for the dam construction, illustrating his talks with color slides.

Donald Trupp requested assurance that operation of the river to enhance the goose environment would not jeopardize irrigation rights in any way. Terry Gulley responded that any benefits to geese habitat would only be an incidental by-product of the flood operation, and would be reviewed on an annual basis.

Mr. Trupp also suggested electing the committees on credentials and on organization and order of business ahead of time so that they could have their duties taken care of before the start of the general meeting. After some discussion as to the legality of such procedure, Reed Oldham suggested the Committee of Nine explore the possibilities before the next meeting.

Clifford Scoresby read Resolutions 1 through 12.

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 Arthur L. Larson be elected Watermaster for the ensuing year, including a staff of an assistant and a clerk for an aggregate annual salary of \$24,620, which amount is 50% of the salary and benefits obligation for the three-member staff. The remainder of the salaries of these employees, as determined by Federal Civil Service and Geological Survey regulations, shall be paid from non-Water District funding sources.

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. 1
for year beginning April 1, 1972

Hydrographers

Teton Basin	4½ mos. @ \$550	\$2,475	
Idaho Falls area	4 mos. @ \$550	2,200	
Lower Valley	3 mos. @ \$550	1,650	
Henry's Fork	140 days @ \$23/day (Incl. Mi.)	3,220	1/
Fall River	100 days @ \$23/day " "	2,300	
Teton River	60 days @ \$23/day " "	<u>1,380</u>	\$13,225

River Riders

Heise Division	120 days @ \$17/day (Incl. Mi.)	2,040	2/
Rigby Division	120 days @ \$16/day " "	1,920	
Blackfoot Division	120 days @ \$16/day " "	1,920	
Swan Valley	100 days @ \$13/day " "	1,300	
Upper Fall River Div.	4 mos. @ \$170/mo. " "	680	
South Leigh Creek	400 hours @ \$3.00/hr. " "	1,200	
North Leigh Creek	4 mos. @ \$50/mo.	<u>200</u>	\$ 9,260

Miscellaneous

Part-time clerk		500	
Gage Readers		450	
Transportation (32,000 mi. @ .11 mi.)		3,530	
Subsistence		500	
Telephone and telemark		850	
Postage and box rental		200	
Interest on loan		400	
Binding, printing W.M. report		250	
Social Security		1,300	
Insurance (Workman's Compensation), Bond		560	
Maintenance, construction, rehabilitation		2,000	
Office supplies, repairs, misc.		400	
Storage rent		120	
Snow pillow (Lewis Lake Divide)		250	
Ground-water studies		<u>900</u>	\$12,210

Sub-total - Paid directly for items listed \$34,695

Watermaster and staff

Watermaster, hydraulic engineer, clerk

\$24,620 3/

Proportionate share of streamgaging operations

11,700 4/

Subtotal - Paid to Federal-State Cooperative
repay account

\$36,320

1/ Plus extra mileage at certain times.

2/ Has extra responsibilities.

- 3/ Paid into Federal-State Cooperative repay account to be used to pay that part of the Geological Survey employees salaries chargeable to the Watermaster Function. The remainder of the salaries of these employees, as determined by Federal Civil Service and Geological Survey regulations, paid from non-Water District funding sources. The Federal fiscal year begins on July 1, therefore, an adjustment of this account will be made on this date each year.
- 4/ Proportionate share of streamgaging operations and maintenance paid into Federal-State Cooperative repay account with allowances as noted for streamflow data needed in the Federal-State Cooperative Program and collected by Water District hydrographers.

Salary at \$10.00 per day and expenses of upper valley members of Committee of Nine to be paid by upper valley	<u>\$1,000</u>
TOTAL	\$72,015

Resolution No. 6

We recommend that the Committee of Nine be continued with nine regular members. The members representing the Burley and Minidoka Irrigation District are 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, be included. 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. 1 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, 1973, such sums as are necessary to pay outstanding bills, signing notes as authorized officer of District No. 1 as security, therefore, the total amount of any such outstanding indebtedness at any one time not, however, to exceed \$30,000.00.

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 Idaho Water District No. 1 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 Bureau of Reclamation is presently preparing a report and formulating a plan for multiple-purpose project at the Lynn Crandall site on the South Fork of the Snake River 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 regulating reservoir for the Palisades project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Water District No. 1, meeting in Idaho Falls, Idaho, this 6th day of March, 1972, re-affirm its long standing position favoring a multiple-purpose project at the Lynn Crandall site on the South Fork of the Snake River and urges the prompt completion by the Bureau of Reclamation of the report and proposal for a multiple-purpose project at that site.

Resolution No. 10

WHEREAS, Water District No. 1 has consistently endorsed the early authorization and construction of the Salmon Falls Division Project; and

WHEREAS, Idaho waterusers appreciate the favorable consideration of the Project by the United States Senate in 1971 and are apprised of field hearings scheduled in Twin Falls, Idaho, on March 11, 1972, by the Irrigation and Reclamation Sub-committee of the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee of the United States House of Representatives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Water District No. 1, meeting this 6th day of March, 1972, in the City of Idaho Falls, Idaho, commends the Irrigation and Reclamation Sub-committee of the Congress for scheduling a hearing in Twin Falls, Idaho, on March 11, 1972, to consider

the Salmon Falls Division Project and we urge a favorable report for the Project by the Subcommittee and following which we urge the early and prompt consideration of a favorable recommendation of the Project by the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee of the United States House of Representatives.

Resolution No. 11

WHEREAS, Water District No. 1 has long supported the Lower Teton Project, and

WHEREAS, the project has been authorized after full consideration by all interests and is now under construction,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we reaffirm our support of the Lower Teton Project on the Teton River and urge that all steps be taken necessary to fund and complete on schedule the construction of the project.

Resolution No. 12

WHEREAS, Mr. Glenn H. Simmons served the waterusers of Water District 1 in his various capacities with the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation for 38 years, 6 years as Minidoka Project Superintendent, and, WHEREAS, his career and services were suddenly terminated by his sudden death on December 29, 1971,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the waterusers of Water District 1 at their annual meeting held in the City of Idaho Falls, Idaho, this 6th day of March 1972, that they express their deep appreciation for his many years of devoted service, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this expression of appreciation be conveyed to his widow, Ethel Simmons, and to his son, William, and his daughters, Cheryl, Lona, Janet, Mary, Helen, and Judy.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, each of the above resolutions was adopted for the coming year.

The motion was made and seconded that Art Larson be elected water-master for the ensuing year. Carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Clifford N. Scoresby,
Secretary, Committee of Nine