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Annual Meeting Minutes Water District 67A

February 4, 2025 1:00 P.M. Indian Valley Fire Hall

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Attendance- those in attendance included (Becky Arrien), Ralph Yantis, Dan Yantis, Jeff Glemser, Kellie Smith, Riley Kafua, Skylar Cheever, Ray Turnbull, Dale McKee, JR Jones, Patrick Tighe, Justin Mink, Royce Schwenkfelder, Jeff Dunham, Brice Mosekian, Dean Dunham, and Kameron Ogle.

Call to Order/Chairman remarks- Chairman Turnbull called our meeting to order at 1:00, and had no remarks.

Nominations/Election of Chairman- Royce Schwenkfelder moved to maintain our same chairman, Ray Turnbull, Jeff Dunham second, Motion passed.

Minutes for 2024- presented by Secretary Arrien, Jeff Dunham moved to accept and approve minutes as presented. Royce Schwenkfelder second, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report for 2024- presented by Arrien, Jeff Dunham motioned to approve the report as presented Dean, Dunham Second, motion Passed. Arrien presented two pending bills, Dean Dunham motioned to approve and pay the pending bills, Jeff Dunham second, motion passed.

Snowpack Measurement- Appears to be high, especially with the recent set of storms, Royce presented that there's a hydrologist working for NRCS and is willing to help with a snowpack measurement device or program. Royce will pass along some info to the advisory committee once he gets that. It would be a mobile device, there would be no approval process needed from Forest Service or other agencies, so the process would go much faster.

Reports:

Credential Committee- nothing to report.

Advisory Committee- nothing to report

Electronic Measuring Devices Committee- Jeff presented that there wasn't a chance to get another measurement at Elias' bridge, when Jake was here, we are hoping to catch him this year at the right time. The river wasn't at the right flow to give a real accurate measurement. JR Jones stated that Jake is no longer with Pivotrac, so we will not know what the next step will be for getting measurements. Jake will likely be in contact with JR to find a resolution.

Watermaster Report- JR presented that, as this was his first year, he faced a pretty big learning curve, and offered that anyone can approach him with concerns and questions. He welcomes open communication and stays in contact with our water users throughout the irrigation season. JR presented that the Idaho Power weir reported a discrepancy in contrast to his measurements, he keeps track of both measurements through the season in order to have the most accurate data.

New Business:

Set/Approve 2024 Budget/Set Water Assessments- Jeff motioned to approve budget as presented by Arrien and maintain our assessments at \$80/cfs, Dean Dunham second, Motion passed.

Nominations/Election of Secretary/Treasurer/Set Salary- Ray motioned to hire secretary Arrien for the 2025 irrigation season, Dale McKee second, motion passed.

Nominations/Election of Watermaster/ Set Salary - Jeff Dunham motioned to hire JR Jones and keep his salary the same, Dean Dunham second, motion passed.

Selection of Credential, Advisory, and Electronic Measuring Devices Committees- Chairman Turnbull motioned to maintain the same positions for all three committees, Dale McKee second, passed.

(The 2025 Advisory Committee remain the same: Royce Schwenkfelder, Jeff Dunham and Ralph Yantis

The 2025 Credential Committee remains the same: Judy Dietch, Dean Dunham, and Russell Mink.

The 2025 Electronic Measuring Device Committee remains the same: Jeff Dunham, Royce Schwenkfelder, and Ray Turnbull)

Kellie Smith, IDWR, reported that she had found a grant for our snowpack measurement project, however as of January 31 all federal funding has been halted. Royce read through it and presented that a full blown snotel site averages \$40,000 to build and around \$3,500/year to maintain. There are likely other agencies available that would cooperate, such as Idaho Power. If the funds become open again, Kellie will get in touch with us. Kellie commended JR for doing a great job in the past year and is thankful for his help and his responsiveness.

Set 2026 Annual Meeting- (2/3/2026, 1 p.m., IV Fire Hall). Jeff Dunham motioned to set the meeting as stated, Dean Dunham Second. Motion passed.

Adjourn Meeting- no further discussion was brought forth Royce Schwenkfelder motioned to adjourn our meeting, Dean Dunham second, Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 1:25 pm.