

Payette River Basin, State of Idaho

Water District No. 65

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Regular Board Meeting

Date: March 12, 2012
Time: 8:00 p.m.
Location: Payette River Irrigation Office

Attending: Marcia Herr, Fred Coburn, Ron Mio, Norm Collinsworth, C. Eugene Parks, Jim Standley, Dennis Lammey, Doyle Fackler, Wayne Martin, Roy Maxwell, Howard Sevy, Darlene Maxwell, Jamie White, Recording Secretary and Watermaster Ron Shurtleff

Guests: Brian Sauer, Water Conservation Engineer P.E., USBR; Chris Beardsley, US Bureau of Reclamation, and Jerry Gregg, Snake River Area Manager, USBR.

Chairman Doyle Fackler called the meeting to order.

Minutes: The February 13, 2012, meeting minutes were presented in written form to all persons in attendance to review. Chairman Fackler asked if there were any additions or corrections. A typing error was pointed out. **Ron Mio moved and Jim Standley seconded to approve the February 13, 2012, minutes as corrected. Passed.**

Financial: Chairman Fackler asked Ron to review the financial statement for the district. Ron reported a checking account balance of \$1,666.74 and a balance in the State Treasury Fund of \$182,164.26 resulting in a checking and savings total of \$183,831.00. Total accounts receivable equaled \$43,925.93. The fixed assets will remain at \$72,037.21 producing a total assets balance of \$299,794.14. Ron then reviewed the profit and loss statement and stated that as of March 12, 2012, the District is showing a negative net income of \$49,767.88. Chairman Fackler asked if there were any other questions or concerns. **Dennis Lammey moved and Wayne Martin seconded to approve the Financial Statement as presented. Passed.**

USRB

Update: The floor was then turned over to Brian Sauer, Water Conservation Specialist, US Bureau of Reclamation. Mr. Sauer presented a slide show and reviewed the Water Supply Outlook. He showed several slides of the SNOTEL sites comparing this year to years with similar conditions. He presented the six to ten day and 15-30 day precipitation and temperature outlooks which indicated above normal precipitation and below normal temperatures on both reports.

Brian then reported that the Bureau will be able to supply the 487,000 acre-feet of flow augmentation water in 2012. He stated they usually commit 95,000 acre-feet of un-

contracted space and will be looking for somewhere between 60 and 65 thousand acre-feet from the irrigators contracted space in the Payette system.

Watermaster

Report:

Watermaster Shurtleff stated a lot of his report was covered in Brian Sauer's presentation. The Payette Basin has a 78% of normal snowpack and the Boise Basin is at 85%, he pointed out that the Payette Reservoir System is 69% full, which includes Cascade Reservoir at 70% full and Deadwood at 64% as of March 12, 2012. The runoff forecast shows Horseshoe Bend at 85% of normal and Deadwood at 83% compared to similar past years. Ron also briefly discussed the preparation for Rental Pool Rules, the new rates; from \$14 to \$17, new format and added flexibility are topics needing action

Ag Easement

Request:

Ron Shurtleff reported the Ag Easement Committee has requested to meet with the USBR on March 22nd and would like several members from Water Dist. #65 to join them. Much discussion ensued and Chuck Pollock, Dennis Lammey, Ron Mio and Roy Maxwell volunteered to attend. Ron will be in touch with them later in the week to confirm the exact time.

Radio

Update:

Ron updated the members on the South Station and provided a cost estimate of parts needed for the repeater station installation. Total costs come to \$5,652.00. Due to BLM stipulations no construction will be done from mid-March till June 1st to prevent disruption during the nesting season of the Long Billed Curlew.

Stream Gage

Additions:

Ron stated one of the outcomes of the recent Operators Meeting at Black Canyon Dam was the request to install another stream gage below the Horseshoe Bend Hydro Generation plant and above the slack water from Black Canyon Dam. Ron said the topic has been discussed many times because the flow is disrupted at times by operating procedures at the Horseshoe Bend plant. The disruptions cause the Black Canyon dam operators to respond, sometimes incorrectly. The extra gage would give them an indication of what to expect with enough warning time to the respond appropriately.

Ron also reported the gage at Lake Fork is not being maintained by USGS any longer. And unless we can come up with some support and funding to keep it in operation the gage will be abandoned. Ron further said that John Leedom, Watermaster of 65K is quite concerned about how he will operate without the information supplied by the Lake Fork Gage.

Ron suggested it might be appropriate to consider raising the Administration fee for our Out-of-Basin rentals in an effort to keep more funding in the Water District. If this was accomplished then it might be possible to participate in programs to add additional stream gages, and find methods to keep the gage like the one in Lake Fork in continual operation. Ron said this is merely a suggestion and he would like everyone to think about the idea so when it becomes time to work on the Rental Pool Rules we will have given the idea some serious contemplation.

**Additional
Comments:**

Ron Shurtleff provided a copy of a thank you letter from the Payette Soil and Water Conservation District. They thanked us for our contribution and support the 3rd Annual Sustainable Agriculture Symposium in Ontario, Oregon, on February 16, 2012.

**Other
Business:**

Chairman Fackler asked if there was any further business that should be considered at this meeting.

Howard Sevy reported the Farmers Cooperative Irrigation Company is entering into a program where they intend to set aside a portion of money dedicated to upgrading and improving Lateral Ditches on their system. He spoke of some of the stipulations that will be required to qualify for the improvement dollars and asked if Water District 65 would be able to give additional assistance through the cost share program. Ron replied that the water district has entered into cost share assistance for lateral improvement several times in the past and did not think this concept would present any complications.

Adjournment: Chairman Fackler once again asked if there was any further business that should be considered at this meeting, hearing none the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Ron Shurtleff, Watermaster

Jamie White, Recording Secretary

12:52 PM
04/02/12
Accrual Basis

Water District No. 65 Balance Sheet As of April 2, 2012

Apr 2, 12

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings 86,713.24
Checking - Water District 182,164.26
State Treasurer
268,877.50

Total Checking/Savings

Accounts Receivable 1,545.74
A/R - Assessments 42,333.69
Acct. Rec. - Rental Pool
43,879.43

Total Accounts Receivable

312,756.93

Total Current Assets

Fixed Assets

Office Equipment 20,724.56
Field Equipment 24,012.65
Vehicles 27,300.00
72,037.21

Total Fixed Assets

384,794.14

TOTAL ASSETS

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Other Current Liabilities

Payroll Liabilities 42.00
FUTA 93.84
SUI
135.84

Total Payroll Liabilities

Printing Expense Payable 902.72
Payable - Lessor-Out of Basin 81,640.00
Payable to IDWRB - Fees 5,400.00
88,078.56

Total Other Current Liabilities

88,078.56

Total Current Liabilities

Total Liabilities

Equity

Equity - Equipment 72,037.21
Retained Earnings 243,446.25
Net Income -18,767.88
296,715.58

Total Equity

384,794.14

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Water District No. 65
Profit & Loss
 January 1 through April 2, 2012

	Jan 1 - Apr 2, 12
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Interest Income	173.42
512 - Expense Reimbursements	23,800.00
Administrative Fee Revenue	
Admin Fees - Out of Basin	7,200.00
Total Administrative Fee Revenue	7,200.00
Total Income	31,173.42
Gross Profit	31,173.42
Expense	
Payroll Expenses	
Salary - Watermaster	9,775.00
Payroll Taxes	
Company FICA Expense	606.05
Company Medicare Expense	141.74
Company Fed Unemployment Tax	42.00
Company State Unemployment Ta	93.84
Total Payroll Taxes	883.63
Benefits - Medical Insurance	2,109.93
Benefits - Retirement	977.50
Total Payroll Expenses	13,746.06
Office Rent	1,725.00
Office Assistance	1,200.00
Postage and Delivery	58.56
Postage Reimburasal Account	0.00
Office Supplies	334.36
Telephone	300.50
ArcGIS License Maintenance fee	3,600.00
Professional Fees	
Accountant Fees	2,500.00
Total Professional Fees	2,500.00
Automobile and Mileage	690.89
Dues and Subscriptions	500.00
IWUA Basin Members Dues	23,208.80
Water Education	
Contributions	500.00
Total Water Education	500.00
Internet Services	114.75
Meeting Expenses	55.41
Travel and Training	
IWUA Convention Expense	175.00
Total Travel and Training	175.00
Interest Expense	
Interest Exp.- Rental Pool	624.65
Total Interest Expense	624.65
Insurance	500.00
Equip. Purchases, Office & Field	107.32
Total Expense	49,941.30
Net Ordinary Income	-18,767.88
Net Income	-18,767.88