

Payette River Basin, State of Idaho

Water District No. 65

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Regular Board Meeting

Date: April 9, 2012
Time: 8:00 p.m.
Location: Payette River Irrigation Office

Attending: Marcia Herr, Fred Coburn, Ron Mio, Jim Standley, Dennis Lammey, Doyle Fackler, Wayne Martin, Roy Maxwell, Jim Hutchins, 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.

Vice Chairman Ron Mio called the meeting to order.

Minutes: The March 12, 2012, meeting minutes were presented in written form to all persons in attendance to review. Vice Chairman Mio asked if there were any additions or corrections. A typing error was pointed out. **Dennis Lammey moved and Darlene Maxwell seconded to approve the March 12, 2012, minutes as corrected. Passed.**

Financial: Vice Chairman Mio asked Ron to review the financial statement for the district. Ron reported a checking account balance of \$4,995.93 and a balance in the State Treasury Fund of \$182,334.73 resulting in a checking and savings total of \$187,330.66. Total accounts receivable equaled \$8,039.43. The fixed assets will remain at \$72,037.21 producing a total assets balance of \$267,407.30. Ron then reviewed the profit and loss statement and stated that as of April 9, 2012, the District is showing a net income of \$7,543.89, due to income received from contracted water to Idaho Power. Vice Chairman Mio asked if there were any other questions or concerns. **Darlene Maxwell 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 along with several slides of the SNOTEL sites comparing this year to years with similar conditions. A year-to-date precipitation and snow water equivalent graph was also provided that showed both were on track with average measurements. He stated that as of April 9, 2012 the mountain snow water equivalent in the Payette Basin is at 100% compared to February's report of 76%. He also presented the six to ten day and 15-30 day precipitation and temperature outlooks which indicated above normal for both precipitation and temperatures.

Brian stated that all the slideshow reports and graphs can be found on the NRCS website if anyone wishes to review them at their leisure

Watermaster

Report:

Watermaster Shurtleff stated a lot of his report was covered in Brian Sauer's presentation. The Payette Basin has a 76% of normal snowpack and the Boise Basin is at 78%, he pointed out that the Payette Reservoir System is 76% full, which includes Cascade Reservoir at 77% full and Deadwood at 69%. The runoff forecast shows Horseshoe Bend at 103% of normal and Deadwood at 102% compared to similar past years.

Cost Share

Program:

Ron Shurtleff then reported on the 2012 Cost Share Applications. He stated that two projects have been completed to date; the Emmett Irrigation District's replacement of 1400' chute with pipe and the Noble Ditch overrun cost on the Barrels Gate Rehab; paperwork will be submitted for payment soon. The remaining four projects will be reported on as they are completed. Two applications have also been turned in for the 2013 Cost Share funding

Rental Pool

Rates:

Ron provided several proposed options for the new rental pool fee structure for Out-of-Basin, flow augmentation rates as specified in the Nez Perce Agreement. Much discussion ensued and consensus of the board was in agreement with Ron's suggestion; Beginning in 2013 - \$17 less \$1.70 (IWRB Surcharge of 10%) less WD #65 Administration Fee of \$1.30 for a remaining \$14 paid to Lessor. No decisions were made at tonight's meeting and more discussion will ensue before a final structure is settled upon.

Chairman Fackler joined the meeting at this time.

Ag Easement

Report:

Ron reported on a meeting which was held at the Bureau of Reclamation's Snake River Area Office on March 22, 2012. The following statements represent the subjects that were addressed at the meeting.

At the meeting Jerrold Gregg, Snake River Area Manager presented the reasoning for the land acquisition that resulted in the current Agricultural Easements.

John Caywood, presented the logic behind bringing in the Water District in an effort to creating an entity where the easements could be transferred, and then sold to interested individuals creating a revenue stream back to the district.

Ron Shurtleff, expressed the Water District 65 could not be the entity but instead a new entity would need to be formed comprising of the storage contract owners in Cascade Reservoir.

Don Miller, gave a scenario of what could be an acceptable end result of a title transfer from the perspective of one of the Ag Easement Owners.

Questions concerning ownership of land and easements were asked and answered

The need to involve a separate entity was questioned and discussed

Lane Bangeter, from Senator Crappo's office, spoke to his knowledge of how similar transfers were entirely dependent upon the agencies opinion, and if the agency was not happy with the proposal, then its chance of success was very low.

The concern of continuing a working reservoir was raised, rather than allowing a recreational area to develop and overshadow agricultural intent of the facility

The Bureau Announced their Land Expert, Mr. James Hess from Washington DC could be available for a meeting with a committee of Ag transfer folks on April 24th.

After the meeting Ron was asked to reserve the opportunity to meet with Mr. Hess when he is in Idaho

IWUA Canal

Safety:

Chairman Fackler pointed out a Letter from Jay Barlogi, Rural & Urban Affairs Committee Chairman, Idaho Water Users Association, concerning the Idaho Canal Safety Awareness Program. The letter highlighted the ongoing need to promote canal and water safety to the young people of Treasure Valley. The program is designed to develop an enhanced area-wide public awareness of the dangers posed by irrigation canals and ditches. Mr. Barlogi requested a voluntary contribution at a rate of \$0.015. Ron reported for the past several years Water District 65 has contributed \$500 to the program. **Dennis Lamme moved and Ron Mio seconded to contribute \$500 to the Idaho Canal Safety Awareness Program. The Motion Carried.**

Other

Business:

Watermaster Shurtleff reported that an accounting error had been made and a refund of \$221.85 needs to be made to Mr. Wallace. Consensus of the board was to refund the money owed under the miscellaneous expense account.

Adjournment:

Chairman Fackler 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

Water District No. 65
Balance Sheet
As of May 7, 2012

	May 7, 12
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking - Water District	2,287.79
State Treasurer	<u>182,334.73</u>
Total Checking/Savings	184,622.52
Accounts Receivable	
A/R - Assessments	1,545.74
Acct. Rec. - Rental Pool	<u>5,871.93</u>
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>7,417.67</u>
Total Current Assets	192,040.19
Fixed Assets	
Office Equipment	20,724.56
Field Equipment	24,012.65
Vehicles	<u>27,300.00</u>
Total Fixed Assets	<u>72,037.21</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>264,077.40</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Printing Expense Payable	902.72
Payable to Lessor - In Basin	2.00
Payable to IDWRB - Fees	<u>0.20</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>904.92</u>
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Equity	
Equity - Equipment	72,037.21
Retained Earnings	243,446.25
Net Income	<u>-52,310.98</u>
Total Equity	<u>263,172.48</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>264,077.40</u>

Water District No. 65
Profit & Loss
 January 1 through May 7, 2012

	Jan 1 - May 7, 12
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Interest Income	343.89
512 · Expense Reimbursements	0.00
Administrative Fee Revenue	
Admin Fees - In Basin	1.00
Admin Fees - Out of Basin	7,200.00
Total Administrative Fee Revenue	7,201.00
Total Income	7,544.89
Gross Profit	7,544.89
Expense	
Payroll Expenses	
Salary - Watermaster	14,662.50
Payroll Taxes	
Company FICA Expense	909.08
Company Medicare Expense	212.61
Company Fed Unemployment Tax	42.00
Company State Unemployment Ta	140.76
Total Payroll Taxes	1,304.45
Benefits - Medical Insurance	2,813.24
Benefits - Retirement	1,466.25
Total Payroll Expenses	20,246.44
Office Rent	2,300.00
Office Assistance	1,600.00
Postage and Delivery	169.04
Postage Reimbursasal Account	0.00
Office Supplies	572.57
Telephone	522.58
ArcGIS License Maintenance fee	3,600.00
Professional Fees	
Accountant Fees	2,500.00
Total Professional Fees	2,500.00
Automobile and Mileage	1,068.49
Dues and Subscriptions	500.00
IWUA Basin Members Dues	23,208.80
Water Education	
Contributions	1,000.00
Total Water Education	1,000.00
Internet Services	180.60
Meeting Expenses	55.41
Travel and Training	
IWUA Convention Expense	175.00
Meals and Lodging	78.53
Total Travel and Training	253.53
Workman's Comp Insurance	289.00
Interest Expense	
Interest Exp.- Rental Pool	624.65
Total Interest Expense	624.65
Insurance	500.00
Miscellaneous	221.85
Equip. Purchases, Office & Field	442.91
Total Expense	59,855.87
Net Ordinary Income	-52,310.98
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