

Payette River Basin, State of Idaho

Water District No. 65

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Regular Board Meeting

Date: February 11, 2013
Time: 8:00 p.m.
Location: Payette River Irrigation Office

Attending: Marcia Herr, Fred Coburn, Ron Mio, C. Eugene Parks, Joy Sisler, Jim Standley, Dennis Lammey, Ken Mineard, Doyle Fackler, Darlene Maxwell, Marc Haws, Dyke Nagasaka, Howard Sevy, Chad Henggeler, Jamie White, Recording Secretary and Watermaster Ron Shurtleff

Guests: Brian Sauer, Water Conservation Engineer P.E., USBR; Chris Beardsley, US Bureau of Reclamation, Gerald Gregg,

Chairman Doyle Fackler called the meeting to order.

Watermaster Shurtleff stated that Roger Batt, listed on the agenda, had to postpone his visit to speak about the Legislative AG Tour in August to our April meeting.

Ag Symposium: Ron stated that JoAnne Smith with Payette Soil and Water Conservation District was unable to attend tonight's meeting but wanted to remind those present of the 4th Annual Agriculture Symposium and Workshops that will be held on Thursday, February 28, 2013, at the Four Rivers Cultural Center from 8am to 4:30pm. The featured Symposium speakers will be Doug Weatherbee, Certified Soil FoodWeb Adviser; Gary Zimmer, President of Midwestern Bio-Ag and Jill Clapperton, President of Rhizoterra, Inc. They will present information about current science and practices designed to improve soil health and investing in long-term sustainability and productivity of resources important for agriculture she also requested a donation from the Water District #65. Much discussion ensued. Moved by Howard Sevy and seconded by Chad Henggeler to contribute \$1000. The motion was opened for discussion, Darlene Maxwell stated that in her opinion, last year's program was biased and questioned whether that large of amount should be given. More discussion ensued and it was suggested to only contribute \$500. **Moved by Howard Sevy and seconded by Chad Henggeler to amend the original motion and contribute \$500 to the 4th Annual Ag Symposium and Workshop. Passed.**

Minutes: The December 10, 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. **Dennis Lammey moved and Fred Coburn seconded to approve the December 10, 2012 minutes as presented. Passed.**

Financial:

Chairman Fackler asked Ron to review the financial statement for the district. Ron reported a checking account balance of \$2,366.50 and a balance in the State Treasury Fund of \$225,493.26 resulting in a checking and savings total of \$227,859.75. Total accounts receivable equaled \$8,991.81. Total fixed assets are \$78,068.37 producing a total assets balance of \$314,919.93. Ron then reviewed the profit and loss statement and stated that as of February 11, 2013, the District is showing a negative net income of \$45,307.61. Chairman Fackler asked if there were any other questions or concerns. **Dennis Lammey moved and Darlene Maxwell seconded to approve the Financial Statement as presented. Passed.**

USRB Update:

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Mr. Gregg reported that Chris Beardsley has been working on the new and improved re-design of the new USBR website. If interested in viewing please visit:
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Jerry also reported on the drawdown of Black Canyon Dam in preparation to install a 3rd generating unit. Members present were encouraged to visit this site while the water is down.

Watermaster

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Ron included the snowpack and reservoir reports in the packets and stated there was no water report to give.

Included in the packets were the accepted and approved rate structures under Revised Procedures dated January 25, 2013. In Basin Rate will be as follows: Rental Price at \$3.50; Administration Fee – WD65 \$1.30; Surcharge – IWRB at \$.20 and Rental Fee – Assignor of \$2.00. Out-of-Basin rate as follows: Rental Price at \$17.00; Administration Fee – WD65 at \$1.30; Surcharge – IWRB of \$1.43 and Rental Fee – Assignor of \$14.27. Also included in the packets was the 2012 Rental Pool Report.

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without the need for large production runs to be efficient. Ron showed stilling well parts and explained that he tried to use as many off the shelf parts as possible to keep the cost low. He also displayed the equipment that will be installed at the south repeater tower this spring, and said he will go to work on the station as soon as the weather permits.

Ron also reported that he had applied with the FCC for three additional Radio Frequencies to use in the SCADA system. He explained the need to separate the older technology radio usage from the new system called PakBus. Ron said the additional frequencies should allow us to expand to an extent where we could have four independent licensed radio systems plus and number of the unlicensed systems for the short haul locations.

Squaw
Butte:

Ron he has learned there is a repeater location on Squaw Butte for sale at this time. Ron had mentioned this at the annual meeting in January, and said at that time, he thought it would be good to discuss the opportunity to see if there was any interest in the District trying to purchase the site. Ron said he had learned from a reliable source that the owner was trying to recover his investment and wanted to get \$10,000 for the repeater site. Ron said the location was a good vantage point for communication to Black Canyon Dam and to extent up stream from the dam in the Montour area. Ron also said the Black Canyon Irrigation District Manager had shown interest in the location for voice communication for their district. Chairman Fackler opened the topic for discussion. After some discussion it was determined that it may be an opportunity the district should consider. **Mark Haws moved, and seconded by Howard Sevy to authorize Ron to try to acquire the site, and to authorize up to \$10,000 for the purchase of the Squaw Butte Repeater Site. Passed.**

Ron said would check with the BLM to see if the district would be exempt from annual lease payments since it is a government entity.

Adjournment: Chairman Fackler asked if there was any further business that should be considered at this annual meeting. Hearing none the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Ron Shurtleff, Watermaster

Jamie White, Recording Secretary