

Payette River Basin, State of Idaho

Water District No. 65

Chairman: Doyle Fackler
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Regular Board Meeting

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

Attending: Joan Howell, Dyke Nagasaka, Jim Hutchins, Jim Standley, Dennis Lammey, Fred Coburn, C. Eugene Parks, Ron Mio, Walter Garman, Wayne Martin, Roy Maxwell, Doyle Fackler, Marcia Herr, Jamie White, Recording Secretary and Watermaster Ron Shurtleff

Guests: Gary Spackman, IDWR, Director and Liz Cresto, IDWR

Chairman Doyle Fackler called the meeting to order.

Minutes: The October 14, 2013, meeting minutes were presented in written form to all persons in attendance to review. Chairman Fackler asked if there were any additions or corrections; none were noted. **Dennis Lammey moved and Wayne Martin seconded to approve the October 14, 2013, minutes as presented. Passed.**

Financial: Chairman Fackler asked Ron to review the financial statement for the district. Ron reported a checking account balance of \$619.24 and a balance in the State Treasury Fund of \$1,086,838.97 resulting in a checking and savings total of \$1,087,458.21. Total accounts receivable equaled \$5,963.06. Total fixed assets will remain at \$78,068.37 producing a total assets balance of \$1,171,489.64. Ron then reviewed the profit and loss statement and stated that as of November 11, 2013, the District is showing a net income of \$82,076.36. Chairman Fackler asked if there were any other questions or concerns. **Ron Mio moved and Dennis Lammey seconded to approve the Financial Statement as presented. Passed.**

IDWR

Update: Chairman Fackler turned the floor over to IDWR Director, Gary Spackman. The Director said he did not prepared himself to speak to the advisory board on any specific topic however he could updated the group on the contested legal cases which WD #65, #63 and #01 are interested in, the Basin Wide Issue 17, concerning storage refill. Director Spackman gave a brief history of the concern over whether a storage right needs to have a special comment attached to it to allow storage space to be refilled after flood control releases. He also recognized that the issue is perceived to affect and impact water rights differently in one basin than possibly in another. Director Spackman said in an attempt to secure the right of refill the agencies had filed late claims for additional water

to refill reservoirs. He stated the Department has not made any recommendations on any of those claims and he is not sure how any recommendation might look.

Mr. Spackman said there are special hearings scheduled to make recommendation on some of the filings from other entities. Ron Shurtleff asked the Director that since the Basin No. 65 is not directly involved with the issue, are we allowed to set in on any of the proceedings. The Director reported that the proceedings would be open for us to observe, and that he would see if he could get WD 65 added to the email list which should keep us informed to hearing dates and times.

**Water
Accounting**

Liz Cresto reported the Department is taking special effort to try to have the new windows based accounting system ready to run for the next season. She said part their justification is because Ron has requested to have the Seven Mile Slough accounting performed under a different method. Liz stated that they are hoping to avoid having to write new code for the old system and the new system so believe this would avoid rewriting the old system. She did reiterate that they intend to compare the two systems for accuracy before abandoning the old system. So far, things are lining up and she will report more as it progresses along. She then stated that an updated preliminary Payette River stored water supply was unavailable for tonight's meeting and the same information as last month was reported; total storage available is 895,379af. Total storage used including canals, pumps, endangered species and water passing Letha is 431,836af. Storage based on accounting of 463,543af subtracted from actual reservoir contents of 462,179af result in an averaging error of 1,364af. Also provided was a copy of the Payette River Flow Accounting.

**Watermaster
Report:**

Ron provided in the packets the Reservoir Condition Reports, Snotel Report, NOAA Weather Predictions for the Payette Basin. The teacup diagram of the Payette River shows the Payette River system at 54% of capacity with includes Cascade at 56% full and Deadwood Reservoir at 45% of capacity.

Ron reported on the Water District Maximum, Minimum Fee Rate Proposal and his position on the issue. He said his counterpart in District 63, Rex Barrie is proposing legislation that would raise the minimum fee a water district is allowed to charge its water users. Ron stated that he will admit, small entities cause a financial negative return to the district. He also admits it is not a serious issue in WD 65 because the district brings in a substantial amount of revenue with Rental Pool Administration Fees and the district can absorb the small entity loss. Ron also went on to say that he has agreed to support the efforts of Watermaster Rex Barrie in his effort to raise the allowable minimum fee for small entity water users. There was much discussion about methods of reaching an equitable fee structure to avoid the situation where large canal companies carry an undue burden of the financial load in the district.

**Nomination
and Budget
Committee:**

Chairman Fackler had the members look in the information packet to the Budget Meeting Report. He then asked Ron to report any significant alterations to this budget as

compared to the past years. Ron explained the procedure during the budget meeting and presented the same worksheets that were used in the budget meeting. Ron asked the members to look at the page which indicated the amount of change to a category, plus the percentage of that change. Ron pointed out a significant revenue increase of 10.3% or \$19,500 in the Administration Fees, Rental Pool due to the new payment structure effective 2014. He then pointed out the changes to expenses as follows: 1.5% increase was made to the Watermaster's salary which in turn affected the payroll taxes the same percentage; a 1.5% increase to Retirement; 4.6% increase to Medical Insurance; a 9.7% decrease in the Professional Fees; 5.1% increase in River Gage, O&M; 33.3% increase in Equipment Purchases; 17.6% Equipment O&M; a 28.6% decrease in Travel and Meetings; and a 37.5% decrease in Interest to Lessors. Chairman Fackler, also serving on the Budget Committee stated the Budget Committee at their meeting on October 28, 2013, voted to present this prepared budget as is, to the Advisory Board with their recommendation that it be presented at the Annual Meeting of the District for approval. **Moved by Dennis Lammey and seconded by Wayne Martin to approve the 2014 prepared budget as presented at the Annual Meeting for approval. Passed.**

Chairman Fackler then asked the members to view Nominations Committee Report and asked Ron to read the results of the nominating meeting. Ron reported the following members will serve on the Advisory Board for 2014; Ron Mio, Chairman/Treasurer; Darlene Maxwell, Vice-Chairman and Dennis Lammey, Secretary. Discussion ensued regarding the Advisory Board list and the following changes were made; Walter Garman will replace Howard Sevy as a representative Farmers Co-op Irrigation and Joan Howell will serve as an alternate for Letha Irrigation & Water Co.

Annual Meeting:

Ron reported that the 2014 Annual WD #65 and Payette River Water Users Meetings are set for January 15, 2015, 1:00pm at the USDA Service Center in Emmett.

Meeting Time Change:

Jim Standley asked if we should consider changing the meeting time from 8 pm to 7 pm, during the winter months. Much discussion ensued and it was the consensus of the board to leave the time at 8pm.

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully Submitted

Ron Shurtleff, Watermaster

Jamie White, Recording Secretary

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Accrual Basis

Water District No. 65
Balance Sheet
As of December 2, 2013

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WATER RESOURCES
WESTERN REGION

	<u>Dec 2, 13</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking - Water District	10,180.91
State Treasurer	1,076,838.97
Total Checking/Savings	<u>1,087,019.88</u>
Accounts Receivable	
A/R - Assessments	2,757.27
Acct. Rec. - Rental Pool	3,205.79
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>5,963.06</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>1,092,982.94</u>
Fixed Assets	
Office Equipment	20,724.56
Field Equipment	30,043.81
Vehicles	27,300.00
Total Fixed Assets	<u>78,068.37</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>1,171,051.31</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Cost - Share Funds Payable	191.27
Printing Expense Payable	902.72
Payable to Lessor - In Basin	276.00
Payable - Lessor-Out of Basin	671,646.09
Payable to IDWRB - Fees	67,333.41
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>740,349.49</u>
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Equity	
Equity - Equipment	78,068.37
Retained Earnings	270,995.42
Net Income	81,638.03
Total Equity	<u>430,701.82</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>1,171,051.31</u></u>

Water District No. 65
Profit & Loss
 January 1 through December 2, 2013

Jan 1 - Dec 2, 13

Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Interest Income	543.16
Assessment Revenue	74,951.30
Administrative Fee Revenue	
Admin. Fees - Assigned Storag	167,120.20
Admin Fees - In Basin	179.40
Admin Fees - Out of Basin	61,187.10
Total Administrative Fee Revenue	228,486.70
Total Income	303,981.16
Gross Profit	303,981.16
Expense	
Payroll Expenses	
Salary - Watermaster	50,333.30
Payroll Taxes	
Company FICA Expense	3,120.66
Company Medicare Expense	729.83
Company Fed Unemployment Tax	42.00
Company State Unemployment Ta	273.53
Total Payroll Taxes	4,166.02
Benefits - Medical Insurance	8,027.94
Benefits - Retirement	5,033.40
Total Payroll Expenses	67,560.66
Office Rent	6,325.00
Office Assistance	4,400.00
Postage and Delivery	656.61
Postage Reimbursasal Account	0.00
Office Supplies	2,214.49
Telephone	1,279.40
ArcGIS License Maitenance fee	800.00
Professional Fees	
Accountant Fees	2,575.00
Professional Fees & Licenses	275.00
Professional Fees - Other	15.00
Total Professional Fees	2,865.00
Oper. & Maint. - River Gage	15,750.00
Automobile and Mileage	4,238.04
Dues and Subscriptions	988.82
IWUA Basin Members Dues	23,208.80
Water Education	
Contributions	2,250.00
Water Education - Other	2,000.00
Total Water Education	4,250.00
Internet Services	510.42
Meeting Expenses	38.18
Computer Repairs	342.50
Travel and Training	
IWUA Convention Expense	355.00
Meals and Lodging	690.39
Training Expense	100.00
Total Travel and Training	1,145.39
Repairs and Maintenance	
Equipment Repairs	1,379.61
Total Repairs and Maintenance	1,379.61
Workman's Comp Insurance	-47.61

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WATER RESOURCES
WESTERN REGION

	Jan 1 - Dec 2, 13
Interest Expense	
Interest Exp.- Rental Pool	607.32
Total Interest Expense	607.32
Insurance	595.00
Miscellaneous	0.00
Equip. Purchases, Office & Field	7,174.92
Cost - Share Incentive Prog.	
Water Management	76,060.58
Total Cost - Share Incentive Prog.	76,060.58
Total Expense	222,343.13
Net Ordinary Income	81,638.03
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