

# Payette River Basin, State of Idaho

## Water District No. 65

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### Regular Board Meeting

**Date:** October 14, 2013  
**Time:** 8:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Payette River Irrigation Office

**Attending:** Joan Howell, Dyke Nagasaka, Dan Surmeier, Jim Hutchins, Jim Standley, Dennis Lammey, Fred Coburn, C. Eugene Parks, Ron Mio, Norman Collinsworth, Walter Garman, Roy Maxwell, Wayne Martin, Darlene Maxwell, Doyle Fackler, Megan Wells, Jamie White, Recording Secretary and Watermaster Ron Shurtleff

Chairman Doyle Fackler called the meeting to order.

**Minutes:** The August 12, 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 Fred Coburn seconded to approve the August 12, 2013, minutes as corrected. Passed.**

**Financial:** Chairman Fackler asked Ron to review the financial statement for the district. Ron reported a checking account balance of \$1,873.36 and a balance in the State Treasury Fund of \$1,093,784.43 resulting in a checking and savings total of \$1,095,657.79. Total accounts receivable equaled \$5,963.06. Total fixed assets will remain at \$78,068.37 producing a total assets balance of \$1,179,689.22. Ron then reviewed the profit and loss statement and stated that as of October 14, 2013, the District is showing a net income of \$90,275.94. 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.**

**IDWR**  
**Update:**

Due to the holiday, no one from Idaho Department of Water Resources was present at tonight's meeting. Ron included the preliminary Payette River stored water supply. Total storage available as of October 9, 2013, 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 storage reports, snow water equivalent, and the year-to-date precipitation for the Payette Basin. The teacup diagram of the Payette River shows the Payette River system at 52% of capacity with includes Cascade at 54% full and Deadwood Reservoir at 42% of capacity.

A year-to-date report of total diverted volume and remaining available storage for Black Canyon, Farmers Co-op and Emmett Irrigation was provided. Black Canyon has 337,980af diverted and 80,437af remaining; Farmers Co-op has 124,917af diverted and 9,157af remaining and Emmett Irrigation has 140,348af diverted and 22,621af remaining.

Ron presented a few Snotel site charts which demonstrated the total precipitation for the 2013 year to be quite close to normal. The timing of precipitation, and the fact that much of the early water came in the form of rain instead of snow, contributed to a short water year where we relied on much more storage water than normal.

### River Pump

#### Accounting:

Ron gave an Internet Data Acquisition and Calculation Demonstration of River Pump Accounting via Idaho Power Load Data. Ron reminded everyone that he had been working with Idaho Power for several years in an attempt to access electric load data for pumps in the Payette River System. He said he was happy to report the power company finally has a product available that is very useful. He gave a demonstration of how the data is presented and how he is able to set up a spread sheet for each account that will translate kilowatt hour usage to flow rate and timing. Ron said he has high hopes for the system.

### Reservoir

#### Refill:

A letter from Jerrold Gregg, Bureau of Reclamation, was included in the packet regarding the reduced flows at Deadwood Reservoir. It stated that the Bureau is proposing to reduce the winter stream flows below Deadwood Dam from 50cfs to 2.4cfs starting on September 25, 2013. These changes are being proposed as a result of the preliminary flexibility study finding for Deadwood Reservoir, current drought conditions and the associated volume of Deadwood Reservoir. Reclamation proposes that these interim operational changes be in place for the period of Sept. 25, 2013, to the end of 2014 irrigation releases to validate assumptions, models, and study results. Since this operation could affect the natural flow accounting, it is proposed that any natural flow that is stored in Deadwood Reservoir as a result of this operation, be exchanged from Reclamation's un-contracted account in Lake Cascade. This exchange would be accounted for until the end of the irrigation season.

### Cost Share

#### Program:

The 2013 Cost Share Projects have been completed and with the postponed Washoe Irrigation and Enterprise Ditch projects moved to 2014, there is an excess of \$19,972.42 remaining in the budget. Discussion ensued in regards to carrying over those funds to the 2014 projects to help offset those requests. **Moved by Ron Mio and seconded by Darlene Maxwell to approve carrying over the excess \$19,972.42 from the 2013 Cost Share Projects to the 2014 Projects. Passed**

**Nomination  
and Budget  
Committee:**

Chairman Fackler stated that the Budget and Nominating committee needed to be appointed for the 2014 Annual Meeting. Ron provided a list of the previous committee members and reminded the board of the duties of each committee. The following persons were appointed to serve as both the Budget Committee and the Nominating Committee: Chairman, Dan Surmeier, Dennis Lammey, Jim Standley, Doyle Fackler and Darlene Maxwell. It was decided to hold the committee meeting on Monday, October 28, 2013, at 1pm, in the Emmett Irrigation District's office.

**Annual  
Meeting:**

Ron provided two date options to reserve for the 2014 Annual Meeting and asked members if they had any suggestions. Discussion ensued and Ron was directed to reserve the USDA Service Center in Emmett for the 2014 Annual WD #65 and Payette River Water Users Meeting on Wednesday, January 15, 2014. He will confirm that date at the November meeting.

**SCADA Radio  
System:**

Ron reported on the Spread Spectrum SCADA Radio System that was installed by Intermountain Environmental for the Weiser Irrigation District. He said he had a chance to operate the system because he had been asked to upgrade some Datalogger programs for the district. He reported that he was very impressed with the speed of the un-licensed radio system and said it was several times faster than any communication system he had worked with. He stated he has no need for future investment to our licensed radio system since he has sufficient coverage with the existing repeaters. He also reported many canal companies are not interested in the cost free service of the radio system and are making plans to return to cellular phone service.

**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

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Ron Shurtleff, Watermaster

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Jamie White, Recording Secretary

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**Water District No. 65**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of November 1, 2013

	<u>Nov 1, 13</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
Checking - Water District	1,873.36
State Treasurer	1,093,800.33
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>1,095,673.69</u>
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>	
A/R - Assessments	2,757.27
Acct. Rec. - Rental Pool	3,205.79
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<u>5,963.06</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	1,101,636.75
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	
Office Equipment	20,724.56
Field Equipment	30,043.81
Vehicles	27,300.00
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<u>78,068.37</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>1,179,705.12</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
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
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<u>740,349.49</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	740,349.49
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	740,349.49
<b>Equity</b>	
Equity - Equipment	78,068.37
Retained Earnings	270,995.42
Net Income	90,291.84
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>439,355.63</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>1,179,705.12</u></u>

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 Accrual Basis

**Water District No. 65**  
**Profit & Loss**  
 January 1 through November 1, 2013

	Jan 1 - Nov 1, 13
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
Interest Income	504.52
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
<b>Total Administrative Fee Revenue</b>	<b>228,486.70</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>303,942.52</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>303,942.52</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
<b>Payroll Expenses</b>	
Salary - Watermaster	45,299.97
Payroll Taxes	
Company FICA Expense	2,808.60
Company Medicare Expense	656.85
Company Fed Unemployment Tax	42.00
Company State Unemployment Ta	273.53
<b>Total Payroll Taxes</b>	<b>3,780.98</b>
Benefits - Medical Insurance	7,283.70
Benefits - Retirement	4,530.05
<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>60,894.70</b>
Office Rent	5,750.00
Office Assistance	4,000.00
Postage and Delivery	604.93
Postage Reimbursasal Account	0.00
Office Supplies	1,724.20
Telephone	1,162.93
ArcGIS License Maintenance fee	800.00
Professional Fees	
Accountant Fees	2,575.00
Professional Fees & Licenses	275.00
Professional Fees - Other	15.00
<b>Total Professional Fees</b>	<b>2,865.00</b>
Oper. & Maint. - River Gage	15,750.00
Automobile and Mileage	3,918.94
Dues and Subscriptions	939.82
IWUA Basin Members Dues	23,208.80
Water Education	
Contributions	2,250.00
Water Education - Other	2,000.00
<b>Total Water Education</b>	<b>4,250.00</b>
Internet Services	485.47
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
<b>Total Travel and Training</b>	<b>1,145.39</b>
Repairs and Maintenance	
Equipment Repairs	1,379.61
<b>Total Repairs and Maintenance</b>	<b>1,379.61</b>
Workman's Comp Insurance	-47.61

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**Water District No. 65**  
**Profit & Loss**  
January 1 through November 1, 2013

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	Jan 1 - Nov 1, 13
<b>Interest Expense</b>	
Interest Exp.- Rental Pool	607.32
<b>Total Interest Expense</b>	607.32
<b>Insurance</b>	595.00
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	0.00
<b>Equip. Purchases, Office &amp; Field</b>	7,174.92
<b>Cost - Share Incentive Prog.</b>	
Water Management	76,060.58
<b>Total Cost - Share Incentive Prog.</b>	76,060.58
<b>Total Expense</b>	213,650.68
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	90,291.84
<b>Net Income</b>	90,291.84