

# Payette River Basin, State of Idaho

## Water District No. 65

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### Regular Board Meeting

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

**Attending:** Marcia Herr, Fred Coburn, Ron Mio, Dennis Lammey, Doyle Fackler, Darlene Maxwell, Marc Haws, Megan Wells, Joan Howell, Wayne Martin, Roy Maxwell, Dan Surmeier, 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, USBR

Chairman Doyle Fackler called the meeting to order.

**Minutes:** The February 11, 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. **Marc Haws moved and Dennis Lammey seconded to approve the February 11, 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 \$351.17 and a balance in the State Treasury Fund of \$200,493.25 resulting in a checking and savings total of \$200,844.42. Total accounts receivable equaled \$5,670.21. Total fixed assets will remain at \$78,068.37 producing a total assets balance of \$284,583.00. Ron then reviewed the profit and loss statement and stated that as of March 11, 2013, the District is showing a negative net income of \$75,695.90. Chairman Fackler asked if there were any other questions or concerns. **Darlene Maxwell moved and Marc Haws seconded to approve the Financial Statement as presented. Passed.** Marc Haws also added an accommodation to Ron for all his good work.

**USRB Update:** The floor was then turned over to Brian Sauer, US Bureau of Reclamation. Mr. Sauer presented a slide show and reviewed the Water Supply Outlook. He provided slides that showed the snow water equivalent is still slightly below normal at 78% and comparable to 77% in 1996. Brian then stated the present reservoir condition shows that the Payette Reservoir System is 74% full, which includes Cascade Reservoir at 76% full and Deadwood at 64%. The 6-10 day outlook shows an equal chance of normal temperatures and precipitation and the three month outlook shows below normal temperatures and a dryer chance precipitation. Some rainfall is predicted for next week.

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Jerry Gregg, USBR, Snake River Area Manager, then reported that it is not likely they will make the 487,000af for Flow Augmentation but are confident on reaching 427,000af. He stated they will be looking for approximately 165 thousand acre-feet from the irrigators contracted space in the Payette system.

Jerry then briefly reviewed the Bull Trout, Critical Habitat consultation with the Fish and Wildlife Service. He stated the Bureau is working to achieve a Biological Assessment. The first draft has been sent to Fish and Wildlife and the second draft should be available for review at the end of April. Before the final draft is submitted there should be a comment period which will allow entities such as the water users a chance to view and comment on the document. Mr. Gregg stated the best case scenario would be for a judgment of a non-adverse effect to the species. Approximate costs for this consultation will be somewhere between \$300,000 to \$500,000 dollars.

The floor was then turned over to Chris Beardsley, US Bureau of Reclamation. He stated that one of the effects of the recent United States Government Sequestration is a 6% cut from the total Bureau of Reclamation's budget; despite this cut, operations will continue as planned for the rest of the year.

A question was raised regarding the drawdown of the Black Canyon Dam and the effect that will have on the fish. Mr. Beardsley responded that the B.O.R. has already made plans to restock the reservoir with fish once the entire project is completed.

**Watermaster**

**Report:**

Ron presented a slideshow and included the reservoir storage reports in the packets. He also provided the snow water equivalent graphs and the year-to-date precipitation for the Payette Basin. As of today's date natural flow is at 1300 cfs. Ron revisited the discussion on Flow Augmentation and suggested that the canal companies wait for additional information before submitting their assignments to the rental pool; he advised to stay with a safe amount and not over commit. The forecast is predicting an equal chance of a wet or dry spring.

Ron included in the slideshow pictures of the Black Canyon Dam when it was in full draw down and the preparations being assessed to install the third turbine. Also included was a picture of the 2012 Cost Share project that has been completed to automate the Langley Waste Gate in Black Canyon. He stated this project came in under budget and since the funding is carried into 2013 as a payable the remaining dollars will revert back to the general cash account of the Water District. Roy Maxwell described exactly how the gate was constructed and answered several questions.

Ron Shurtleff then presented a brief demonstration of the LoggerNet Software now being used to communicate with the remote water control stations. He explained how it functions and how it is different and more capable than the previous versions. Ron said one of his goals is to make it possible for canal managers to be able to operate their remote sites from a Smartphone.

Radio  
Communication

Report: Ron reported the South Tower is not yet up and running. This is because he made a last minute change in his method of mounting the electronic equipment. He said after the comments at the last meeting he had become concerned about someone shooting the equipment if it was mounted high on the tower. Ron said he owned a Westinghouse electrical panel that he renovated and made ready for protection of the inner panel. It is being power coated white to reflect heat. He plans to mount it on a frame bolted directly to the foundation of the tower. He said he will have this accomplished in the next few days and have the station running before water turn in.

Ron stated that he had spoken to the current owner of the Tower on Squaw Butte. He is willing to sell the tower and Ron is planning a trip with Tony Ray Henggeler to visit the site when it becomes accessible. He will report on this visit at the April meeting.

Campbell  
Scientific:

Included in the packets was information for the Campbell Scientific 2013 Integrators Conference in Logan, Utah, on March 25-27. Registration is \$100 plus travel and lodging. Ron would like to attend this conference and asked for the board's approval. **Moved by Marcia Herr and seconded by Wayne Martin to send Ron to the Campbell Scientific Conference on March 25-27, 2013 in Logan, Utah. Passed.**

Additional  
Comments:

Ron reported that the new Water District Computer has been installed, but not fully operational. Until Hit Industries completes his printer capabilities, he is using the office printer.

Before the meeting was adjourned, it was noted that we have two new members; Joan Howell with Letha Irrigation and Megan Wells with Enterprise and Reed Ditch. They were welcomed and encouraged to stay for the Payette River Water Users meeting immediately following the Water Dist. #65 meeting.

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

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Ron Shurtleff, Watermaster

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Jamie White, Recording Secretary

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Balance Sheet  
As of March 29, 2013

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	Mar 29, 13
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
Checking - Water District	9,196.40
State Treasurer	190,493.25
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	199,689.65
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>	
A/R - Assessments	2,358.92
Acct. Rec. - Rental Pool	3,266.79
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	5,625.71
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
201 - Undeposited Funds	48.00
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	48.00
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	205,363.36
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	
Office Equipment	20,724.56
Field Equipment	30,043.81
Vehicles	27,300.00
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	78,068.37
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>283,431.73</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
Cost - Share Funds Payable	10,191.27
<b>Payroll Liabilities</b>	
FUTA	42.00
SUI	79.12
<b>Total Payroll Liabilities</b>	121.12
Printing Expense Payable	902.72
Payable to Lessor - In Basin	2.00
Payable to IDWRB - Fees	0.20
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	11,217.31
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<b>Total Liabilities</b>	11,217.31
<b>Equity</b>	
Equity - Equipment	78,068.37
Retained Earnings	270,995.42
Net Income	-76,849.37
<b>Total Equity</b>	272,214.42
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>283,431.73</b>

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**Water District No. 65**  
**Profit & Loss**  
 January 1 through March 29, 2013

	Jan 1 - Mar 29, 13
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
Interest Income	197.44
Administrative Fee Revenue	
Admin Fees - In Basin	1.30
<b>Total Administrative Fee Revenue</b>	1.30
<b>Total Income</b>	198.74
<b>Gross Profit</b>	198.74
<b>Expense</b>	
<b>Payroll Expenses</b>	
Salary - Watermaster	10,066.66
<b>Payroll Taxes</b>	
Company FICA Expense	624.13
Company Medicare Expense	145.97
Company Fed Unemployment Tax	42.00
Company State Unemployment Ta	79.12
<b>Total Payroll Taxes</b>	891.22
Benefits - Medical Insurance	2,137.50
Benefits - Retirement	1,006.66
<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	14,102.04
Office Rent	1,725.00
Office Assistance	1,200.00
Postage and Delivery	67.95
Postage Reimbursasal Account	20.00
Office Supplies	1,245.80
Telephone	350.15
ArcGIS License Maitenance fee	1,600.00
<b>Professional Fees</b>	
Accountant Fees	2,575.00
Professional Fees & Licenses	275.00
<b>Total Professional Fees</b>	2,850.00
Automobile and Mileage	1,518.08
Dues and Subscriptions	500.00
IWUA Basin Members Dues	23,208.80
<b>Water Education</b>	
Contributions	500.00
<b>Total Water Education</b>	500.00
Internet Services	290.87
Meeting Expenses	38.18
<b>Travel and Training</b>	
IWUA Convention Expense	175.00
<b>Total Travel and Training</b>	175.00
<b>Repairs and Maintenance</b>	
Equipment Repairs	21.00
Repairs and Maintenance - Other	85.00
<b>Total Repairs and Maintenance</b>	106.00
Interest Expense	627.27
Insurance	595.00
Equip. Purchases, Office & Field	6,327.97

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**Profit & Loss**  
January 1 through March 29, 2013

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Cost - Share Incentive Prog. Water Management	20,000.00
<b>Total Cost - Share Incentive Prog.</b>	<b>20,000.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>77,048.11</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-76,849.37</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-76,849.37</b>