

Payette River Basin, State of Idaho
Water District No. 65

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Regular Board Meeting

Date: June 10, 2014
Time: 8:00 p.m.
Location: Payette River Irrigation Office

Attending: Marcia Herr, De Burr, Ron Mio, Darlene Maxwell, Dyke Nagasaka, Roy Maxwell, Dennis Lammey, Jim Hutchins, Fred Coburn, Walter Garman, Joan Howell, Jamie White, Recording Secretary and Watermaster Ron Shurtleff

Guests: Liz Cresto, IDWR, Hydrologist and David Hoekema, IDWR, Hydrologist

Chairman Ron Mio called the meeting to order

Minutes: The May 13, 2014, meeting minutes were presented in written form to all persons in attendance to review. Chairman Mio asked if there were any additions or corrections. **Dennis Lammey moved and Darlene Maxwell seconded to approve the May 13, 2014, minutes as presented. Passed.**

Financial Report: Chairman Mio asked Ron to report on the financial statement for the district. Ron reviewed the budget to actual worksheet by line item and stated all funds are on track for the year. There is a checking account balance of \$49,752.93 and a balance in the State Treasury Fund of \$278,265.66 resulting in a checking and savings total of \$328,018.59. Assessments continue to come in and the total accounts receivable is at \$7,750.09; total fixed assets remain at \$82,556.22, producing a total assets balance of \$418,334.90. Ron then reviewed the profit and loss statement and stated that as of June 10, 2014, the District is showing a negative income of -\$8,370.78. Chairman Mio asked if there were any other questions or concerns. **Dennis Lammey moved and Fred Coburn seconded to approve the Financial Statement as presented. Passed.**

IDWR Update: The floor was then turned over to Liz Cresto, Hydrologist at the Idaho Department of Water Resources. Liz briefly updated the board on the Storage Refill Issue. Ms. Cresto reported the Department has worked to develop two options to address the refill issue. She thought it would be good to have the Payette Basin aware to the two methods since we may be interested in adopting one of the methods of defining our refill procedure. She explained the difference between the two methods; Refill 1 would attach a water

right to a reservoir with a large water volume equal to the maximum runoff potential. The water right would be junior to all existing and future water rights in order to not interfere with current and new development. Refill 2 would also offer a water right but one with a fixed priority date (Not certain of the actual proposed date). With this scenario under certain circumstances the refill process would pre-empt some existing and future water rights. Ms. Cresto agreed to keep the Payette Basin informed as the process continues.

Chairman Mio then introduced David Hoekema, Hydrologist at IDWR. He provided a copy of the Accounting Reconciliation Report and stated the natural flows are on the way downward, but he predicted the day of allocation will arrive a little later than it did in 2013. Mr. Hoekema stated the new accounting system is in operation and is producing results equal to the old system. David handed out a copy of the Payette Basin Composite of the Snotel sites which he had produced. He compared the 2013 snow melt out which occurred in mid-May to this year's melt out which appears to be approximately June 1.

Watermaster

Report:

Ron presented a slide report which reviewed the snowpack and reservoir report and the Payette River Basin Storage Reservoirs. It showed the present reservoir conditions are as follows; the Payette Reservoir System at 99% of capacity, which includes Cascade Reservoir at 98% full and Deadwood at 100% and actually in surcharge.

Ron included in his report a couple of pictures of the Monroe Creek Site in the Weiser Basin; he stated John Westra asked him to assist the Weiser Irrigation District after they learned they could receive a 319 Grant to apply to water conservation projects. The grant allowed them to address six locations. Five automated gates, two monitoring sites and one repeater station were completed in a time frame of approximately six weeks which was the deadline to qualify for the windfall funding.

Pictures of the Lower Payette Wetlands were also provided to show improvements made with Water Quality testing thru the Costshare Program.

Ron reported on the updated 2014 assignments to the Rental Pool to date; Out of Basin contributions are Black Canyon with 12,800af; Farmers Co-op with 25,000af; Noble Ditch with 9,947af; Lower Payette with 9,947af; Emmett Irrigation with 11,868af and Lake Irrigation Dist. at 2,106af. Black Canyon is considering contributing an additional 5,000af which would bring the total to 76,668af. Total assigned and leased for Flow Augmentation Usage is 172,276af plus 5,000 to be used for "In Basin" from Black Canyon Irrigation Dist.

Ron updated the board on the 2014 Costshare projects, included was a payment to the Westside Lateral - Gus Young project from 2013; it was inadvertently left out in last month's report. A final payment of \$3,967.00 was made. The approved 2014 Cost Share Projects include: Washoe Irrigation Dist. – River Diversion Improvement Project for \$27,019; Enterprise Ditch Co. – Piping of 2 large lateral systems at \$25,000; Black Canyon Irr. Dist. – Purchase of equipment for "Aqualastic" for \$37,500; Lower Payette Ditch – Automation of canal check for \$4000 and the Letha Irrigation & Water – 3 automation site upgrades with Verizon for \$1,875 for a total requested assistance of

\$95,394. Lower Payette has also requested \$3000 towards Water Turbidity Sampling and Sensors under the Water Quality Improvement Projects.

The 2015 Costshare applications to date were also included in the packet. The applications are accepted on a first come, first serve basis unless otherwise approved by the board; there are currently 10 applications submitted for funding. Total requests to date come to \$166,873.

Ron included information regarding the impressive comeback of the Snake River fall Chinook salmon. It stated the return of adult fish from the Pacific Ocean to Idaho Rivers in 2013 was 75,846 fish. Of these, 20,022 were wild fish, a remarkable 26,000% increase from 1990, when just 78 wild were counted; legal mandates have played a positive role in helping restore the species.

NWRA:

The National Irrigation and Conservation Caucus Annual Meeting minutes, the Spring of 2014 minutes and an assessment of \$250.00 was included in the packets; some discussion ensued. **Moved by Darlene Maxwell and seconded by Dennis Lammey to pay the \$250 yearly assessment due to the National Irrigation and Conservation Caucus. Passed.**

Water
Awareness
Week:

A request was received from the Idaho Water Education Foundation to support the Idaho Water Awareness Week program. This program gives Idaho children hands-on exposure to interactive models that help students visualize watersheds, the impacts of storm water, drinking water, wastewater management, urban and rural uses of water; they also provide models to introduce them to ground water issues. Discussion ensued regarding the importance of this program. **Moved by Dennis Lammey and seconded by Darlene Maxwell to pay the 2014 Sponsorship of \$1000 towards Water Awareness Week. Passed.**

Idaho Ag
Sponsorships:

Ron also reported on an opportunity to be involved in the 2014 "Snake River Smile Tour"; this tour is for public and private school teachers. This will give Idaho teachers the opportunity to learn about agribusiness in the Gem State, they will see firsthand the life, history, challenges and technology that is being used in Idaho's agriculture. Full sponsorship is \$200 which includes bus transportation, some meals, motel rooms, handout materials and staff supporting the tour. Discussion ensued. **Moved by Marcia Herr and seconded by Dennis Lammey to sponsor two teachers in the amount of \$400. Passed.**

Additional
Comments:

Ron reminded the board that he will be attending the Water Law Seminar in Sun Valley on June 23-24, 2014.

Adjournment: Chairman Mio 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 June 30, 2014

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ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking - Water District	48,412.93
State Treasurer	278,265.66
Total Checking/Savings	326,678.59
Accounts Receivable	
A/R - Assessments	4,329.98
Acct. Rec. - Rental Pool	3,045.61
Total Accounts Receivable	7,375.59
Other Current Assets	
201 - Undeposited Funds	74.50
Total Other Current Assets	74.50
Total Current Assets	334,128.68
Fixed Assets	
Office Equipment	20,217.57
Field Equipment	35,038.65
Vehicles	27,300.00
Total Fixed Assets	82,556.22
TOTAL ASSETS	416,684.90
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	
SUI	55.69
Total Payroll Liabilities	55.69
Printing Expense Payable	902.72
Payable to Lessor - In Basin	6.00
Payable to IDWRB - Fees	0.60
Total Other Current Liabilities	965.01
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Total Liabilities	965.01
Equity	
Equity - Equipment	82,556.22
Retained Earnings	343,184.45
Net Income	-10,020.78
Total Equity	415,719.89
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	416,684.90

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 Accrual Basis

Water District No. 65
Profit & Loss
 January through June 2014

	Jan - Jun 14
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Interest Income	217.12
Assessment Revenue	75,105.55
Administrative Fee Revenue	
Admin Fees - In Basin	3.90
Total Administrative Fee Revenue	<u>3.90</u>
Total Income	<u>75,326.57</u>
Gross Profit	75,326.57
Expense	
Payroll Expenses	
Salary - Watermaster	25,541.65
Payroll Taxes	
Company FICA Expense	1,583.58
Company Medicare Expense	370.35
Company Fed Unemployment Tax	42.00
Company State Unemployment Tax	139.21
Total Payroll Taxes	<u>2,135.14</u>
Benefits - Medical Insurance	4,670.77
Benefits - Retirement	2,554.00
Total Payroll Expenses	<u>34,901.56</u>
Office Rent	3,450.00
Office Assistance	2,400.00
Postage and Delivery	511.41
Postage Reimbursals Account	0.00
Office Supplies	925.49
Telephone	665.00
ArcGIS License Maintenance fee	1,400.00
Professional Fees	
Accountant Fees	2,650.00
Total Professional Fees	<u>2,650.00</u>
Automobile and Mileage	2,199.23
Dues and Subscriptions	903.67
IWUA Basin Members Dues	23,208.80
Water Education	
Contributions	2,250.00
Water Education - Other	400.00
Total Water Education	<u>2,650.00</u>
Internet Services	347.70
Travel and Training	
IWUA Convention Expense	360.00
Meals and Lodging	47.60
Total Travel and Training	<u>407.60</u>
Repairs and Maintenance	
Equipment Repairs	58.00
Total Repairs and Maintenance	<u>58.00</u>
Interest Expense	
Interest Exp.- Rental Pool	268.00
Total Interest Expense	<u>268.00</u>
Insurance	
Property Insurance	99.00
Insurance - Other	21.00
Total Insurance	<u>120.00</u>
Miscellaneous	313.90
Equip. Purchases, Office & Field	3,999.99

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Accrual Basis

Water District No. 65
Profit & Loss
January through June 2014

	Jan - Jun 14
Cost - Share Incentive Prog. Water Management	3,967.00
Total Cost - Share Incentive Prog.	<u>3,967.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>85,347.35</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-10,020.78</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-10,020.78</u></u>