

Water District 57C Castle Creek Annual Meeting Notes

February 2, 2015

Angie Grimm, IDWR

Attendees: Mike Ihli, Cal Low, Nick Nettleton, Blaine Collett, Mike Lewis, Carol Gilbert (?), Lenny Buss (?), ~ 5 other Water District water users names uncertain, Nick Van Dyke (IDWR) & myself.

Handouts: Agenda (to Nick Nettleton Mike Ihli & Blaine Collett), Water District 57C Watermaster Report, and Castle Creek Water District 57C 2/2/2015 (outline of plans to issue measurement order).

1. Meeting called to order by Blaine Collett at ~1:30 pm.
2. 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes read aloud by Nick Nettleton (secretary/treasurer).
Motion made to accept minutes as read/drafted, 2nd, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.
3. Election of Officers:
 - Motion to retain same officers (Blaine Collett – Chairman, Nick Nettleton – Secretary/Treasurer) made, 2nd, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.
4. Designation of Credentials Committee:
 - Same members as last year appointed by Chairman Blaine Collett (Cal Low, Mike Lewis, and Mike Ihli).
 - Credentials Committee reported nine (9) water users as present and eligible to vote.
5. Resolutions:
 - Resolutions from 2014 adopted for 2015.
6. Advisory Committee:
 - Mike Lewis & Cal Low appointed to Advisory Committee.
7. Budget:
 - Disputes resolved without a Watermaster, Watermaster not paid for years (since 1977?) - per Nick Nettleton. Others in room seem to agree.
 - County used to collect assessments years ago. Now Grandview Bank has separate account for Water District. Treasurer will figure out bank account balance (and access/signature authorities on account)
 - Budget adopted same as last year.
8. Watermaster Elected:
 - Mike Ihli elected (motion made, 2nd, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed).
9. Other Business:
 - Mike Ihli – seasons of use argued last year. March 1st storage shut down for senior users. IDWR distributed a list of water rights by priority with season of use start date to the group. Mike Ihli will send out his phone # to water users for questions.
 - IDWR (Angie Grimm) discussed proposal to issue measurement device order in 2015 (discussed most items in handout).
 - Discussion fairly heated, most water users present said no need for measurement devices - folks get along fine. Said anyone who disagrees with

Watermaster assessment of quantity of water delivered can install a measurement device that those who don't argue with the Watermaster shouldn't have to install a device.

➤ Nick Nettleton proposed add an addendum to the Resolutions to that affect, motion passed.

➤ Group requested Mike Ihli Watermaster draft a letter (to be signed by him & Advisory Committee) to IDWR stating the WD is against issuance of a measurement order.

- Cal Low & others inquired as to why IDWR is not approving Low's application for winter time storage:

➤ Unclear to Low & others how installation of measurement devices to be used during irrigation season will tell IDWR if there's water available during the winter for Low's application.

➤ Water users said comfortable with priority as enough to address when Low can divert/store and when he can't. Said last couple years have been try, but few years before that there was water that Low could've stored without injuring others.

➤ Watermaster Mike Ihli will draft a letter (to be signed by him & Advisory Committee) to IDWR in support of Low's application.

10. Schedule Next Year's Meeting:

- Mon, Feb 1, 2016 @ 1:30 pm Blaine Collett's residence.

11. Meeting adjourned @ 2:32 pm

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2/2/2015

- Protect & deliver water rights in priority order.
- Manage future changes, possible new rights etc
- Natural flow rights with different start dates.
- Off-stream Storage rights with non-irrigation season factors.
- Watermaster needs tools to manage water for maximum beneficial use of water users.
- Develop a plan to move ahead.

IDWR stream measurements this irrigation season – May thru September, depends on staff availability.

Issue Order for lockable/controllable diversions and acceptable measuring devices at points of diversion on the creek.

Funding, maybe IWRB low interest loan &/or grant?

Suggested Schedule

Issue Order March-April 2015.

Water users develop plans showing type of lockable/controllable diversions and type of measuring devices they will install. Any existing lockable/controllable diversion works &/or measuring devices should be included in plans.

Storage facilities plans should include gauges showing height of storage (feet) in relation to volume stored (acre feet). Owners should develop chart/graph for gauges. Alternate methods to quantify amount being stored might be possible, subject to Watermaster & IDWR approval.

Plans due September 2015.

Installation of lockable/controllable diversions and acceptable measuring devices completed by March 2016. Includes providing storage chart/graph by this date.

- Domestic stockwater are exempt.
- Irrigation less than 5 inches (0.10 cfs) exempt unless part of a bigger diversion system (?).

Watermaster & IDWR inspect diversions and measuring devices April-May 2016. Will GPS all points of diversion on creek.

IDWR provide map during summer 2016 showing all GPS diversions.