

Minutes of the meeting of Watermaster District 37N held February 5, 2013, at the Carey City Hall at 1:00 p.m. Present were board members Jack Barton, Paul Olsen, Dusty Simpson, and Milo Mecham. Also Kathi Peck, and Bob Simpson.

Waterusers present were John Barton, Blaine Tingey, Jerry Cenarrusa, Rick Mecham, Creg Hansen, Dick Payne, Dave Parke, Brad & Marie Mecham, Jack Taylor, Nancy McAfee, Skip Peterson, Greg Mann, Scott Thorne, Karl Christensen, Destry Simpson, Charlie Riemann, Eric Alberdl, Randy Parke, Jim Barton, Craig Patterson, and Steve Hasky. Joyce Edwards, Mary Peterson and Lois Stocking were on hand in case election judges were needed.

Jack Barton called the meeting to order and asked for nominations for a meeting chairman. Dusty nominated Jack, Dave seconded. Voting was unanimous.

Jack then asked for nominations for a meeting secretary. Dave nominated Kathi, Brad seconded and voting was unanimous.

Bob Simpson presented the watermaster budget for 2013. He noted that it was identical to last year's budget, with no increases. Blaine moved that it be accepted, Nancy seconded it and the voting was unanimous.

Jack then opened the floor to nominations for watermaster. Creg nominated Bob Simpson, Nancy McAfee nominated Charlie Riemann and Dave Parke nominated Karl Christensen.

Each of the three candidates took a few minutes to introduce themselves and tell why they think they could do the job of watermaster. Ballots were then handed out and people voted. While the votes were being counted, Bob S. presented a water report as well as a report on the hydro plant.

The judges concluded their counting and presented the tally to Jack. Jack announced that Bob Simpson had won the job of watermaster for the coming year.

Destry Simpson, representing Ranchers Supply, was present to inform the waterusers about flow meters and the different options and models available. Discussion followed. The board would like to see all waterusers to have one installed if they irrigate over 40 acres. Discussion also was whether or not the irrigation district would pay 100% of these or cost share with the irrigators.

Dick Payne suggested the irrigation district install a weir at the end of the canals in order to see exactly how much is being wasted.

Jack explained that the irrigation district would be hiring a ditchrider to help Bob with the irrigation season. It would be a 6 month job and details will be announced later. The irrigation district will be accepting applications and interviewing soon. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.



Kathi Peck, Secretary