

MAY 31 2013

DEPT. OF WATER RESOURCES  
SOUTHERN REGION

## Annual Meeting Water District #41

March 4, 2013

The annual water meeting was held at the Rockland City Building on March 4, 2013 and was called to order by chairman, Brent Walker at 1:03 pm.

Chairman Walker asked that the minutes of the previous meeting be read. A motion was made by Curtis Munk to approve the minutes as read and seconded by Juan Spillett. Motion passed.

Chairman Walker then asked for a motion to elect a Chairman and a Secretary/Treasurer for the upcoming year. A motion to retain Brent Walker as Chairman and Alan Permann as the Secretary/Treasurer was made by Denise Ralphs and seconded by Rick Nelson. Motion passed.

Chairman Walker asked Watermaster James Robinson to report on the previous water year. The following report was given: "For the dry year water was fairly adequate. When the Landing ditch was taken out, I had to reduce the amount to Richard Udy, but did not turn him clear off as in other years. Also George Udy was off on the west side of the highway for the whole summer.

On July 5<sup>th</sup> the U.S. Ditch was low (4 and 1/2 in.) but I took some of the 10 in. that the west ditch had. I cut them to 7 inches.

On July 6<sup>th</sup> the U.S. ditch had 7.5 in., so I raised the west ditch back to 7.5 inches.

On July 8<sup>th</sup> the Ivan Charles pump was low. I cut the Brown Parker ditch to 6 in. and the Adjhead ditch to 6 in..

On July 10<sup>th</sup> the Charles pump was still low and I set the Brown Parker ditch to 4 in. which is as closed as I could get the gate.

On July 22<sup>nd</sup> the Charles pump was low again, so I cracked the bypass on Kings Lane open. This over time lowered the Brown ditch to 3.5 in., which is where it stayed for the rest of the summer.

All other ditches were able to have as much water as they wanted for the entire irrigation season. By Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> the Brown Parker ditch was full (6 in.) again.

Other than making a note on my calendar for the above adjustments, no other records were kept. I billed the ditches for adjudicated rights from June 1<sup>st</sup> until Sept 15<sup>th</sup>."

Chairman Walker asked for any applications for the position of Watermaster for the 2013 water year. James Robinson applied for the position of Watermaster. Motion was made by Curtis Munk and seconded

by Rick Nelson to accept the application of James Robinson for the position of Watermaster. Motion passed.

Chairman Walker then asked for the financial report. Secretary Permarn reported that \$7,377.00 was spent the previous budget year out of a budget of \$7,840.00. The checking account has a balance of \$1745.02 as of 3/4/2013. The budget for 2013 was discussed and it was decided to leave it the same as the previous year.

Watermaster	\$6,000.00
Secretary/Treasure	\$550.00
Social Sec.	\$500.00
Audit	\$250.00
Wcomp.	\$500.00
Pstg.	\$40.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,840.00</b>

Motion was made by Charles Barnard and seconded by Scott Lish to accept the 2013 budget, to authorize the collection of assessments and to expend funds as outlined in the budget. Motion passed.

James made us aware of recent changes in the Idaho Code made by the State Legislature. A copy of the letter from the Dept. of Water Resources is included in the minutes. Historically, the Dept. has required a written request by an authorized water user for the watermaster to begin his services. This statute was amended so that a written document does not need to be submitted but a verbal call to the watermaster is required from an authorized water user in the district for services to begin, unless the water users have adopted a resolution that the water master serve year round. The typical irrigation season, or year, in Idaho is April 1 to Nov 1. After some discussion a motion to approve a resolution was made by Reynold Ralphs that the watermaster in Water District #41 serve from April 1 to Nov 1 each year going forward. The motion was seconded by Denise Ralphs. Motion passed. This resolution will negate the need for a verbal call from a water user to the watermaster before water can be delivered.

Chairman Walker asked if any problems had been brought to the attention of the Advisory committee. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to retain the same advisory committee for the year. Motion was made that the

Advisory Committee remain the same for 2013 by Rick Nelson and seconded by Charles Barnard. Motion passed. The members of the advisory Committee are Jim Woodworth, Curtis Munk, and Lance Roper.

Juan Spillelt made a motion to adjourn the meeting until next year, seconded by Curtis Munk. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1:40pm.

Brent Walker-Chairman

Alan Permann-Secretary