

**BIG COTTONWOOD WATER USERS
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
January 22, 2013
10:00 a.m.
OAKLEY CANAL COMPANY**

PRESENT:

Tyler Cranney
Jared Mitton
Chantry Whittle
David Pickett
Russell Patterson

Mike Todd
Marilyn Short
James Mullen
Aaron Hepworth
Dennis Koch

NOT PRESENT:

Ryan Cranney
Travis Patton

Jim Bitzenberg DWR

I. Jared Mitton, President called the annual meeting of the Cottonwood Water Users to order at 11:00 a.m., on January 22, 2013. The meeting was held at the Oakley Canal Company Office located at 100 West Elm St. Oakley, Idaho.

II. **Appointment of Secretary:** David Pickett made a motion to appoint Marilyn Short as meeting secretary, Tyler Cranney seconded the motion, All agreed, motion carried.

III. **Minutes:** Marilyn Short read the minutes of the 2012 Annual Meeting. Russell Patterson made the motion to approve the minutes with minor corrections. Tyler Cranney seconded the motion. All approved.

IV. **Election/reappointment of officers:** David Pickett made a motion to retain the officers and board of advisors for another year. Mike Todd seconded the motion, all approved, motion carried. The officers are: Jared Mitton - President, Tyler Cranney - Secretary/Treasurer.

The board of advisors is as follows:

Mike Todd
Arden Cranney
David Pickett
Triple Ace- Russell Patterson

Jared Mitton asked the board to retain the services of Oakley Canal Company for another year.

Dave Pickett made a motion to retain Oakley Canal Company as Watermaster with Chantry Whittle responsible for water delivery (James Mullen as Watermaster) Mike Todd seconded motion, all approved.

V. **Financial Report:** The board reviewed the financial reports. As of January 22, 2013, there was \$13,429.45 in the checking account. The Oakley Canal Company's 2013 assessment fee is \$5,000.00, the secretarial fee is \$300.00. There are no accounts receivables. Tyler Cranney Made a motion to pay the bills. Russell Paterson seconded the motion, all agreed, motion passed

After discussing the repairs that need to be done, and the possibility of a different type of runoff, due to the fires last fall, it was felt that the budget needs to stay at \$6000. Tyler Cranney made a motion to keep the 2013 budget at \$6,000.00 in order to help pay for repairs and modifications to the upper diversion headgate, Russell Patterson seconded the motion, all agreed, motion carried.

VII. **Watermaster's Report:** James Mullen gave the Watermaster's report.

Snow pack level at Bostetter is 29" snow depth – 7.7" water equivalency
In 2012 it was: 36" snow depth - 10.0" water equivalency

He also explained that the temperatures at Bostetter have been in the 40s due to the temperature inversion, and the runoff could be very different this year.

VIII. Old Business:

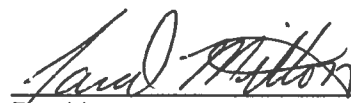
1. David Pickett mentioned that the Picketts will be responsible for cleaning the ditch from Jared Mitton's house across the flats this year. Cranneys will be responsible in 2013.
2. Shane Lierman asked about the high water from Cottonwood Creek. He would like to use it if it is available. David Pickett explained the high water belongs to OCC and if he needs it he will need to contact James.
3. Mike Todd shared with the board, a project he is working on regarding the Cottonwood Flume. He needs a piece of steel from the flume and any other artifacts people have and would like to contribute to the project. He also asked to see the pictures we have here in the office.

IX. New Business


1. James Mullen suggested the need to build catwalks over the main channel and west ditch at the main diversion. James has designed a catwalk that will meet OSHA's approval and has plans to build and install it. . He further suggested that the cost be pro-rated between all the water users.
Jared Mitton suggested that the catwalks be anchored to the wall at the main diversion.
2. Cranney Farms will clean the ditches this year.
3. David Pickett asked Mike Todd if there was any help available to help control the spreading thistles as it has been very costly to the Picketts to try and control them. Mike Todd reported that they haven't had much problem with thistles.
4. Mike Todd reported on the progress of the Interpretive Center Project. He has collected a few more artifacts for his display. He also announced his retirement later this year, so this will be his last board meeting. All wished him well.
5. Mike Todd had concerns about the water loss around the check of the west ditch of the Main Diversion. It was decided we will modify that check for water retention.
6. The Flood Control District covered the expenses of fixing the flood channel. However it is very hard to clean out.

The next meeting was scheduled for 11:00am, January 21st, 2014 here at the Canal office

David Pickett made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Tyler Cranney seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am.



President



Secretary/Treasurer