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**Agenda**  
**ANNUAL MEETING of WATER DISTRICT 36A**

**Tuesday, January 21, 2014**  
**1:00 PM, Legion Hall, Hagerman, Idaho**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Welcome and Introductions**
- 3. Election of Chairman and 2014 Advisory Board Members**
- 4. Approval of Minutes of the 2013 WD 36A Annual Meeting**
- 5. Approval of 2014 Budget**
- 6. Adoption of 2014 Resolutions**
- 7. Water Master's Report & Goals for 2014**
- 8. District News and Updates**
- 9. Adjourn**

**2013 Water Master, Secretary/Treasurer, Chairman and Advisory Board Members:**

**Frank Erwin**  
**Linda Lemmon**

**Water Master**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**

**Gary Lemmon (Big Springs Water Users Assoc.)**  
**Bud Huntley (Big Bend Irrigation & Mining Co.)**  
**Billy McCarthy (Hunt Ditch, Buckeye Farms Inc.)**  
**John Mavencamp (Brailsford Ditch)**  
**Howard Morris (Hoagland Tunnel Ditch)**  
**Gwen Tzanakakis (Bar-S Ditch)**  
**Dan Yore (Buckeye Ditch)**

**Chairman**  
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## Water District 36A – Annual Meeting

January 21, 2014

American Legion Hall, Hagerman, ID

- (1 & 2) Gary Lemmon, 2013 Advisory Board Chairman, opened the meeting at 1:00 pm and introduced Watermaster Frank Erwin and the current Advisory Board members in attendance.

Handouts available at the sign in sheet included: Agenda for today's meeting, Minutes from the January 15, 2013 Annual Meeting, Minutes from the December 12, 2013 Advisory Board meeting, the 2013 Treasurer's Report and Proposed 2014 Water District Budget, and the proposed 2014 Resolutions. Twenty seven people were in attendance representing 32 of the 65 diversions in the District.

### (3) Election of Meeting Chairman

Gary Lemmon led the election of the Meeting Chairman to run today's annual meeting. *A motion was made by Bud Huntley and seconded by David Cropper that Gary Lemmon be elected as Chairman to run today's meeting.* No other nominations were made. *Motion carried by voice vote with none opposed.*

### Election of Water District 36A Advisory Board for FY 2013

Gary Lemmon asked for nominations from the floor. *Bud Huntley moved that Gary Lemmon, Bud Huntley, Billy McCarthy, John Mavencamp, Howard Morris, Dan Yore and Dennis Newman be elected to the Advisory Board for fiscal year 2014. David Cropper seconded the motion.* No other nominations were offered and the nominations were closed. *Motion passed by voice vote, with none opposed.*

*2014 Advisory Board Members are: Bud Huntley, Big Bend Irrigation & Mining Co.  
Gary Lemmon, Big Springs Water Users  
John Mavencamp, Brailsford Ditch  
Howard Morris, Hoagland Tunnel  
Billy McCarthy, Buckeye Farms  
Dennis Newman, Idaho Fish & Game  
Dan Yore, Buckeye Ditch*

### (4) FY2013 Annual Meeting Minutes

*A motion was made by Bud Huntley and seconded by Dan Yore to approve the minutes from the 2013 Annual Meeting as written and presented. Motion carried by voice vote, with none opposed.*

### (5) Presentation of the Proposed 2014 Budget

Frank Erwin reviewed the handout titled *Water District 36A Budget Summary (as of 12/31/13)* which included both the 2013 Treasurer's Report (adopted and actual budgets) and the 2014 Proposed Budget. The column on the left (adopted) and center (actual) represent the 2013 Treasurer's Report. The beginning balance on January 1, 2013 was \$1,769.84. Assessments collected in 2013 totaled \$6,716.00 and expenses totaled \$7,249.65, leaving an ending balance on December 31, 2013 of \$1,270.78 which will be carried over to 2014. The majority of the unspent money had been allotted to the contingency category to cover unexpected expenses.

Using the same handout, Frank reviewed his proposed 2014 Budget for the District (column on right). This budget had been discussed at the Advisory Board meeting on December 12, 2013. Beginning balance on January 1, 2014 carrying over from 2013 is \$1,270.78. Proposed expenses, including an amount for the contingency category, totaled \$8,217.78. Frank proposed an assessment rate of \$0.038/24-hr second foot which is the same as last year. The proposed budget would collect \$6,947.00 in assessment fees, slightly higher than in 2013 because of the

addition of a diversion to the District and a slight increase in water usage. Frank noted that the carryover amount we have experienced the past few years has been steadily diminishing, and that he anticipated having to increase the assessment rate next year to bring in enough revenue to cover costs.

***Bud Huntley moved and David Cropper seconded that the proposed budget for 2013 be adopted as presented. There was no further discussion. Motion passed by voice vote, with none opposed.***

#### **(6) Adoption of 2014 Resolutions**

Gary Lemmon reviewed the handout titled *Water District 36A - Proposed Resolutions for 2014* which described the rules under which the District operates annually. The proposed resolutions were essentially the same as last year – only the years were updated. The resolutions included one naming Frank Erwin as Watermaster for 2014 and one naming Linda Lemmon as Secretary/Treasurer for 2014. Because there was a change in the Advisory Board members elected for 2014, Gary asked for 2 volunteers from the newly elected Advisory Board to act as co-signers on checks, as outlined under Resolution #7. Billy McCarthy and Howard Morris volunteered to be co-signers. ***A motion to amend Resolution #7 to reflect that Billy McCarthy and Howard Morris would act as co-signers was made by Howard Morris and seconded by Dan Yore. Motion passed unanimously.***

***Bud Huntley moved and Billy McCarthy seconded that the proposed resolutions be adopted as amended. There was no further discussion. Motion passed by voice vote, with none opposed.***

#### **(7) Watermaster's Report & Goals for 2014**

Frank reminded people to get their flow reports in on time and to make sure they were accurate and complete. In particular, comments need to be included describing any modifications made to diversion structures so that this information can be entered into IDWR's data base. Keeping the diversion structures clean and in good shape will ensure that correct readings can be taken. Most people were doing a good job with their reporting, and Frank will work with those who were still having difficulty.

New meters were added to the district in 2013, and Frank took a more aggressive approach to making sure the District was complying with State regulations on checking meters. With the assistance of an IDWR employee, Frank was able to get three quarters of the meters checked in 2013 (no additional cost to the District), and expected to get the remainder checked in 2014. By law, meters must be checked every 3 years. Frank reminded people with meters to record totalizer readings at the beginning and end of the year, as well as monthly throughout the year. Some meters turn over one or more times during the year, and taking a reading only at the beginning and end of the year won't accurately reflect the total amount of water diverted.

Franks said his main goal for 2014 will be to continue working with water users to update measuring devices. He singled out IDFG, praising them for their efforts this past year in repairing several weirs at the Billingsley Creek WMA.

Frank explained that the Riley Creek and the Billingsley Creek drainages continue to go down every year. Billingsley Creek is down 5 cfs compared to where it was at this time last year. While 5 cfs doesn't seem like much of a problem now, it will be a bigger problem in the summer. He warned that the time for priority cuts to a 1904 priority date for those water rights that are consumptive to the system is fast approaching, maybe not this year, but perhaps by next year. He suggested water users start looking for creative ways to legally rotate, exchange or share uses as a way to avoid priority cuts in the future.

**(8) Additional News & Updates**

Questions from the audience: Bill Jones and others expressed concerns that the State wasn't making use of all water that was available for recharge which was needed to help address declining spring flows. In anticipation of priority cuts to users along Billingsley Creek, questions were asked if calls could be made to address declining spring flows. Frank reviewed the status of the Rangen call. He had been subpoenaed as Watermaster to give testimony in the Rangen case.

Meeting adjourned at 1:44 pm.

Minutes recorded by



Linda Lemmon, Secretary

Minutes certified for submission to IDWR by



Gary Lemmon, Meeting Chairman

Attachments: 2014 Adopted Budget  
2014 Adopted Resolutions  
Summary: WD36A Meter Installations and Checks during 2013

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January 27, 2014

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RE: Water District 36A Annual Report for 2014

Dear Mr. Cooper,

Enclosed are the following documents:

- Minutes from the Water District 36A Annual Meeting held January 21, 2014 in Hagerman
- 2014 WD36A Adopted Budget
- 2014 WD36A Adopted Resolutions
- 2014 WD36A Assessment List
- Summary: WD36A Meter Installations and Checks during 2013

Please, note in the Adopted Resolutions that I was elected Secretary/Treasurer for 2014 and that Frank Erwin was elected Water Master for 2014. The Advisory Board members elected during the Annual Meeting are listed in the minutes.

Respectively Submitted,



Linda L. Lemmon  
Secretary

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