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December 20, 2013

Jeff Cooper
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RE: Water District 36A

Dear Mr. Cooper,

Enclosed are the minutes from the Water District 36A annual meeting held January 15, 2013 in Hagerman, 2013 Adopted Budget, 2013 Adopted Resolutions, and the 2013 Assessment List.

Please, note in the adopted resolutions that I was elected Secretary/Treasurer for 2013 and Frank Erwin was elected Water Master for 2013.

Thank you.



Linda L. Lemmon
Secretary

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Agenda
ANNUAL MEETING of WATER DISTRICT 36A

Tuesday, January 15, 2013
2:00 PM, Legion Hall, Hagerman, Idaho

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Election of Chairman and 2013 Advisory Board Members
4. Approval of Minutes of the 2012 WD 36A Annual Meeting
5. Water Master's Report
 - a. Presentation of 2013 Proposed Budget
 - b. Adoption of 2013 Resolutions
 - c. Goals for 2013
6. District News and Updates
7. Adjourn

2012 Water Master, Secretary/Treasurer, Chairman and Advisory Board Members:

Frank Erwin
Linda Lemmon

Water Master
Secretary/Treasurer

Gary Lemmon (Big Springs Water Users Assoc.)
Frank Edelmann (IDF&G)
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
Board Member (retired)
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Water District 36A – Annual Meeting

January 15, 2013

American Legion Hall, Hagerman, ID

Gary Lemmon, 2012 Advisory Board Chairman, opened the meeting at 2:06 pm and introduced Watermaster Frank Erwin, current Advisory Board members in attendance, and Cindy Yenter (WD 130 Watermaster).

Handouts available at the sign in sheet included: Agenda for today's meeting, Minutes from the January 17, 2012 Annual Meeting, Minutes from the December 3, 2012 Advisory Board meeting, the 2012 Treasurer's Report and Proposed 2013 Budget, and the proposed 2013 Resolutions. Nineteen people were in attendance representing 32 diversions.

Election of Meeting Chairman

Gary Lemmon led the election of the Chairman to run today's annual meeting. **A motion was made by Bill Jones and seconded by John Mavencamp 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 explained that all FY 2012 Advisory Board members except Frank Edlemann (who retired last year from IDFG) agreed to serve on the 2013 Advisory Board if nominated, and asked for nominations from the floor. **Bill Jones moved and Bud Huntley seconded that the 2012 Advisory Board members except Frank Edlemann be reelected to the Advisory Board for fiscal year 2013.** No other nominations were offered. **Motion passed by voice vote, with none opposed.**

2013 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
Gwen Tzanakakis, Bar S Ditch Collective
Dan Yore, Buckeye Ditch*

FY2012 Annual Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by John Mavencamp and seconded by Bud Huntley to approve the minutes from the 2012 Annual Meeting as written. Motion carried by voice vote, with none opposed.

Watermaster's Report

Frank reviewed the operation of the District and said he would continue to harp on people to make sure annual flow reports are correctly filled out and that measuring devices are being installed where needed. Frank also reminded people that not everyone was getting the water they were decreed. He briefed members about the status of the Rangen call. Tucker Springs is another example, but users are working together to limit disputes and make use of the available water. In response to a question on how new development was being kept in check to prevent expansion of water rights or irrigated acreage, Frank said IDWR still enforces the 1992 moratorium that prohibits new well development and suggested people could monitor/protest proposed new uses/transfers/splits by reviewing the notices published in the newspaper. Cindy Yester added that there is a 'no net increase' policy, and that there were still some acres being converted from groundwater to surface water (ie., wells voluntarily turned off). Domestic well drilling still is not limited.

(a) Presentation of the Proposed 2013 Budget by Frank Erwin

Frank reviewed the handout titled *Water District 36A Budget Summary (as of 12/03/12)* which included both the 2012 Treasurer's Report (adopted and actual budgets) and the 2013 Proposed Budget. The two columns on the

left (adopted) and center (actual) represent the 2012 Treasurer's Report. The beginning balance on January 1, 2012 was \$3,173.36. Assessments collected in 2012 totaled \$5,833.13 and expenses totaled \$7,236.65, leaving an ending balance on December 31, 2012 of \$1,769.84 which will be carried over to 2013. 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 2013 Budget for the District (column on right). This budget had been discussed at the Advisory Board meeting on December 3, 2012. Beginning balance on January 1, 2013 carrying over from 2012 is \$1,769.84. Frank said that the Board wanted to keep about \$1,200 in the contingency fund in case we needed to purchase monitoring equipment or pay a professional to inspect/calibrate meters, if IDWR was unavailable or unwilling to do so. Proposed expenses, including an amount for the contingency category, totaled \$8,438. Frank proposed an assessment rate of \$0.038/24-hr second foot, and increase of \$0.006/24-hr second foot from last year, to cover expenses (leaving a slightly lower than desired contingency amount of \$1,128.89). The proposed budget would collect \$6,669.00 in assessment fees.

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

(b) Adoption of 2013 Resolutions

Gary Lemmon reviewed the handout titled *Water District 36A - Proposed Resolutions for 2013*. The resolutions are essentially the same as last year – only the dates were updated. The resolutions include one naming Frank Erwin as Watermaster for 2013 and one naming Linda Lemmon as Secretary/Treasurer for 2013.

Bud Huntley moved and Butch Morris seconded that the proposed resolutions be adopted as presented. There was no further discussion. Motion passed by voice vote, with none opposed.

(c) Goals for 2013

Frank explained that the goals for 2013 were essentially the same as last year - to continue checking and improving accuracy of diversions and PCC meters, and to make sure new meters are installed where needed. He noted that a couple of the open channel diversion measurements weren't as accurate as they should be, and that he would be contacting users about that. Frank also reminded people to fill out their annual flow report forms completely, including the information on the back page where alterations to the diversion structures are to be noted. Some forms have also come in without being dated or signed by the responsible person.

District News and Updates:

Frank reviewed the status of the proposed changes to the Dig Law which would have required all irrigation companies to become a member of Digline, the for-profit company that people call prior to digging to locate utility lines. Because of strong objections from the Idaho Water Users Association, the bill will not be submitted to the Legislature in 2013 but will be revised for submission another year.

Cindy Yenter reported briefly on continued development of and improvements to the groundwater model. She also reviewed the status of the hatchery buyouts by groundwater districts to end litigation and provide mitigation for calls by Idaho Trout Co, Clear Springs Foods and SeaPac of Idaho. The curtailment order has not been withdrawn; thus, to avoid curtailment groundwater users in the affected areas must still participate in an approved mitigation plan which included the buyouts.

Cindy Yenter explained that although our District does not have a portable flow meter to check PCC meters, she would meet with Frank this summer to test PCC meters using IDWR's portable meter. There would be no additional cost to our District for her service since she works half time for WD130 and half time for other Districts per IDWR.

Cindy Yester also spoke about IDWR's decision to create a water measurement district in the Wood River basin. Water District 37 asked the courts for interim administration authority to administer according to decree. In an

order issued last year, everyone irrigating one half acre or more will have to measure their water. Larger users will measure this year and smaller users will start measuring next year. This is quite a bit different than Water District 130 in which irrigation of less than 5 acres are exempt from reporting requirements.

IDWR has raised the bar on how accurate flow meters must be. Models were tested at Utah State. The approved list of manufacturers is on the IDWR website. Currently installed meters won't have to be changed if they meet specified tolerances, but new or replacement meters must follow the new criteria. Water users should speak to Frank Erwin or Cindy Yenter before purchasing a meter. IDWR no longer favors PCC meters – they are not as accurate as once thought and won't work with variable speed pumps.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm.

Minutes recorded by



Linda Lemmon, Secretary

Attachments: 2013 Adopted Budget
2013 Adopted Resolutions

Minutes certified for submission to IDWR by



Gary Lemmon, Meeting Chairman