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**BIRCH CREEK WATER USERS ANNUAL MEETING
MINUTES**

January 13, 2015

7:00 P.M.

OAKLEY CANAL COMPANY OFFICE

PRESENT:

Blake Matthews
Ryan Hawker
Tim Payton

Jim McBride
Chantry Whittle
Marilyn Short

James Mullen
Ron Abromovich

Blake Matthews called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. The meeting was held at the Oakley Canal Company Office at 100 West Elm Street, Oakley, Idaho.

I. Elections:

1. Meeting Secretary: Tim Payton made a motion to appoint Marilyn Short meeting secretary, James Mullen seconded the motion. All agreed, Motion carried
2. Election of Officers: Tim Payton made a motion that the officers remain the same for another year James Mullen seconded the motion. All agreed and the officers will remain as follows:
Blake Matthews – President
Tim Payton – Sec/treas
3. Watermaster appointment: Blake Matthews made a motion to continue the contract with Oakley Canal Co. for Watermaster responsibilities, with James Mullen as Watermaster. Tim Payton seconded the motion, all approved, motion carried.

II. Minutes:

The minutes of the 2014 Annual Birch Creek meeting were read by Blake Matthews. Jim McBride made a motion to approve the minutes, Tim Payton seconded the motion, all approved, motion carried.

III. Financial Report:

Marilyn Short was asked to present a financial report. The current bank balance is \$20,685.53. Three fees were presented for payment: \$5000.00 to Oakley Canal Company for the 2015 water master fees and \$300.00 to Marilyn Short for Secretarial Fees. A bill from Bill Parsons for \$324.00 was also presented. Jim McBride made a motion to pay the bills, Tim Payton seconded the motion all agreed, motion carried.

The 2015 budget was discussed, and it was decided to keep the budget of \$8300.71 the same as 2014. Jim McBride made a motion to keep the water assessments the same with the exception of adding \$1.50 to each bill to cover the

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billing fee charged by the county. Tim Payton seconded the motion, all agreed, Motion carried.

IV. Watermaster Report: The watermaster report was passed around for all to look at, while James Mullen explained the Watermaster report. Jim McBride made a motion to accept the Watermaster report. Earl Dayley seconded the motion, all agreed, motion carried.

V. Old Business:

1. The Water agreement was explained and discussed. James Mullen explained that there is a pipe line tie-in to Birch Creek now. Ryan Hawker explained he was using Steve Manning's water and wanted to leave the trade agreement the same. Tim Payton made a motion to continue using the trade agreement another year. Earl Dayley seconded the motion, all agreed, motion carried.

2. Jared Mitton was at the meeting to discuss the deteriorating pipe at the main street crossing on Highway 27 at the corner of Main St. He reported that the pipe is collapsing and needs replacing. James felt that the new pipe needed to be 10" pipe and would need to be 60' long. The board agreed to give Blake Matthews the authority to check into the situation and make the decision as to how best to repair the pipe. He was given a \$5000 budget and if it would require more money the board would need to again review the situation and costs. Jared Mitton will research the matter and find out whose responsibility the job would be and who will pay for the repairs. Jared and Blake will coordinate the project.

3. James Mullen discussed the need for a tie in vent to the Birch Creek pipe line connection. An 8" saddle with riser was suggested by James. Jim McBride made a motion to approve the work with James Mullen doing the work. Earl Dayley seconded the motion, all agreed, motion was approved.

4. The need for an advisory board was discussed. Jim McBride made a motion to have such a board appointed. Earl Dayley seconded the motion. All approved, motion carried. Blake Matthews appointed Tim Payton, Jim McBride and himself to the board.

VI. New Business:

1. Jim McBride asked about billing Dutch Robinson for his portion of the survey bill. The total bill was for \$1563.50. After discussion it was decided that Dutch's portion should be \$350. Marilyn will send him a bill for that amount.

2. The trade agreement with Oakley Canal Company was discussed. Marilyn Short gave Blake Matthews a copy of it to read and discuss. Jim McBride made a motion to continue with the trade agreement for the 2015 season. Tim Payton seconded the motion, all agreed, motion carried. Blake signed the agreement for the 2015 season.

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3. James Mullen suggested the need to construct something solid at the lower diversion of Birch Creek. There was discussion about the collection of dirt and debris which poses a problem every year. Also there is a problem with the willows needing to be cleaned out. James suggested that he and the committee go up there together this spring and take a look at the situation and find a solution to the problem.

4. Ron Abromovich was visiting from the NRCS Snowtel office. He presented some interesting insights on the current weather pattern which are affecting our weather. He explained the things they use to predict our weather and amount of moisture we will receive for the season. He showed the graphs of weather patterns and explained what we may expect for moisture this spring. It looks like February will warm up and the storms will go around us. At the current time we are 130% of normal in our moisture level but that will drop to possibly 55% by April. The outlook is still favorable as we are slightly ahead of last year in snowfall.

5. James Mullen mentioned that there is someone interested in trading Birch Creek shares of water for Oakley Canal Shares. He also mentioned that he was just notified that pipe prices have dropped 30%.

The next Annual board meeting was scheduled for Monday, January 11, 2016 at 4:00 pm at the Oakley Canal Company office. Jim McBride made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ryan Hawker seconded the motion and meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Blake Matthews

President

Tim Peyton

Secretary

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