

WATER DISTRICT 143 – ANNUAL MEETING  
JANUARY 24, 2017 – 7:00 PM  
RAFT RIVER HIGH SCHOOL – MALTA, ID  
Call to order at 7:15 pm

Agenda was prepared by Water Master Nathan Erickson and Advisory Board at their organization meeting. (See attached agenda)

**A motion was made by Mike Spencer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Clark Ward to have Advisory Board Member Mike Wheeler serve as chairman of the annual meeting. Motion passed.**

**Motion was made by Dallen Ward, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Clark Ward to have Sara Jane Ward act as meeting secretary. Motion passed.**

Minutes of 2016 meeting were read. 1 correction was made. (See attached minutes) **Motion to approve the minutes with correction was made by Nolan Branch, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dallen Ward. Motion passed.**

The current advisory committee was presented. After brief discussion a **motion was made by Mike Spencer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alan Harper to retain the Advisory Committee for the 2017 year. Motion passed.**

Nathan Erickson then gave the Water Master Report. He reviewed events of the past year.

Measurement order – Deadline for meter installment is spring of 2018. Must use meters from approved list. This order excludes domestic, some stock water, cfs < 0.24 or less than 5 acres.

Curtailment order - Expansion acres will be phased out by fall of 2019. Most holders of expansion rights have completed a reduction plan with Nathan.

Chairman Wheeler asked that the 2017 Resolutions be read. (See attached Resolutions) Clarification was given as questions were asked. **Motion was made by Ryan Moss, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nolan Branch to approve the Resolutions. Motion passed.**

Next meeting January 23, 2018.

**Alan Harper moved and Clark Ward 2<sup>nd</sup> that meeting adjourn at 8:05 pm. Motion passed.**

Minutes submitted by Sara Jane Ward – Recording Secretary

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WD 143 Annual Meeting  
Tuesday, January 24, 2017  
Sign In

Name

NATHAN ERICKSON

TIM LUKE

Steve Visosky

SARA JANEWARD

Clark Ward

Mike Wheeler

W. Branch

John

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Jay Harper

Kathleen

TOM OTTLEY

Ryan Moss

Alan Carpenter

Alan Harper

Mike Spencer

Darin Harper

Dallen Wyard

W. Woodhull

Bruce Outfee

JASON HARPER

**WATER DISTRICT NO. 143  
RAFT RIVER BASIN  
2017 ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS**

The water users of Water District No. 143, as part of the annual district meeting held on January 24, 2017, at Malta, Idaho, HEREBY ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS:

**1. DISTRICT CREATION AND BOUNDARIES**

Water District 143 consists of the area and water rights as defined by the *Preliminary Order Creating Water District No. 143*, dated December 2, 2015. The district includes all ground water rights in the Raft River Basin, except rights used for domestic and stock water purposes as defined by Idaho Code § 42-111 and 42-1401A and ground water rights located within Water District 130 overlying the ESPA.

**2. ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

It is herewith resolved that an advisory committee shall be selected to provide input to the watermaster and the Director of IDWR. The advisory committee will meet as often as needed to address the structure, governance and operation of the district. Seven water users shall comprise the advisory committee, five representing irrigation and two non-irrigation. The five irrigation representatives will be selected from the five divisions as defined by the Raft River Ground Water District. It shall be required that six of the seven representatives shall not be members of the Raft River Ground Water District Board. The advisory committee members for the ensuing year shall be the following (members selected at the meeting):

Member #1(RRGWD Division 1): Jake Gerratt  
Member #2(RRGWD Division 2): Mike Wheeler  
Member #3(RRGWD Division 3): Nolan Branch  
Member #4(RRGWD Division 4): Kurt Yates  
Member #5(RRGWD Division 5): Dallen Ward  
Member #6(Non-irrigation): Scott Nichols  
Member #7(Non-irrigation): Todd Webb (RRGWD Board Member)

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**3. ANNUAL MEETING DATE**

It is herewith resolved that the Annual Meeting for Water District 143 shall be held on the fourth Tuesday of January of each year at a time and place to be determined each successive year unless the Director of IDWR should find it necessary to change the meeting date or unless changed by resolution of the district at any annual meeting. The next Annual Meeting will be held on January 23, 2018.

**4. ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

Copies of the minutes of the annual meeting and all approved resolutions shall be filed with the Director of IDWR immediately after the annual meeting in accordance with Idaho Code § 42-605(5).

## **5. ELECTION OF WATERMASTER AND TREASURER**

It is herewith resolved that the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) be elected to provide the watermaster services for Water District 143 and that the Director of IDWR appoint Nathan Erickson, an employee of IDWR, or other employees of IDWR as may be necessary, to serve as the watermaster for the ensuing year.

It is herewith resolved that Sara Jane Ward be elected Water District 143 treasurer. The duties of the treasurer will be to approve expenses, oversee disbursement of Water District funds, and to prepare or authorize a review of financial affairs of the district at the end of each fiscal year, in accordance with Idaho Code Section § 42-619.

## **6. WATERMASTER DUTIES**

The Watermaster shall perform his or her duties as required by Chapter 6, Title 42, Idaho Code and in accordance with:

- a. Direction and guidance provided by the Director of IDWR;
- b. The annual water district resolution adopted herein.
- c. Guidance and input from the Water District 143 Advisory Committee.

## **7. WATERMASTER TERM OF SERVICE**

As provided in Idaho Code § 42-608(4), watermaster's term of service shall begin upon appointment by the Director of IDWR immediately following the annual meeting election and continue until the next annual meeting, or until a successor is appointed and qualified under the provision of Section 42-604, Idaho Code.

## **8. WATER DISTRICT BUDGET**

The water users of Water District 143 hereby empower the elected advisory committee to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the Water District and the Director of IDWR that will provide for the following:

- 1) The budget for Water District 143 for the 2017 fiscal year, beginning February 1, 2017 and ending on January 31, 2018 shall be Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,000) for Watermaster duties. Any expenses beyond the budgeted amount shall be provided by IDWR if the district elects IDWR to provide the watermaster services and allow the Director of IDWR to appoint an employee of IDWR as watermaster.
- 2) Given that the water district cost for administering water for many water users is greater than their normal assessments would be based upon their total water right, it is resolved that pursuant to Idaho Code § 42-612 the watermaster of Water District 143 is authorized to assess a \$20 minimum charge for watermaster services to water users within his or her jurisdiction.
- 3) Whereas Idaho Code § 42-612 and § 42-615 require that proposed water district

budgets and annual assessments to individual right holders be prorated based upon the amount of water delivered or used by individual right holders during the past season or seasons (not to exceed five seasons) and, whereas records of water delivery currently do not exist for all diversions within the newly created Water District 143, it is therefore resolved that Water District 143 will use authorized water right flow rates for determining a pro-rata assessment.

- 4) If IDWR is elected to provide watermaster services for 2017, the watermaster shall maintain an office for the ensuing year within the IDWR Southern Regional Office, located in Twin Falls, Idaho. IDWR will provide office space, vehicles and the use of all necessary office and field equipment, and other necessary watermaster expenses. This arrangement shall not give Water District 143 any ownership interest in any IDWR office space and equipment.

## **9. COLLECTION OF THE BUDGET AND DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS**

It is herewith resolved that the budget for Water District 143 be collected from the water users by the Water District 143 Watermaster as provided by Idaho § 42-618. The Watermaster will make an assessment to each water user in pro-rata amounts as determined by the budget which is formally adopted at the annual meeting. Collection of the assessment for water right holders which are members of the Raft River Ground Water District (RRGWD) shall be assessed through the RRGWD. Water right holders which are not members of the RRGWD shall receive an assessment directly from Water District 143. All funds shall be deposited in a bank account maintained by the water district at D.L. Evans Bank in Albion, ID. Treasurer shall disperse funds from water district bank account using two-party signature checks signed by Treasurer and one member of the Advisory Committee.

## **10. WATERMASTER ACCESS TO CONTROL STRUCTURES AND MEASURING DEVICES**

Whereas watermaster access to control structures and measuring devices is essential for providing watermaster services and limiting expenses, it is herewith resolved that all users shall provide for watermaster access where access to control structures and measuring devices is through a locked gate and other reasonable means of access are not available. The user shall, upon request by the watermaster, provide to the watermaster a key or combination to any such locks.

## **11. ENTRY OF LANDS BY WATERMASTER**

It is herewith resolved that the watermaster and any watermaster assistants are authorized as employees of IDWR under Idaho Code § 42-1701(5) to make reasonable entry on lands within the district, in accordance with IDWR policy, to carry out the duties of the watermaster as instructed by IDWR. These duties include but are not limited to:

1. Inventory of diversions in the district, including inspection of conveyance infrastructure and place of use of water.

2. Measuring and recording rates of diversions, and regulating diversions as necessary from the ground water diversions within the district.
3. Monitoring the place, period, and nature of use of water to identify unauthorized diversion and use and/or to determine compliance required by any agreement or order of IDWR.