

BIRCH CREEK WATER USERS ANNUAL MEETING
MINUTES
January 11, 2016
7:00 P.M.
OAKLEY CANAL COMPANY OFFICE

PRESENT:

Blake Matthews
Earl Dayley
Tim Payton

Jim McBride
Chantry Whittle
Marilyn Short

James Mullen
Nathan Ericson -DWR
Brett Jones

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, Jim McBride seconded the motion. All agreed, Motion carried
2. Election of Officers: Jim McBride made a motion that the officers remain the same for another year. Tim Payton seconded the motion. All agreed and the officers will remain as follows:
Blake Matthews – President
Tim Payton – Sec/treas
3. Water master appointment: Tim Payton made a motion to continue the contract with Oakley Canal Co. for Water master responsibilities, with Chantry Whittle appointed to act as Water master. Earl Dayley seconded the motion, all approved, motion carried.

II. Minutes:

The minutes of the 2015 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 \$23,089.44. Two fees were presented for payment: \$5000.00 to Oakley Canal Company for the 2016 water master fees and \$300.00 to Marilyn Short for Secretarial Fees. Jim McBride made a motion to pay the bills, Tim Payton seconded the motion all agreed, motion carried.

The 2016 budget was discussed. There was discussion about possible expenses this year such as building a structure at the diversion and possibly purchasing pipe for future projects. It was decided to keep the budget of \$8300.71 the same as 2015. 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 billing fee charged by the county. Brett Jones seconded the motion, all agreed, Motion carried.

Delinquent bills were discussed and how best to take care of them.

Delinquent bills: Jamie Castaneda, Nels Peterson, Joseph Whitely owe for 2015 & Mike Wands is delinquent from 2011.

IV. Watermaster Report:

The water master report was explained by James Mullen. Birch Creek had very little water last year so few benefitted from it. Brett Jones made a motion to accept the Watermaster report. Earl Dayley seconded the motion, all agreed, motion carried.

V. Old 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.

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%.

VI. New Business:

1. Discussion about the need for a structure to be constructed at the Birch Creek diversion was held. Blake Matthews mentioned that it is possible we could get help from the flood district to build it. The general consensus was that it's time for the advisory board to meet with James Mullen and get the plans started on this project. The need to take care of the problem has become urgent. The meeting was set for January 26th at 8:00am to assess the situation, take measurements and make plans for the project.

2. The trade agreement was again proposed and explained by James Mullen. There was a great deal of discussion on the subject and many suggestions ranging from measuring the early water to a permanent trade agreement. It was finally agreed that it is necessary and to sign the agreement for one more year. Earl Dayley made a motion to sign the trade agreement for 2016. Brett Jones seconded the motion, all agreed, motion carried.

3. There was discussion about the need for purchasing more pipe for piping water to town. We need 1200 feet of 8 "pipe. It was mentioned that we need a map showing where Dutch Robinson's lines are so we know where to tie in new lines. It was also mentioned that there is an urgency in this matter since Dutch's health is declining. Brett Jones said he will get a map and due to the fact that the canal company is tied up with pipe line projects and won't be able to help with Birch Creek's project, this was tabled for now. There are still easements that haven't been signed.

The next Annual board meeting was scheduled for Monday, January 9, 2017 at 4:00 pm at the Oakley Canal Company office. Tim Payton made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Brett Jones seconded the motion and meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

President

Secretary

BIRCH CREEK WATER USERS

NAME	2015	Budget
	Address	Assmt
ADAMS, ERENST c/o Maxine Adams	315 N. WILSON, OAKLEY, ID 83346	\$40.00
BEDKE, RAY C. (Scott)	485 N. Center Ave, Oakley, ID 83346	\$40.00
BELL, CLIFF	215 N. LINCOLN, OAKLEY, ID 83346	\$40.00
CASTENEDA, JAMIE	PO BOX 61, OAKLEY, ID 83346	\$40.00
COOPER, MAX	P.O. BOX 47, OAKLEY, ID 83346	\$40.00
CRANNEY FARMS	1310 S. 600 W Oakley, ID 83346	\$2,570.60
CRITCHFIELD FARMS (Wybenga)	PO Box 456 Burley, ID 83318	\$553.68
Fairchild, Asahel c/o Richard Anderson	PO Box 6, Oakley, ID 83346	\$40.00
FEHLMAN, ROBERT	PO Box 251, Oakley, ID 83346	\$40.00
(FRANCE), Linda Gardner	176 E Oneida, Preston, ID 83263	\$40.00
GARRARD, EDNA C/O Rod Garrard	1070 S. Dudley St, Lakewood, CO 80226	\$40.00
GEE, LAVERDA	P.O. BOX 74 OAKLEY, ID 83346	\$40.00
GORRINGE, LORRAINE	426 E. 200 S. BURLEY, ID 83318	\$40.00
HALE UTANA	395 W POPULAR OAKLEY ID 83346	\$40.00
HUNTER, CHAD & UTANA	330 W. Poplar	\$40.00
JONES, BRYCE	270 n. LINCOLN AVE, Oakley, ID 83346	\$40.00
LARSEN, RICK & WENDY	154 W HWY 30 BURLEY, ID 83318	\$40.00
LEWIS, GENE	unknown	\$40.00
LDS Church Natural Resources Attn: Attn: Catherine Caselman	12th Floor, 50 E. North Temple, SLC, UT 84150	\$40.00
MANNING, LEANNE	2233 Birch Creek Rd., Oakley, ID 83346	\$1,259.59
MATTHEWS, BLAKE & BRODEN	94 E. Basin Creek Rd. Oakley, ID 83346	\$1,311.01
MCBRIDE, JIM	PO Box 203, Oakley, ID 83346	\$40.00
MCKNIGHT, TIM	195 N. LINCOLN AVE. OAKLEY, ID 83346	\$40.00
MCMURRY, NORMAN	270 S. Wilson, Oakley, ID 83346	\$40.00
MITTON, DELROY	P.O. BOX 231 OAKLEY, ID 83346	\$40.00
MUHLESTEIN, CLINT	PO Box 12, Oakley, ID 83346	\$40.00
MULLARD, GARY	PO Box 249, Oakley, ID 83346	\$40.00
(Myers) Steven or Gabriel Cabel	130 W. Poplar, Oakley, ID 83346	\$40.00
OAKLEY CANAL CO.	PO Box 207, Oakley, ID 83346	\$440.00
PAYTON, TIM	478 W. 1900 S. OAKLEY, ID 83346	\$553.68
PETERSON, MERIAL	P.O. BOX 181, OAKLEY, ID 83346	\$40.00
PETERSON, NELS	P.O. BOX 57 OAKLEY, ID 83346	\$40.00
QUALLS, CINDY	P.O. BOX 193, OAKLEY, ID 83346	\$40.00
QUARTER CIRCLE FIVE (Dayley)	3805 Sandpiper, Pocatello, ID 83201	\$52.15
RANDALL, ILLA c/o Jim McBride	PO Box 203, Oakley, Id 83346	\$40.00
ROBINSON, DUTCH	2288 Willimsburg Circle West Jordan, UT 84088	\$40.00
RANDY ROBINSON	1496 S. 500 W. Oakley, ID 83346	\$40.00
PAXTON ROBINSON	1496 S. 500 W. Oakley, ID 83346	\$40.00
ROSE, GLEN	unknown	\$40.00
ROUNDY, JON	PO Box 272, Oakley, ID 83346	\$40.00
SHEFFIELD BLANCHE	c/o Richard Sheffield, 1675 Oak Ln. Provo, UT	\$40.00
STRINGHAM, LONNIE	PO BOX 235, OAKLEY, ID 83346	\$40.00
WHITELEY JOSEPH (Reid)	240 N. CENTER, OAKLEY, ID 83346	\$40.00
MIKE WANDS	150 W. Poplar, Oakley, ID 83346	\$40.00
WINECUP Eric Bedke	PO BOX 283, OAKLEY, ID 83346	\$40.00
WADSWORTH, MARION	145 N. LINCOLN AVE. OAKLEY, ID 83346	\$40.00
TOTAL		\$8,300.71