

**BIG COTTONWOOD WATER USERS
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
January 19, 2016
10:00 a.m.
OAKLEY CANAL COMPANY**

PRESENT:

Jared Mitton
Tyler Cranney
Russell Patterson
Brad Lowe

James Mullen
Colleen Whittle
David Pickett
Chantry Whittle

NOT PRESENT:

Arden Cranney

I. Jared Mitton, President called the annual meeting of the Cottonwood Water Users to order at 10:08 a.m., on January 19, 2016. The meeting was held at the Oakley Canal Company Office located at 100 West Elm St. Oakley, Idaho.

II. **Appointment of Secretary:** David Pickett made a motion to appoint Colleen Whittle as meeting secretary, Tyler Cranney seconded the motion, all agreed, motion carried.

III. **Minutes:** The minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting were read by Colleen Whittle and James Mullen. Russell Patterson made the motion to approve the minutes with minor corrections. Brad Lowe seconded the motion. All agreed, motion carried.

IV. Election/reappointment of officers:

1. David Pickett made a motion to retain the officers and board of advisors for another year, Russell Patterson seconded the motion, all approved, motion carried.
The officers are: Jared Mitton - President, Tyler Cranney - Secretary/Treasurer.
The board of advisors is as follows:
Brad Lowe
Arden Cranney
David Pickett
Russell Patterson

2. Tyler Cranney made a motion to retain the services of Oakley Canal Company for another year with James Mullen as Watermaster and as ditch rider, responsible for water delivery. Russell Patterson seconded motion, all approved, motion carried.

V. **Financial Report:** The board reviewed the financial reports. As of December 31, 2015, there was \$13,259.44 in the checking account. The Oakley Canal Company's 2016 assessment fee is \$5,000.00; the secretarial fee is \$300.00. There are no accounts receivables. David Pickett made a motion to pay the bills. Brad Lowe seconded the motion, all agreed, motion carried.

VI. **Budget** David Pickett made a motion to keep the budget at \$6000 for 2016. Mike Cranney seconded the motion, all agreed, motion carried. Tyler Cranney also made a motion to pay the bills. Russell Patterson seconded the motion, all agreed, motion carried.

VII. Watermaster's Report: James Mullen presented the Watermaster's report.

Snow pack level at Bostetter is 51" snow depth – 12.5" water equivalency

In 2015 it was: 38" snow depth – 10.9 " water equivalency

Reservoir Level is 57 or 12,775 acre feet

Stream flows: Trapper: 12 sec ft (600") Goose: 60 sec ft (3000")

Tyler Cranney made a motion to accept the water master report. Brad Lowe seconded the motion, all agreed, motion carried.

VIII. Old Business:

1. There was much discussion about the improvements done last year at the diversion, including the catwalks and the cleaning of the willows from the west ditch. The benefits were noticed in the 2014 water season and made everyone's job easier. James Mullen reported he is hoping to get the diversion cleaned as soon as he completes the pipe project he is working on.
2. James Mullen is also planning on replacing the screen at the lower diversion this spring. He wants to put a bar screen there, which is easier to clean. He will redesign it so it won't plug up, blocking the water. There was much discussion on the debris and gravel which settles there causing problems with stream flows. James assured the board that he has taken that into consideration but needs a screen that is also easily cleaned.
3. Mike Cranney introduced discussion regarding the measuring of water that is put into the injection wells and the need to be credited somehow for that water. James Mullen emphasized that we need to keep good records of all the water put into the wells.
4. Cranneys will clean the ditch to the flats this year (2015)
5. Brad Lowe asked James Mullen if he could possibly open up the diversion to the NE pasture this year. James said that he could.

IX. New Business:

1. James emphasized the need to all the ditches to be clean and ready for delivery before the water can be delivered.
2. The willows on the west ditch from the main diversion need to be removed. The Oakley Canal Company does not have the time or the equipment to do what needs to be done. Russell Patterson suggested having a contractor remove the willows and clear debris the distance of the ditch to facilitate future maintenance. Casey Bench should be contracted to spray sagebrush along the cement ditch going to Picketts and Cranneys.
3. Due to safety concerns James and Chantry replaced the catwalk at the lower diversion in the summer of 2015 at a cost of \$1,200. The cost will be split between Picketts and Cranney Farms. James has the screen about ready to install this summer (2016).
4. The diversion will need to be cleaned this spring. James and Chantry will do the work in exchange for the Canal Company's assessment.
5. Picketts will clean the ditch to the flats this year (2016)
6. David Pickett addressed the issue of a bridge shared by Picketts and by Cranneys which will need to be replaced. Picketts will rebuild the bridge and Cranneys will be billed for the cost by Pickett Ranch.

The next meeting was scheduled for 10:00am, January 17th, 2017 here at the Canal office

Russell Patterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Brad Lowe seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

President

Secretary/Treasurer

COTTONWOOD WATER USERS

Name	Address
Consolidated AG Properties LLC	568 W. 1650 S., Oakley, ID 83346
Cranney Farms	1310 S. 600 W- Oakley, ID 83346
• Cranney, Ardon	250 W. 1545 S. - Oakley, ID 83346
• FED Agribusiness LLC	568 West 1650 South, Oakley, ID 83346
Mitton, Del Roy	PO Box 231 - Oakley, ID 83346
Oakley Canal Co	PO Box 207 - Oakley, ID 83346
Pickett Ranch and Sheep	568 W. 1650 S. - Oakley, ID 83346
Paterson, Russel	1800 Z St. -Heyburn, ID 83336
Woodhouse, Paul c/o Cranney Farms	1310 S. 600 W. Oakley, ID 83346
Fish & Game	319 S. 417 E. Hwy 93 - Jerome, ID 83338
Blair Dance - LCSC	433 E. Las Colinas Blvd Ste 1290, LB12 - Irving, TX 75039

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