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DEPT OF WATER RESOURCES
SOUTHERN REGION

**BIG COTTONWOOD WATER USERS
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
January 23, 2017
10:00 a.m.
OAKLEY CANAL COMPANY**

PRESENT:

Tyler Cranney
Jared Mitton
Russell Patterson
Brad Lowe F&G
David Pickett

NOT PRESENT:

Arden Cranney

OTHERS PRESENTS:

James Mullen
Chantry Whittle
Colleen Whittle

I. Jared Mitton, President called the annual meeting of the Cottonwood Water Users to order at 10:10 a.m., on January 23, 2017. The meeting was held at the Oakley Canal Company Office located at 100 West Elm St. Oakley, Idaho.

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

III. Minutes: The minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting were read by Colleen Whittle and Chantry Whittle. Tyler Cranney made the motion to approve the minutes with minor corrections. Russell Patterson seconded the motion. All approved.

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 – Fish & Game

Arden Cranney

David Pickett

Russell Patterson- Triple Ace

Nate Pickett will replace David Pickett on the board of advisors next year (2018)
after David Pickett leaves in June 2017

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

V. Financial Report: The board reviewed the financial reports. As of December 31, 2015, there was \$13,501.11 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 bill, Russell Patterson seconded the motion, all agreed, motion carried.

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

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

Current 2017 Snow pack level at Bostetter is 48" snow depth – 12.8" water equivalency

In 2016 it was: 38" snow depth - 10.9" water equivalency

Reservoir Level is 66.4 or 17,335 acre feet

Stream flows: Trapper: 10cfs or (500") Goose: 60 cfs or (3000")

Tyler Cranney made motion to accept the water master report. Russell Patterson seconded the motion, all agreed, motion carried.

VIII. Old Business:

1. James Mullen emphasized the need to have all the ditches 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 \$1200. 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.

IX. New Business:

1. The topic of maximum beneficial use of Cottonwood water was discussed as to water going into the injection well or being sent to the flats via the flood channel. James Mullen informed the board that a measuring device and monitoring system is being installed at the injection well site to monitor water going into the injection well.
2. Cranneys will clean the cement ditch to the flats in 2017 which gives Cranneys the first Cottonwood water on the flats.
3. David Pickett brought up the fact that the last bridge across the Cranney/ Pickett cement ditch needs to be replaced. Picketts will replace and bill Cranneys for the cost.
4. James Mullen brought up the fact that the check at the lower diversion needs to be rebuilt. The cement is good, the metal needs to be replaced. James Mullen will design and replace the metal. Cranneys and Picketts will split the cost.
5. It was suggested that a stretch of the creek bottom above the bridge at the lower diversion be deepened as a gravel collection pit to slow the buildup of gravel in the lower diversion.

6. Brad Lowe asked about the potential of creating an additional diversion from Patterson's ditch approx. $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile north of the Cranney/Patterson diversion to deliver water through a cement ditch originally designed to carry water from now abandoned wells. It was decided that James Mullen, Chantry Whittle, Brad Lowe and Jared Mitton, on or about February 16, 2017, at 10:00 look into the possibility of using the cement ditch to deliver water to Fish and Game property north of Arden Cranney property. All other board members were invited.

7. There was some discussion about changing the point of diversion for Fish and Game and OCC at the lower diversion, to the north side of the bridge. The afore mentioned committee will look into this while they are there.

The next meeting was scheduled for 10:00am, January 22th, 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

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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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