

Water District 36A

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January 26, 2016

Nathan Erickson
IDWR, Southern Region
650 Addison Avenue West, Suite 500
Twin Falls, ID 83301

RE: Water District 36A Annual Report for 2016

Dear Mr. Erickson,

Enclosed are the following documents:

- Minutes from the Water District 36A Annual Meeting held January 19, 2016 in Hagerman
- 2016 WD36A Adopted Budget
- 2016 WD36A Adopted Resolutions
- 2016 WD36A Assessment List

Please, note in the Adopted Resolutions that I was elected Secretary/Treasurer for 2016 and that Frank Erwin was elected Water Master for 2016. The Advisory Board members elected during the Annual Meeting are listed in the minutes.

Respectively Submitted,



Linda L. Lemmon
Secretary

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**WATER DISTRICT 36A
BUDGET SUMMARY (as of 12/31/15)**

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	<u>2015 Treasurer's Report</u>		<u>2016 Budget</u>
	<u>Adopted</u>	<u>Actual</u> (\$0.050/24-h sec ft)	ADOPTED (\$0.050/24-h sec ft)
Beginning Balance (Jan 1)	246.12	246.12	429.67
<u>INCOME</u>			
State Insurance Settlement		59.45	
Assessments 2015	8,074.00	7,531.00	543.00
Assessments 2016			<u>7,882.00</u>
Total	\$8,320.12	\$7,836.57	\$ 8,854.67
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Water Master Wages	\$4,600.00	\$4,248.10	4,600.00
Secretary/Treasurer Wages	1,500.00	1,385.25	1,500.00
State Insurance Fund	300.00	300.00	300.00
Federal Withholding	466.65	933.30	466.65
Office Supplies/PO Box	100.00	60.00	360.00*
Room Rent	75.00	75.00	100.00
Computer/Office Rent	250.00	250.00	250.00
Mileage (Watermaster)***	0	155.25	100.00
Contingency	<u>1,028.47</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,178.02**</u>
Total Expenses	\$8,320.12	\$7,406.90	\$8,854.67
Ending Balance (Dec 31)	0.00	429.67	0.00

* **2016 Operating/Office Expenses** category is intended for typical office expenses such as administrative fees, audit, PO Box rental, postage, paper, ink, envelopes, etc.

** **2016 Contingency** category is intended for unexpected expenses. Unused funds will carry over to 2017.

*****Mileage** was paid to Watermaster for travel associated with subpoenaed testimony at mitigation hearings and depositions in Twin Falls and Boise.

Water District 36A Non-Consumptive-to-the-System Assessments for 2016.

WMIS No.	Non-Consumptive Diversion	WD36A Acct	Send Assessment to	2014			2016 Assmt
				24 -hr sec ft	33%	\$0.050	(\$) ^a
410018	Anderson Pond Ditch	3	IDF&G, Jerome	1963	654	32.72	50
410024	Bickel Lake	1	USFWS, Hagerman	5488	1829	91.47	91
410011	Billingsley Bay Hatchery	35	Billingsley Bay Farms, c/o Peter Sturdivant	9771	3257	162.85	163
410002	Boyer Ponds	34	Matt Doperalski	3829	1276	63.82	64
410012	Branchflower Hydro	30	Mike Branchflower, Boise	13482	4494	224.70	225
410016	Conyers Ditch	4	Russell LeMoynes	15022	5007	250.37	250
410047	Fisheries Development/Billingsley	29	Clear Lake Trout Co., Boise	35022	11674	583.70	584
410048	Fisheries Development/Springs	29	Clear Lake Trout Co., Boise	3448	1149	57.47	57
410082	Florence Spring	3	IDF&G, Jerome	902.7	301	15.05	50
410019	Hagerman State Hatchery	2	IDF&G, Jerome	15152	5051	252.53	253
410087	Hidden Springs Hatchery	24	Aquarius Aquaculture, c/o David Huff	3065	1022	51.08	51
410070	Idaho Springs at Big Springs	21	Idaho Water Resource Board	11015	3672	183.58	184
410071	Idaho Springs at Billingsley	21	Idaho Water Resource Board	6720	2240	112.00	112
362000001	Idaho Springs at Tupper	21	Idaho Water Resource Board	317.9	106	5.30	50
410073	Johnson (aka Babington) Hatchery	27	Lynn & Kathy Babington	904.6	302	15.08	50
410067	Jones Hatchery	15	Bill Jones	9768	3256	162.80	163
410023	Joseph Hydro	45	Jill Joseph	0	0	0.00	50
410072	Lee Hatchery	26	Daniel Lee	860.3	287	14.34	50
410053	Main Spring	1	USFWS, Hagerman	4610	1537	76.83	77
410086	Oster Lakes State Weir	3	IDF&G, Jerome	1963	654	32.72	50
410089	Rangen Hatchery	10	Rangen Inc	4574	1525	76.23	76
410041	Rangen Pipe	10	Rangen Inc	89.3	30	1.49	50
410049	Riley Creek	1	USFWS, Hagerman	1798	599	29.97	50
101784	Riley Pumpback	1	USFWS, Hagerman	0	0	0.00	0
410052	Spring 8	1	USFWS, Hagerman	572.1	191	9.54	50
410050	Spring 10 Tunison	1	USFWS, Hagerman	510.9	170	8.52	50
410057	Spring 15	1	USFWS, Hagerman	1345	448	22.42	50
410025	Spring 16	1	USFWS, Hagerman	5684	1895	94.73	95
410058	Spring 17	1	USFWS, Hagerman	401	134	6.68	50
362002001	Talbott Ponds	42	Blind Canyon Aquaranch according to lease	2112	704	35.20	50
410065	Tupper Hatchery	19	David Tupper	512.9	171	8.55	50
410020	Upper Tucker Large Pipe	2	IDF&G, Jerome	16200	5400	270.00	270
410021	Upper Tucker Small Pipe	2	IDF&G, Jerome	1745	582	29.08	50
TOTAL				178,847.7		\$2,980.80	\$3,514
						grand total	\$7,882

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Agenda
ANNUAL MEETING of WATER DISTRICT 36A

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Tuesday, January 19, 2016
1:00 PM, Legion Hall, Hagerman, Idaho

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Election of Chairman and 2016 Advisory Board Members
4. Approval of Minutes of the 2015 WD 36A Annual Meeting
5. Approval of 2016 Budget
6. Adoption of 2016 Resolutions
7. Water Master's Report & Goals for 2016
8. District News and Updates
9. Adjourn

2015 Water Master, Secretary/Treasurer, Chairman and Advisory Board Members:

Frank Erwin
Linda Lemmon

Water Master
Secretary/Treasurer

Gary Lemmon (Big Springs Water Users Assoc.)
Bud Huntley (Big Bend Irrigation & Mining Co.)
Billy McCarthy (Hunt Ditch, Buckeye Farms Inc.)
John Mavencamp (Brailsford Ditch)
Howard Morris (Hoagland Tunnel Ditch)
Dennis Newman (IDFG)
Dan Yore (Buckeye Ditch)

Chairman
Board Member
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Water District 36A – Annual Meeting
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- (1 & 2)** Gary Lemmon, 2015 Advisory Board Chairman, opened the meeting at 1:02 pm and introduced the current Advisory Board members in attendance, Water Master Frank Erwin, Secretary/Treasurer Linda Lemmon, and Water District 130 Water Master Cindy Yenter and Nathan Erickson, IDWR Staff Hydrologist from the Twin Falls office.

Handouts available at the sign in sheet included: Agenda for today's meeting, Minutes from the January 20, 2015 Annual Meeting, Minutes from the December 4, 2015 Advisory Board meeting, the 2015 Treasurer's Report and Proposed 2016 Water District Budget, and the proposed 2016 Resolutions. Twenty three people were in attendance representing 18 of the 65 diversions in the District.

(3) Election of Meeting Chairman

Frank Erwin led the election of the Meeting Chairman to run today's annual meeting. *A motion was made by Bud Huntley and seconded by David Cropper that Gary Lemmon be elected as Chairman to run today's meeting.* No other nominations were made. *Motion carried by voice vote with none opposed.*

Election of Water District 36A Advisory Board for FY 2016

Gary Lemmon asked for nominations from the floor. *David Cropper moved that Gary Lemmon, Bud Huntley, Billy McCarthy, John Mavencamp, Howard Morris, Dennis Newman and Dan Yore be reelected to the Advisory Board for fiscal year 2016. Bud Huntley seconded the motion.* No other nominations were offered and the nominations were closed. *Motion passed by voice vote, with none opposed.*

2016 Advisory Board Members are: *Bud Huntley, Big Bend Irrigation & Mining Co.
Gary Lemmon, Big Springs Water Users Assoc.
John Mavencamp, Brailsford Ditch
Howard Morris, Hoagland Tunnel
Billy McCarthy, Buckeye Farms (Curren Ditch, Hunt Ditch)
Dennis Newman, Idaho Fish & Game
Dan Yore, Buckeye Ditch*

(4) Approval of FY 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by David Cropper and seconded by Bud Huntley to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2015 Annual Meeting as written and presented. Motion carried by voice vote, with none opposed.

Gary mentioned that the minutes from the December 7, 2015 Advisory Board meeting were also passed out but would not be approved at this meeting. The Advisory Board meets each December to discuss the budget and resolutions to be proposed at the annual meeting.

(5) Presentation of the 2015 Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Proposed 2016 Budget

Frank Erwin reviewed the handout titled *Water District 36A Budget Summary (as of 12/31/15)* which included both the 2015 Treasurer's Report (adopted and actual budgets) and the 2016 Proposed Budget. Linda explained that one assessment had not been received, but that it was her fault it was late and she was working with USFWS to set up a federal account so that it can be collected now and in the future.

Using the same handout, Frank reviewed the proposed 2016 Budget for the District which included an assessment rate of \$ 0.50/24-hr second ft, the same as last year. Linda explained that the office expense category included the cost to purchase envelopes (the last box was purchased in 2011). Responding to a question, Frank said he didn't believe there would be any mitigation cases that would require him to travel to

Boise for hearings in 2016. Nevertheless, \$100 was included in the travel category in the proposed budget just in case. Otherwise, the budget remained relatively unchanged from last year.

A motion to accept the proposed as presented was made by Bud Huntley and seconded by Kathie McKenzie. Motion carried by voice vote, with none opposed.

(6) Adoption of 2016 Resolutions

Linda Lemmon reviewed the handout titled *Water District 36A - Proposed Resolutions for 2016* which described the rules under which the District operates annually. The eleven proposed resolutions were essentially the same as last year – only the years were updated.

David Cropper moved and Bud Huntley seconded that the 2016 proposed resolutions be adopted as written. There was no further discussion. Motion carried by voice vote, with none opposed.

(7) Water Master's Report & Goals for 2016

Frank reminded everyone to make sure they were measuring flows accurately and reporting all requested information on the annual report forms. He said most people now understand how to fill out the totalizing meter forms. He would still like to see the PCCs changed to meters as soon as practical as they are more accurate, but Cindy commented that she didn't see any glaring errors recently.

Frank also explained that IDWR is changing its policy on checking and calibrating meters. IDWR now says that if the meter has been chosen from the IDWR-approved list and installed according to the manufacturer's recommendations and specs that IDWR won't require the District to calibrate it. Until now, Cindy or other IDWR personnel have calibrated meters at no cost to the District, and Frank thanked them for that service. Frank does make independent measurements throughout the irrigation season and will know if flows reported on the annual report are incorrect.

Responding to a question, Frank answered that spring flows along Billingsley Creek this year appear to be comparable to last year, but it is still too soon to know if that indicates stabilization. An Idaho Power employee told him they believed that flows below Milner were down compared to last year.

(8) Additional News & Updates

The current recharge program was reviewed. Cindy reported figures released by IDWR that 26,819 acre feet had been recharged to date this season, which is far below the goal of 250,000 acre feet annual average. Meters are to be installed at the Sandy Pond site so that WD36A and WD 130 can measure recharge flows intended for specific mitigation actions.

Cindy Yenter reported: (a) since IGWA began delivering water to Rangen through the Rangen-Magic Springs pipeline last year that there has been cooperation between WD 36A and WD 130 on measuring and reporting efforts. Last year, all water delivered to Rangen was re-diverted below Rangen to the Curren and Buckeye diversions, so no extra water ran down Billingsley Creek; (b) the term sheet between the Surface Water Coalition and groundwater users was finalized but implementing the various actions has proven difficult. GW users plan to install 4000 flow meters on wells on the ESPA; (c) IDWR created new water districts in the Big/Little Wood area, Raft River (groundwater only), and Mt. Home (groundwater only).

Meeting adjourned at 1:48 pm.

Minutes recorded by

Minutes certified for submission to IDWR by

Linda Lemmon, Secretary

Gary Lemmon, Meeting Chairman

Attachments: 2016 Adopted Budget, 2016 Adopted Resolutions

WATER DISTRICT 36A – ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS FOR 2016

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- 1 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that hereafter the annual meeting of Water District 36A shall be held on the third Tuesday in January each year.
- 2 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the amounts payable by each ditch, association, canal company, or other water user, as shown by the approved budget, shall become due and payable upon receipt and delinquent on April 15th, and said amount, if not paid, shall bear a penalty of 10% and interest from that date until paid, at a rate of 1% per month.
- 3 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that no ditch, association, canal company, or other water user shall have the right to demand and receive water, and the Water Master shall not deliver to such person(s) or entity(ies), until the amount due and payable from such user(s), as fixed by the budget, has been paid.
- 4 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Water Master shall be in service for a full year, commencing on February 1st of each year and continuing until the following January 31st, or until his successor as been duly qualified and elected.
- 5 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that Frank Erwin be elected Water Master of Water District 36A for the ensuing year, beginning February 1, 2016, and ending January 31, 2017.
- 6 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that Linda Lemmon be elected Secretary/Treasurer for Water District 36A for the ensuing year, beginning February 1, 2016, and ending January 31, 2017.
- 7 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the elected Treasurer of Water District 36A should only disburse monies from the Water District accounts upon a voucher approved by the Water Master. All Water District checks can be signed either by the Treasurer or Chairman, but must be co-signed by an Advisory Board Member. Advisory Board Members Howard Morris and Billy McCarthy shall serve for the purpose of co-signing all Water District 36A checks.
- 8 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that Water District 36A assessments shown in the adopted budget shall constitute a final determination of the amount due for that year (per Idaho Code 42-612).
- 9 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that Water District 36A assessments shall be based on the most recent reliable data available to the Water Master and shall be assessed in 24-hour second feet (per Idaho Code 42-612).
- 10 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that for the year 2016, a minimum charge of \$50.00 shall be assessed to each individual or entity that owns a water right, whose share of the total budget is less than the above specified amount.
- 11 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that for all mitigation and replacement water rights administered within the boundary of Water District 36A, the Water Master shall require lockable and controllable structures at all points of delivery and measuring devices approved by both the Water District 36A Water Master and IDWR. Costs for structures and devices shall be paid by the owner of the water right being used for mitigation or replacement purposes.