

**Birch Creek Water Users  
Annual Meeting agenda  
January 9, 2017**

**Place:** Oakley Canal Company  
**Date:** January 9, 2017  
**Time:** 10:00 am

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**I. Elections**

1. Election of officers
2. Appoint meeting Secretary
3. Appoint Watermaster

**II. Minutes from Last Meeting**

**III. Financial Report**

1. Financial reports for 2017 – Bank balance \$25,927.35  
Delinquent accounts
2. Budget for 2017
3. Payment of fees for 2017

**IV. Watermaster Report for 2017**

**V. Old Business**

1. Election/ reinstatement of Officers
2. Trade Agreement
3. Date for opening Season

**VI. New Business**

1. Election of officers
2. Water agreement
3. Clean ditch

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**PRESENT:**

Blake Matthews  
Tim Payton  
Eugene Matthews  
Ryan Cranney  
Sally McMurray

Chantry Whittle  
Marilyn Short  
James Mullen  
Heidi Manning  
Ryan Hawker

Jim McBride  
Nathan Ericson -DWR  
Deanne Manning  
Colleen Whittle

President, Blake Matthews called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held at the Oakley Canal Company Office at 100 West Elm Street, Oakley, Idaho.

**I. Elections:**

1. Meeting Secretary: Ryan Cranney made a motion to appoint Marilyn Short the meeting secretary, Eugene Matthews seconded the motion. All agreed, motion carried.

2. Election of Officers: Ryan Cranney made a motion that the officers remain the same for another year. Jim McBride seconded the motion. All agreed, motion carried. The officers will remain as follows:

Blake Matthews – president  
Tim Payton – Sec/ treas.

3. Water master appointment: Ryan Cranney made a motion to continue the contract with Oakley Canal Co. for Water master responsibilities, with Chantry Whittle acting as the water master, for the same fee of \$5000. Jim McBride seconded the motion, all approved, motion carried.

**II. Minutes:**

The minutes of the 2016 Annual Birch Creek meeting were read by Blake Matthews. Jim McBride made a motion to approve the minutes, Ryan Cranney 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 2017 budget was discussed, and it was decided to keep the budget of \$8300.71 the same as 2016. Jim McBride made a motion to keep the water

assessments the same plus an additional \$1.50 on each bill to cover the billing fee charged by the county. Ryan Cranney seconded the motion, all agreed, motion carried.

There was discussion about other possible expenses this year. After much discussion about measuring the water that goes over the Birch Creek feeder it was decided to install two devices this year, one at each end of the Birch Creek feeder. Birch Creek would pay for them and OCC would build the structures for the devices. \$5000 would be allotted for this. Jim McBride made a motion to allot money to install 2 measuring devices at each end of the Birch Creek feeder. Tim Payton seconded the motion, all agreed, motion carried.

Delinquent bills were discussed and how best to take care of them. Nathan Ericson took down the names of the ones we can't find and will try to help us locate the new owners of the land.

**IV. Water master Report:** The water master report was given by Chantry Whittle. Birch Creek had very little water last year so few benefitted from it. Manning's used 9447" and Cranny's used 8404".

#### **V. Old 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 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am 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 for 2016. 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 projects, this was tabled for now. There are still easements that haven't been signed.

#### **VI. New Business:**

1. The trade agreement was again discussed. Chantry Whittle's proposal was read by Blake Matthews and presented for discussion. The proposal guarantees water to town people every year even dry year. Several suggestions were made and Chantry was asked to make a couple of changes before presenting it to the

- OCC board for approval. Ryan Cranney made a motion that the proposal be presented to the OCC board of directors for their approval, Jim McBride seconded the motion, all agreed, motion carried.
2. Blake Matthews suggested that a committee be formed to meet with James Mullen and work with him on the projects that need to be done this year. Jim McBride made a motion to form a committee consisting of Jim McBride, Tim Payton, Ryan Cranney, and Ryan Hawker, to meet with James Mullen on any future Birch Creek projects.
  3. Chantry Whittle mentioned that Earl Dayley had asked the board if anything can be done about cleaning out the ditches from Judy's café to Poplar Street. The ditch runs through property that is badly neglected. There was much discussion on the matter and it will be looked into.

The next Annual board meeting was scheduled for Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 10:00 am at the Oakley Canal Company office. Ryan Cranney made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Tim Payton seconded the motion and meeting was adjourned at 12:10.

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President

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Secretary

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