

**BIG COTTONWOOD WATER USERS  
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES  
January 22, 2018  
10:00 a.m.  
OAKLEY CANAL COMPANY**

**PRESENT:**

Tyler Cranney  
Jared Mitton  
Brad Lowe F&G  
Nathan Pickett  
Nathan Erickson NRCS  
Aaron Hepworth

**NOT PRESENT:**

Arden Cranney  
Russell Patterson

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

James Mullen  
Chantry Whittle  
Colleen Whittle  
AnnaLee Anderson

**I.** Jared Mitton, President called the annual meeting of the Cottonwood Water Users to order at 10:25 a.m., on January 22, 2018. 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 AnnaLee Anderson as meeting secretary, Brad Lowe seconded the motion, All agreed, motion carried.

**III. Minutes:** The minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting were read by AnnaLee Anderson. Tyler Cranney made the motion to approve the minutes. Brad Lowe seconded the motion. All approved.

**IV. Election/reappointment of officers:**

1. Tyler Cranney made a motion to retain the officers and board of advisors for another year, Aaron Hepworth 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 (Brad mentioned this will be his last year, he's moving)  
Arden Cranney  
Nathan Pickett  
Russell Patterson- Triple Ace
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. Brad Lowe seconded the motion, all agreed, motion carried.

**V. Financial Report:** The board reviewed the financial reports. As of December 31, 2017, there was \$13,742.78 in the checking account. The Oakley Canal Company's 2018 assessment fee is \$5,000.00; the secretarial fee is \$300.00. There are no accounts receivables. Tyler Cranney made a motion to pay the bills, Aaron Hepworth seconded the motion, all agreed, motion carried.

**VI. Budget:** Tyler Cranney made a motion to keep the budget at \$6,000 for 2018. Nate Pickett seconded the motion, all agreed, motion carried. Tyler Cranney made a motion to pay the bills. Nate Pickett seconded the motion, all agreed, motion carried.

**VII. Watermaster's Report:** James Mullen gave the Watermaster's report.  
Current 2018 Snow pack level at Bostetter is 48" snow depth – 12.8" water equivalency

In 2017, it was: 38" snow depth - 10.9" water equivalency

Reservoir Level is 93.56 or 34,695 acre feet

Stream flows: Trapper: 10cfs or (500") Goose: 20 cfs or (1000")

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

#### **VIII. Old 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.

#### **IX. New Business:**

1. Cleaning of the west ditch: James Mullen will talk to Casey Bench about spraying for willows, which will need to be removed mechanically first. The diversion pond needs to be dug out/cleaned, as well.
2. Cement ditch at the diversion point on the flats: Chantry reported that the ditch has overlapped. James suggested that Cranneys may need to work on the last 30' or so, from the bridge. Cranneys may hire Kloeppers or Kendall Asher to do the work.
3. Injection well: Aaron Hepworth said there is a west Cassia meeting next week to discuss the work that has been done on it.
4. Brad Lowe gave the update that this spring, the F&G will put in a cement structure which hasn't been completed yet. (see #6 above).
5. This year, it is Picketts turn to clean the ditch and they will be the first to get the water.

The next meeting was scheduled for 10:00am, Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at the Canal office.

Tyler Cranney made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Aaron Hepworth seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

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President

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Secretary/Treasurer

### COTTONWOOD WATER USERS

Name	Address
Cranney Farms	1310 S. 600 W- Oakley, ID 83346
G5 Land	
Blair Dance	433 E. Las Colinas Blvd Ste 1290, LB12 - Irving, TX 75039
Cranney, Ardon	250 W. 1545 S. - 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
Fed agra business	
Paterson, Russel- Pattco	1800 Z St. -Heyburn, ID 83336
Fish & Game	319 S. 417 E. Hwy 93 - Jerome, ID 83338
	or PO Box 25, Boise, ID 83707