

WATER DISTRICT 143 – ANNUAL MEETING
JANUARY 23, 2018 – 7:00 PM
RAFT RIVER HIGH SCHOOL – MALTA, ID
Call to order at 7:10 pm

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Agenda was prepared by Water Master Nathan Erickson and Advisory Board at their organization meeting. (See attached agenda)

A motion was made by Sara Jane Ward, 2nd by Kirt Yates to have Advisory Board Member Scott Nichols serve as chairman of the annual meeting. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Nolan Branch, 2nd by Kirt Yates to have Sara Jane Ward act as meeting secretary. Motion passed.

Minutes of 2017 meeting were read. **Motion to approve the minutes was made by Dallen Ward, 2nd by Mike Spencer. Motion passed.**

The current advisory committee was presented. Todd Webb has stepped down from advisory committee. A new member representing the commercial rights will need to be elected. **A motion was made by Clark Ward to have Jason Webb serve on the advisory committee, 2nd by Alan Harper. Motion passed. Motion to retain the advisory committee as presented was made by Ryan Moss, 2nd by Clark Ward. Motion passed.**

Nathan Erickson then gave the Water Master Report. He reviewed events of the past year.

Enforcement – 6 notices of violation have been sent. 5 have been resolved and fines paid. 8 warning letters resulted in 5 WR transfers to correct the errors. 2 expansion right irrigators were in violation of their proposed reduction plan. He will continue to work on expansion right reduction. All acres will be curtailed by 2019.

Flow Meters: Nathan had information on the problems associated with different brands of flow meters and how to correct them. Protection from weather and proper grounding are key to meter success. There was much discussion about what others have found that works and what doesn't. Meters should be installed before turn on this spring. Members are asked to contact Nathan to let him know how installations are coming. He understands that the demand may exceed the reality of installation but please make contact with him.

2018 Expectations: Inspect flow meters, review variance requests, monitor expansion acres, review transfers within the district, compliance and enforcement, gather and input flow data, onsite inspections of year round users.

Chairman Nichols asked that the 2018 Resolutions be read. (See attached Resolutions) Clarification was given as questions were asked. Included in the resolutions are retaining WM Nathan Erickson and Secretary Sara Jane Ward and the budget will be \$15,000. The balance of Nathan's wage will be paid by IDWR. **Motion was made by Mike Spencer 2nd by Dallen Ward to approve the Resolutions. Motion passed.**

Tim Luke then gave update on the hydrology of the Raft River basin.

Next meeting January 22, 2019.

Clark Ward moved, Nolan Branch 2nd that meeting adjourn at 8:45 pm. Motion passed.

Approx. 25 water users in attendance

Minutes submitted by Sara Jane Ward – Recording Secretary

Water District 143 Annual Meeting
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Steve Nichols USG.

Alan Branch

Eric A. H C. de D FAEMF

Jane Plummer Self + Arino Cup

Ben Giddy

~~Kenwood Jones~~ T + W Farms

JASON HARPER

D. Jay Harper

Alan Harper

Mike Spencer

Doreen Ward

Kellan Rex

Janet McFarland

Kenneth McFarland

Jason Webb

Ken Woodworth

Taxon Higgs

Todd Cerratt

Wynn Dewsnup

Red Jones

Ryan Moss

Kirst Yates

Clark Ward

Sara Jane Ward

Todd Webb

Tim Lake + Natha Erickson

**WATER DISTRICT 143
ADOPTED BUDGET 2018
JANUARY 23, 2018**

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Administrative Charges

Watermaster Services	\$29,251
Clerical Staff	\$690
Estimated 2017 Carryover	\$0
Total	\$29,940
IDWR contribution approximatly 50%	\$14,940
Proposed 2018 Budget	\$15,000

WATER DISTRICT NO. 143
RAFT RIVER BASIN
2018 APPROVED RESOLUTIONS

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The water users of Water District No. 143, as part of the annual district meeting held on January 23, 2018, at Malta, Idaho, HEREBY ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS:

1. DISTRICT CREATION AND BOUNDARIES

Water District 143 consists of the area and water rights as defined by the *Preliminary Order Creating Water District No. 143*, dated December 2, 2015. The district includes all ground water rights in the Raft River Basin, except rights used for domestic and stock water purposes as defined by Idaho Code § 42-111 and 42-1401A and ground water rights located within Water District 130 overlying the ESPA.

2. ADVISORY COMMITTEE

It is herewith resolved that an advisory committee shall be selected to provide input to the watermaster and the Director of IDWR. The advisory committee will meet as often as needed to address the structure, governance and operation of the district. Seven water users shall comprise the advisory committee, five representing irrigation and two non-irrigation. The five irrigation representatives will be selected from the five divisions as defined by the Raft River Ground Water District. It shall be required that six of the seven representatives shall not be members of the Raft River Ground Water District Board. The advisory committee members for the ensuing year shall be the following (members selected at the meeting):

Member #1(RRGWD Division 1): Jake Gerratt
Member #2(RRGWD Division 2): Mike Wheeler
Member #3(RRGWD Division 3): Nolan Branch
Member #4(RRGWD Division 4): Kurt Yates
Member #5(RRGWD Division 5): Dallen Ward
Member #6(Non-irrigation): Scott Nichols
Member #7(Non-irrigation): Jason Webb (RRGWD Board Member)

3. ANNUAL MEETING DATE

It is herewith resolved that the Annual Meeting for Water District 143 shall be held on the fourth Tuesday of January of each year at a time and place to be determined each successive year unless the Director of IDWR should find it necessary to change the meeting date or unless changed by resolution of the district at any annual meeting. The next Annual Meeting will be held on January 22, 2019.

4. ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Copies of the minutes of the annual meeting and all approved resolutions shall be filed with the Director of IDWR immediately after the annual meeting in accordance with Idaho Code § 42-605(5).

5. ELECTION OF WATERMASTER AND TREASURER

It is herewith resolved that the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) be elected to provide the watermaster services for Water District 143 and that the Director of IDWR appoint Nathan Erickson, an employee of IDWR, or other employees of IDWR as may be necessary, to serve as the watermaster for the ensuing year.

It is herewith resolved that Sara Jane Ward be elected Water District 143 treasurer. The duties of the treasurer will be to approve expenses, oversee disbursement of Water District funds, and to prepare or authorize a review of financial affairs of the district at the end of each fiscal year, in accordance with Idaho Code Section § 42-619.

6. WATERMASTER DUTIES

The Watermaster shall perform his or her duties as required by Chapter 6, Title 42, Idaho Code and in accordance with:

- a. Direction and guidance provided by the Director of IDWR;
- b. The annual water district resolution adopted herein.
- c. Guidance and input from the Water District 143 Advisory Committee.

It is here with resolved beginning fall of 2018 the Raft River Ground Water District (RRGWD) will be responsible for the collection of flow meter totalizing data and entering it into the IDWR database for calculation of annual use for members of the RRGWD. The RRGWD will contract a hydrographer to complete this work. Flow meters on wells owned by users not participating in RRGWD will be the responsibility of the Watermaster.

7. WATERMASTER TERM OF SERVICE

As provided in Idaho Code § 42-608(4), watermaster's term of service shall begin upon appointment by the Director of IDWR immediately following the annual meeting election and continue until the next annual meeting, or until a successor is appointed and qualified under the provision of Section 42-604, Idaho Code.

8. WATER DISTRICT BUDGET

The water users of Water District 143 hereby empower the elected advisory committee to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the Water District and the Director of IDWR that will provide for the following:

- 1) The budget for Water District 143 for the 2018 fiscal year, beginning February 1, 2018 and ending on January 31, 2019 shall be Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for Watermaster duties. Any expenses beyond the budgeted amount shall be provided by IDWR if the district elects IDWR to provide the watermaster services and allow the Director of IDWR to appoint an employee of IDWR as watermaster.
- 2) Given that the water district cost for administering water for many water users is greater than their normal assessments would be based upon their total water right, it is resolved that pursuant to Idaho Code § 42-612 the watermaster of Water

District 143 is authorized to assess a \$20 minimum charge for watermaster services to water users within his or her jurisdiction.

- 3) Whereas Idaho Code § 42-612 and § 42-615 require that proposed water district budgets and annual assessments to individual right holders be prorated based upon the amount of water delivered or used by individual right holders during the past season or seasons (not to exceed five seasons) and, whereas records of water delivery currently do not exist for all diversions within the newly created Water District 143, it is therefore resolved that Water District 143 will use authorized water right flow rates for determining a pro-rata assessment.
- 4) If IDWR is elected to provide watermaster services for 2017, the watermaster shall maintain an office for the ensuing year within the IDWR Southern Regional Office, located in Twin Falls, Idaho. IDWR will provide office space, vehicles and the use of all necessary office and field equipment, and other necessary watermaster expenses. This arrangement shall not give Water District 143 any ownership interest in any IDWR office space and equipment.

9. COLLECTION OF THE BUDGET AND DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

It is herewith resolved that the budget for Water District 143 be collected from the water users by the Water District 143 Watermaster as provided by Idaho § 42-618. The Watermaster will make an assessment to each water user in pro-rata amounts as determined by the budget which is formally adopted at the annual meeting. Collection of the assessment for water right holders which are members of the Raft River Ground Water District (RRGWD) shall be assessed through the RRGWD. Water right holders which are not members of the RRGWD shall receive an assessment directly from Water District 143. All funds shall be deposited in a bank account maintained by the water district at D.L. Evans Bank in Albion, ID. Treasurer shall disperse funds from water district bank account using two-party signature checks signed by Treasurer and one member of the Advisory Committee.

10. WATERMASTER ACCESS TO CONTROL STRUCTURES AND MEASURING DEVICES

Whereas watermaster access to control structures and measuring devices is essential for providing watermaster services and limiting expenses, it is herewith resolved that all users shall provide for watermaster access where access to control structures and measuring devices is through a locked gate and other reasonable means of access are not available. The user shall, upon request by the watermaster, provide to the watermaster a key or combination to any such locks.

11. ENTRY OF LANDS BY WATERMASTER

It is herewith resolved that the watermaster and any watermaster assistants are authorized as employees of IDWR under Idaho Code § 42-1701(5) to make reasonable entry on lands within the district, in accordance with IDWR policy, to carry out the duties of the watermaster as instructed by IDWR. These duties include but are not limited to:

1. Inventory of diversions in the district, including inspection of conveyance infrastructure and place of use of water.
2. Measuring and recording rates of diversions, and regulating diversions as necessary from the ground water diversions within the district.
3. Monitoring the place, period, and nature of use of water to identify unauthorized diversion and use and/or to determine compliance required by any agreement or order of IDWR.