

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

PRESENT:

Tyler Cranney
Jared Mitton
Russell Patterson

NOT PRESENT:

Arden Cranney
Fish and Game Rep.

OTHERS PRESENT:

James Mullen
Chantry Whittle
Colleen Whittle
Heidi Lloyd
Marilyn Short
Nathan Pickett

I. Jared Mitton, President called the annual meeting of the Cottonwood Water Users to order at 10:02 a.m., on January 22, 2019. 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 Heidi Lloyd as meeting secretary, Russell Patterson seconded the motion, All agreed, motion carried.

III. Minutes: The minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting were read individually. Tyler Cranney made the motion to approve the minutes. Russell Patterson seconded the motion. All approved.

IV. Election/reappointment of officers:

1. Russell Patterson made a motion to retain the officers and board of advisors for another year and to remove Brad Lowe from the board of advisors, Tyler Cranney seconded the motion, all approved, motion carried.

The officers are: Jared Mitton – President

Tyler Cranney - Secretary/Treasurer.

The board of advisors is as follows:

Arden Cranney

Nathan Pickett

Russell Patterson- Triple Ace

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

V. Financial Report: The board reviewed the financial reports. As of December 31, 2019, there was \$13,991.34 in the checking account. The Oakley Canal Company's 2019 assessment fee is \$5,000.00; the secretarial fee is \$300.00. Tyler Cranney made a motion to pay the bills, Russell Patterson seconded the motion, all agreed, motion carried.

VI. Budget: Russell Patterson made a motion to keep the budget at \$6,000 for 2019. 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.
The 2019 Snow level at Bostetter is: 40" snow depth – 9.5" water equivalency
2018: 19" snow depth - 5.6" water equivalency
Reservoir Level is 68.1 or 18,293 acre feet
Stream flows: Trapper: 11.8 or (590") Goose: 30 or (1500")

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

VIII. Old 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.

IX. New Business:

1. James Mullen reported the cmp is rusted out on down stream side of 42" headgate at the lower diversion. Tyler Cranney will get a backhoe to dig it out. Chantry Whittle brought up the fact that if the cement structure gets replaced the fish and game would like to change their point of diversion to water their North East food plot.

2. Chantry Whittle mentioned there is not a measuring device between the headgate and the ditch to the 28W pond. Colleen Whittle asked which measuring device would be the best and Tyler Cranney suggested putting a meter in as an option. Nathan Pickett agreed to put in a measuring device and plans on getting with James Mullen and Chantry Whittle to decide which one would work the best.

3. Tyler Cranney mentioned he will be responsible for cleaning the ditch this year. Tyler Cranney also reported they did some repairs to the concrete at the box on the flats last year. They repaired the cement ditch where it was overlapping. Nathan Pickett and Tyler Cranney also had Casey Bench spray the ditch from the North End up to Mountain Road. James Mullen reported Casey Bench gave an estimate of \$300.00 per half mile for spraying of the willows and brush surrounding the ditch, the cost will be split between Tyler Cranney, Russell Patterson and Fish and Game.

The next meeting was scheduled for 10:00am, Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at the Canal office.

Russell Patterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Tyler Cranney seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 am.

President

Secretary/Treasurer