

Water District 13N  
Annual Meeting  
March 1, 2021

Because of the Covid pandemic, the water district met via telephone on March 1, 2021 at 11:00 am. The meeting was called to order by Richard Free, with the following present online: President Richard Free from 13N, Secretary Judy Phillips 13N, Watermaster Reed Swann 13N, Hank Povey from Twin Lakes, Jim Naylor Twin Lakes, Justin Roberts Twin Lakes, Andrew Beutler Twin Lakes, Paul McKay Riverdale Canal Co., Clare Christensen Strawberry Mink Creek culinary, Glade Larsen, Birch Creek culinary, Kent Egley, Glencoe, Lyle Porter Consolidated, and Michael Holliday from the IDWR Eastern region office.

The minutes of March 2, 2020 were read. Kent Egley made a motion to approve the minutes and Hank Povey seconded it. The motion passed.

Michael Holliday from the IDWR, said a Petition to Commence Bear River Basin Adjudication, hearing on the Petition has been scheduled to begin on March 4, 2021 at 1:30. Judge Wildman will preside on this hearing. The hearing will be conducted via Zoom. It was also mentioned that it was not funded yet either and they will wait until it is in the works for funding. In the event it commences they are thinking about having an office in Preston, and they would have to start preliminary things like hiring for supervisor and new agents, get forms created and other things. Mr. Holliday also informed us that as of Feb.16, 2021 snow survey in our area was 84%, but has improved even more in the last two weeks.

Paul McKay from Riverdale ditch feel the numbers are inaccurate as far as water usage. Riverdales watermasters reading are different than 13N watermasters they don't match up. Kent Egley added that the 2020 water master report is inconsistent with clerical errors, someone needs to look at this. For example the Rocky Ditch showed a figure of 35 second feet for 2 months and that ditch can only handle less than half of that amount of water. They wanted to protest the usage and that the money was not a problem. President Free said he met with Watermaster Reed Swann about these readings, he said different ditches have different weirs and different ways of reading them. President Free said he was planning on going with Mr. Swann the first of the year when he reads the ditch. President Free asked Mr. Holliday how these reports will affect the adjudication. Mr. Holliday said, he thought there is some concern or fears of how it would impact the adjudication. He said we are looking at the history of the entire use of the water years and years of information of what has historically taken place, even if one year seems out of whack, it wouldn't have any kind of impact of how your water right would end up being adjudicated. It was brought up it could be six or more

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years . Mr. Holliday said in the Snake River, what we looked at was, kind of a starting point we looked at the maximum average monthly diversion rate over all the historical records they had, using that as a starting point. If your decreed water rights was covered under that amount, if you used that amount of water, you were fine as far as your water right being fully decreed whatever the rate was on the original decree. If they find one never used the amount of water decreed in the historically record, then the State would take another look at it

Mr. Swann said it has been called in question as to what he has done. He pulled some records of Dennis Clark before him in 2013. Mr. Swann said if you compare that it pretty much is the same with what he has done.

Riverdale said they will go on the report based on what Mr. Holliday said about adjudication, with the fact that we will probably be alright based on our records versus 13N records. Mr. Swann said he would be happy to read it every day if wanted. He told how he reads the weir at Riverdale, he said he takes out Glencoe water 1.9 after July 25th 1.3 then drops to .9. Then Riverdale is charged with what is left. He said if anyone has any questions give him a call.

Clare Christensen from Strawberry Mink Creek water said no one has measured their water, we put a meter in, he has a recording of what they have used every month. He wanted to know how will they prove what they get adjudicated for. Mr. Holliday said everyone who diverts water and files a claim in the adjudication, they are responsible of providing the support for their claim.

The budget was read, watermasters salary \$3,000.00, Workers Comp. insurance \$300.00, and Franklin County Collection Fee of \$99.00 a total of \$3,399.00. Kent Egley made a motion to accept the budget, Clare Christensen seconded it. The motion passed.

Nominations were open for officers for the coming year, Clare Christensen made a motion to leave the officers as they are: Richard Free President and Judy Phillips Secretary. Justin Roberts seconded it. The motion passed.

President Free asked for a motion for the assessment be levied and collected by the Franklin County Treasurer prior to the irrigation season. Andrew Beutler made a motion and Clare Christensen seconded it. The motion passed.

Nominations were open for a watermaster. Hank Povey made a motion to retain Reed Swann, Andrew Beutler seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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Watermaster Reed Swann said he has no idea where the meter is on Strawberry- Mink Creek. He also said he feels Mink Creek Canyon LLC needs a better water meter. Reed said because of Covid last year we never got an engineering document for water flow or valves. Those are the 3 items he wants addressed. Reed said he would go with Phil Smith and go over how he is reading and recording, which document he is getting the flow engineering off of, and see if there is that much of a discrepancy, he needs to know he is getting if off of a correct document.

Clare from Strawberry-Mink Creek said the meter is inside the shed, they will get with Reed, so he can get a reading off of it.

Glade Larsen from the Clause ditch said their ditch is in process, there's a measurement device and they cleaned out the tracks, so it will flow straight. They will go with Lylas numbers until they give Reed an engineering document.

Paul McKay from Riverdale said he would go with Reed any time he wants to go check it.

Next year's meeting will be the 1st Monday, March 7th at 11:00 am.

Andrew Beutler made a motion to dismiss the meeting. Kent Egley seconded it. The meeting adjourned.

  
Judy Phillips, Secretary

  
Richard Free, President

# ROSTER OF ATTENDANCE

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WATER DISTRICT NO. 13N

WATER DISTRICT AREA Mink Creek

## ANNUAL MEETING

Date 3-1-21 Time 11 am/pm

Location Via Phone

Address Preston, ZD

NAME	ADDRESS	REPRESENTING
Richard Free		13N
Judy Phillips		13N
Reed Swam		13N
Hank Povey		Twin Lakes
Jim Naylor		Twin Lakes
Justin Roberts		Twin Lakes
Andrew Beutler		Twin Lakes
Paul McKay		Riverdale
Clare Christensen		Strawberry/Mink Creek Culinary
Mike Holliday		TedWR
Glade Larsen		Birch Creek Culinary
Kent Egley		Glenco e
Lyle Porter		Consolidated Consolidated Irr.