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WATER DISTRICT 75D ANNUAL WATER MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 7, 2022 at 1:30 PM

Department of Water Resources
Eastern Region

The Annual Water Meeting of Water District 75D was held at the Carmen Heritage Hall; 26 Carmen Creek Road; Carmen Idaho on March 7, 2022, at 1:30 PM

Attendees: Dave McFarland, Ron Johnson, Viki Harber, Bruce McFarland, Brian Keller, Josh Morton, Alan Harber, Linell Bills, Wes Dana, Tom McFarland, Russ Tippet, Seth McFarland, George Matejko, Ruth Burns, M.A. Jock Slavin, Chace Slavin, Bruce Slavin, Dan Gallardo, Jim Hudson, IDWR Representative Dave Graybill

The meeting was called to order by Water District 75D Chairman Dave McFarland.

Elections

Elections were held for officers. Officers for the 2022 water season are:

Dave McFarland, re-elected Chairman

Ron Johnson, re-elected Watermaster

Bruce McFarland, elected Assistant Watermaster

Viki Harber, re-elected Secretary-Treasurer

Bill Slavin, and Brian Keller, re-elected to serve on the Water Advisory Board

Seth McFarland and Josh Morton, newly elected to also serve on the Water Advisory Board

Minutes

Minutes from the 2021 Annual Meeting held on March 1, 2021 were read by Secretary-Treasurer Viki Harber and approved.

Budget

The 2022 Budget was presented as follows:

Watermaster Compensation.....	\$1600.00
Watermaster Expenses.....	\$ 800.00
Watermaster Social Security Tax	\$ 248.00
Watermaster Medicare Tax.....	\$ 58.00
Workman's Compensation Insurance.....	\$ 300.00
Lemhi County Treasurer.....	\$ 335.00
Office Expenses	<u>\$ 300.00</u>
	\$3641.00

After 2021 expenses, East Idaho Credit Union account balance was \$1401.56.

Approval of the 2022 Budget: Motion to approve. Seconded. Passed.

2021 Financial Report

Secretary-Treasurer Viki Harber presented the 2021 Financial Report which remained within 2021 budget limits. We now bank at East Idaho Credit Union with no monthly fee.

Approval of the Financial report: Motion to approve. Seconded. Passed.

Discussion

Tom McFarland asked if the budgeted \$1600 watermaster compensation and \$800 budgeted for the Watermaster vehicle and travel expenses was adequate. Watermaster Ron Johnson indicated that it was sufficient. The Watermaster will track his time and submit an expense report/voucher to the secretary for payment at the end of the year.

The Watermaster will come on when requested. No specific date was set.

Asked if an Assistant Watermaster should be elected in a non-compensation capacity, the group determined that it was necessary. Bruce McFarland was nominated for the position and accepted the nomination.

Motion to approve. Seconded. Passed.

Resolution to set June 20th as the default due date for water user fees was discussed. The county does charge \$5.00 per billing for clerical purposes. 8% in late fees is charged to water users for overdue accounts. It is a standard collection that is paid to the water district. Motion to approve the default date and for Lemhi County Treasurer to collect fees as in the past.

Motion to approve. Seconded. Passed.

Adopted Resolution

The default date of June 20th for deadline of water fee dues. This coincides with tax assessor.

Additional Discussion

Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) representative David Graybill introduced himself to the group. He is the Watermaster for Water District 170 and has an office in Salmon.

He discussed the Water District 170 expansion. It is inevitable and required by law, he stated. Graybill is charged to help determine the best way to accomplish that. Wild and Scenic River rules will apply. We will be a subdistrict for irrigation water. This does not include stock water or water wells. The Big Flat does not have a water district set up but will become a part of the Carmen Creek water district and will be administered by our watermaster.

Tom McFarland asked if we go by Federal or State rules. Graybill explained that the State administers the State. He discussed the instream flows and priority dates. Dave McFarland clarified that instream flows have a 1994 priority date.

Jock Slavin asked when the next meeting will be held to discuss this further. Graybill offered that a Steering Committee still had to be formed and input for water users to install measuring devices need to be determined. Graybill suggested that wouldn't be until mid to late April.

Bruce McFarland asked about whether there would be two budgets when Big Flat Ditch joins our water district. It was determined that we will operate as we have until next year. Big Flat will join our annual meeting at that time and we will have time to put that together. Currently, Big

Flat hasn't been sending in reports to IDWR. Most enforcement on Carmen Creek can be done before and after the expansion.

When asked who enforces the regulations, Dave McFarland noted that whenever an enforcement issue arises, the Sheriff is authorized to deal with it, or a civil complaint must be filed. Ultimately, it falls on the watermaster to enforce the regulations.

Graybill stated that he, as an IDWR watermaster, has the authority to lock gates and levy fines of up to \$10,000 per day for infractions.

There will be public hearings with testimony and evidence on the expansion and notices will be sent out by IDWR. IDWR Director will issue an order after the written comment period.

Other Business

Chairman Dave McFarland asked if there was any other business or any complaints about last year's water. No topics were raised.

Next Annual Meeting

Motion was made to hold the 2023 Annual Water District 75D Meeting on Monday, March 6th, 2023, at 1:30 PM at the Carmen Heritage Hall in Carmen, Idaho.

Motion to approve. Seconded. Passed.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM.

Minutes submitted by Victoria Harber, Secretary-Treasurer:

Victoria Harber

ROSTER OF ATTENDANCE **2022 Annual Meeting**

Water District No: 75D

ANNUAL MEETING

Water District Area: Carmen Creek

Date: March 7, 2022

Time: 1:30PM

Location: Carmen Heritage Hall
 Address: 26 Carmen Creek Road
 Carmen ID 83462

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