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WATER DISTRICT 32-C  
MEDICINE LODGE CREEK  
Dubois, Clark County, Idaho

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Department of Water Resources  
Eastern Region

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF MARCH 8, 2022**

In accordance with the provisions of the Idaho Code setting the date of the annual meeting for the Water District, the users of Water District 32-C met this day at 1:00 p.m. at the Clark County Annex Building in Dubois, Idaho, for the purpose of electing a Watermaster, Chairman and Secretary, and transacting such other business that might come before the meeting pertaining to the irrigation water of the District.

Those in attendance were Greg Shenton, Watermaster; Brett Murdock, Deputy Watermaster; Garth Ashcraft, Brock Egan, Sid Brown, Jarod Adamson (IDWR), Christina Henman (IDWR) and Laurie Small, secretary.

In Brock Egan called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

**ADOPTING PROPOSED AGENDA:**

Brock Egan presented the agenda for the meeting as listed below:

- Review the Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
- Nomination & Election of Chairman & Secretary
- Nomination & Election of Credentials Committee
- Watermaster's Report
- Budget Approval
- Election of Watermaster
- Review & Adoption of Resolutions
- IDWR Report
- Other Business
- Next Annual Meeting Date & Time
- Adjournment

**Brock Egan moved that the agenda be adopted. Sid Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

**MINUTES:**

Mr. Egan entertained a motion to approve the 2021 minutes. **Garth Ashcraft motioned to approve the minutes from 2021 meeting. Sid Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Mr. Egan asked for nominations from the floor for the office of Chairman and Secretary. **Garth Ashcraft nominated Brock Egan as Chairman and Laurie Small as secretary. Sid Brown seconded the motion. Nominations passed.**

**CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:**

**Chairman Brock Egan waived appointing a Credentials Committee at this time. One will be appointed at a later date if needed.**

**WATERMASTER’S REPORT:**

Deputy Watermaster, Brett Murdock, discussed the 2021 Water District 32-C Watermaster’s report as follows.

**2021 WATER YEAR:**

The 2021 water delivery was 10,123 A.F. of water compared to 15,569 A.F. in 2020. There was not water delivered in April.

**2021-22 SNOW COURSE MEASUREMENT:**

Snow measurements at Irving Creek were 14.2” with 2.6” water content averaging 59% of normal. Weber Creek snow depth was 16.6” with 3.4” water content averaging 71% of normal. The average of the two creek drainages at 65% of normal. Measurements were taken March 1, 2022. Thirty-year averages were 4.4” of water in Irving Creek and 4.8” of water in Weber Creek.

**FINANCIAL REPORT AND BUDGET:**

Deputy Watermaster, Brett Murdock, reviewed the 2021 budget explaining the expenditures. Mr. Murdock then presented the 2022 proposed budget which would remain the same as last year.

	<b>2022 PROPOSED BUDGET</b>	<b>2022 ADOPTED BUDGET</b>
WATERMASTER	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
DEPUTY WATERMASTER	\$5,600.00	\$7450.00
MILEAGE	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
SECRETARY	\$350.00	\$350.00
FICA TAX	\$650.00	\$650.00
INSURANCE (WC)	\$600.00	\$600.00
MISCELLANEOUS	\$1,850.00	\$590.00
CLOUD SEEDING	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
RETIREMENT	\$900.00	\$900.00
OFFICE RENT	\$900.00	\$900.00
BEAVER	\$300.00	\$300.00
CELL PHONES	\$600.00	\$600.00
TOTAL	\$20,550.00	\$20,550.00
2022 BUDGET	\$20,550.00	
Less Carry Over	\$2324.68	
Budget Charge	\$18,225.32	

Brett asked for any questions or comments on the report and proposed budget.

Mr. Shenton reviewed the cloud seeding map and discussed the 25 remote units and 25 manual units in the area. This program runs on a \$250,000 budget for the manual units. Idaho Power has its own budget. Cloud seeding was down 30% due to lack of storm patterns. Any carry over is put back into the next year's budget.

Mr. Shenton encouraged an increase in Mr. Murdock's mileage and wage.

#### **WATERMASTER'S REPORT & BUDGET APPROVAL:**

**Garth Ashcraft moved to accept the Watermaster's report. Sid Brown seconded. Motion passed. Garth motioned to approve the proposed budget adding \$1260.00 of miscellaneous fund to Mr. Murdock's wages. Sid Brown seconded. Motion passed.**

#### **ELECTION OF WATERMASTER:**

Chairman Brock Egan asked for nominations for Watermaster. **Garth Ashcraft made the motion Greg Shenton continue as Watermaster. Sid Brown seconded the motion. Nomination passed.**

#### **RESOLUTIONS:**

**Mr. Egan then asked the water users to adopt the following resolutions.**

##### **Headgates and Weirs**

"All control devices and measuring devices shall be in good working order before water can be demanded and delivered. The Watermaster shall not deliver any water unless such devices are in good working order."

"All headgate systems that have return flow capability or a bypass channel for the water to return to Medicine Lodge must have a weir installed and functioning before water will be delivered."

##### **Collection of Water Assessments**

"No ditch, canal, or other water user shall have the right to demand and receive water until full payment due is paid. Payment shall become due April 1, and shall be come delinquent May 1, and if not paid by May 1, the payment shall bear interest from May 1, at the rate of eight percent (8%) per annum.

The Watermaster shall not deliver any water until full payment due is paid."

##### **Watermaster Term of Service**

"The Watermaster shall be elected for a term of one full year. The purpose is so the Watermaster can serve in the legal capacity to do official business for the district in the event of emergencies, legislative actions, hearings, disputes or other water related or job-related activities.

The Watermaster cannot be required to make water deliveries before April 1, or after November 1, (the normal irrigation season) unless an emergency exists. The Watermaster shall not be paid before April 1, or after November 1 from water district budgeted regular funds."

##### **Pumping from Creek**

"Prohibit any pumping directly form Medicine Lodge Creek as per the motion adopted 1980, which read as follows: "That no pumping be allowed from Medicine Lodge Creek or its tributaries, without

first diverting and measuring water into a private pond or sump, to eliminate any interference with regulation of stream waters.”

#### **Calling the Deputy Watermaster to Duty**

“The Deputy Watermaster shall be called to duty by the Watermaster for the remainder of the season at the request of three water users whose signatures shall authorize said action.”

#### **Deputy Term of Service**

“The Deputy Watermaster shall be called to duty on May 1 to measure, record and regulate waters of Medicine Lodge Creek.”

#### **Pooling Agreement**

“Be it resolved that the water users of Medicine Lodge Creek unanimously agree and direct the Watermaster to continue the practice of water right exchanges, which has been practiced since the formation of the stipulation and agreement dated March 2, 1954. Such practices shall include pooling of waters, rented waters, and exchanges beneficial to the users as a whole. The Watermaster is further directed not to deliver the above-mentioned waters to a downstream user, until that water delivery amount(c.f.s.) is assessed a bed loss value to provide that no injury to an existing water right would occur. These losses should be assessed according to the average of U.S.G.S. bed losses measurements.

We further resolve that delivery of the above waters cannot be demanded prior to May 1, unless excess water exits the stream.”

#### **ADOPTING RESOLUTIONS:**

**Garth Ashcraft moved that all resolutions be adopted. Sid Brown seconded the motion. Resolutions passed.**

#### **APPOINTMENT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE:**

Chairman Brock Egan appointed the following Lynn Hoggan, Sid Brown, Garth Ashcraft, Tod Shenton and himself as the Advisory Committee.

#### **IDWR REPORT:**

Christina Henman spoke briefly about a hearing being held on March 9, 2022 proposing to modify WD 110 to include an area located between the existing WD 110 and the ESPA GWMA boundaries. The proposed modification will incorporate into WD 110 all ground water rights in this area that are not currently within a water district. Ground water rights excluded from administration by WD 110 are domestic and stockwater rights as defined in Idaho Code 42-111 and 42-1401A (11).

Recharge efforts were down to 130,463-acre feet for the 2020-2021 season. This hurts the five-year average of 250,00-acre feet goal they hoped to meet.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

#### **MEETING TIME:**

**Garth Ashcraft moved that next year’s meeting is held on Tuesday March 7, 2023 at 1:00 p.m., at the Clark County Annex Building in Dubois, Idaho. Sid Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Mr. Egan adjourned the meeting at 2:02 p.m.**

Attest:   
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Brock Egan, Chairman

  
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Laurie Small, Secretary

