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Water District No. 161
Annual Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2020

Water District No. 161 annual meeting was held at the Mountain Home Junior High School Common Area on Tuesday January 21, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Refer to attached sign in sheet for attendees.

Chairman David Ascuena called annual meeting to order.

Larry Jewett nominated David Ascuena to be the chair for the meeting and also nominated Chris Alzola to be the secretary for the meeting. Seconded by Jim Blanton. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Chairman David Ascuena asked everyone to take a minute to review last years (January 15, 2019) annual meeting minutes. Jim Blanton made motion to accept minutes as written, second by Jim Baitlett. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Watermaster Nick Miller reviewed the 2019 year. Nick and deputy watermaster Ed VanEtten have inventoried wells that need measuring devices. There are 480 water rights for this district in 366 potential locations. Of the 366 locations there are 250 that need to be measured. Currently there are 160 sites that have meters installed another 60 that need meters, and the remaining will probably not need meters.

Ed VanEtten said that most meters are in compliance, IDWR would like electronic meters installed. There are a few that don't have meters that are for domestic use but not irrigating. In the Mayfield area the potential subdivision will be measured once it breaks ground. There are several wells that have been capped. Ed said a lot of meters went in the summer of 2019 so we do not have good beginning readings but have good end of year readings. Ed will start collecting data this year. Nick said that he or Ed would be meeting with individuals that have not put meters on yet.

Edgar Hernandez said he has called in to see what he needs to do for his well and nobody called him back. Harold Doyle said he wants information of where he's supposed to buy the meters. George Hathaway from Silver Sage Estates asked about 19 households on one well do they need meter? Discussion regarding minimum cfs, 5 acres or less not needing meter, extension of time, forfeiture of water right if not used within 5 years, and resuming use. For questions please call Nick or Ed to see if they can answer your question.

Nick introduced the 2019 Advisory Committee: David Ascuena, Larry Jewett, Jim Blanton, Kresta Davis-Butt (Idaho Power), Dani Lopez (MHAFB), and Eric Orr.

Chris provided financial report. Jim Blanton made motion to approve financial report. Seconded by Larry Jewett. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Review proposed 2020 Resolutions and Budget:

Larry made motion to adopt budget for \$51,244.00 seconded by Jim Blanton. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Jim Blanton made motion to adopt minimum user fee of \$16.44, seconded by Kathy Ferbrache. Discussion of rounding up the minimum fee to \$17.00. Rich Urquidi made motion to amend last motion and move minimum fee up to \$17.00. Seconded by George Hathaway. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Rich Urquidi made motion to accept IDWR for watermaster services, seconded by Kathy Ferbrache. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Larry Jewett made motion to appoint Chris Alzola secretary/treasurer, seconded by Rich Urquidi. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Larry Jewett made motion to remove Mtn. Home City Councilman Matthew Bundy from the Advisory Committee and appoint Mtn. Home City Councilman Daniel Brennan to the committee and leave everyone else on the committee. Seconded by Rich Urquidi. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

2020 Advisory Committee:

David Ascuena

Jim Blanton

Kresta Davis-Butts (Idaho Power)

Larry Jewett

Danieza Lopez (USAF)

Eric Orr

Daniel Brennan (City of Mtn. Home)

Discussion regarding 30% cash carryover or lump sum of \$20,000.00. Motion by Larry Jewett, seconded by Kathy Ferbrache to make the cash carryover a lump sum amount of \$20,000.00. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

2021 annual meeting will be Tuesday January 19, 2021 @ 7:00 pm at the Mountain Home Junior High School, if available.

Chris asked if she could have US Bank include copies of the checks with the bank statement and have Jim Blanton or David Ascuena initial the bank statement so there is a double check of the checks she writes are to the correct payee. The cost would be additional \$5.00 per month. Motion by Larry Jewett, seconded by Kathy Ferbrache to approve the additional monthly charge. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Motion by Larry Jewett to adjourn. Seconded by Kathy Ferbrache. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.


Chris Alzola, Secretary/Treasurer