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Payette River Basin, State of Idaho Water District No. 65

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Watermaster: Ron Shurtleff

2021 Annual Meeting

Date: January 13, 2021
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: Emmett Church of the Nazarene, Aubrey Hall

Attending: John Hartman, BCID, Marcia Herr, Letha, Ron Mio, NDC, Jim Standley, EID, Doyle Fackler, LCDC, Dyke Nagasaka, LPDC, Mark Haws, Letha, Wayne Martin, Washoe,

**Attending
Video**

Conference: Neil Shippy, EID, Ken Mineard, LPD, Michael Shippy, Enterprise/Reed, Steven Dempsey, IDF&G, Dan Surmeier, BCID, Brad Lowe, IDF&G, Stewart Russell, EID, Jason Brown, Butler Baines, and Carl Hays, BCID

Guests:

Video

Conference

Bryan Horsburgh, USBR, Peggy Murphy, PRIO, Kurt Folke, Quest CPAs PLLC, Kara Ferguson, IDWR, Ryan Hendrick, USBR, Lanie Paquin, USBR, Shilynn Novak, IDWR, Allen Bradury, IDWR and Nick Miller, IDWR.

Welcome: Watermaster Ron Shurtleff welcomed everyone and introduced several guests that were in attendance and on video conference. Mr. Shurtleff then announced the first order of business is to elect a meeting chairman and a recording secretary to conduct this meeting.

Elect Meeting

Officers:

Jim Standley nominated Wayne Martin as the meeting Chairman. **Jim Standley moved the nominations be closed and that we cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Wayne Martin. The motion was seconded by Marc haws, and the motion carried.**

Marcia Herr nominated Betty Knox as the meeting recording secretary. **Marcia then moved that the nominations cease and that a unanimous ballot be cast for Betty Knox as recording secretary, the motions was seconded by Marc Haws, and the motion carried.**

Review

Minutes:

Meeting Chairman Wayne Martin called the 2021 Annual Meeting of the Water District No. 65 to order. He directed attention to the minutes of the previous year's Annual Meeting starting on the second page of the meeting packet. Mr. Martin asked everyone to review the minutes of the 2020 Annual meeting in preparation for their approval. A few minor corrections were noted. **John**

Hartman moved to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2020 Annual Meeting. Jim Standley seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Audit Report:

Chairman Martin turned floor over to Treasurer Ron Mio. Mr. Mio stated the Water District had recently completed its usual annual audit. He introduced Mr. Kurt Folke, from the Quest Accounting Firm and stated Mr. Folke is attending to report the result of the financial audit and the current financial status of the District.

Mr. Folke began by stating the Water District presented a complete and clean set of financial records in preparation for the audit. Mr. Folke reported the audit had been conducted in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and to standards applicable to Government auditing. He reported he had audited the financial statements of the major funds of the Water District as of December 31, 2020 and believed them to be correct and accurate. Mr. Folke explained the values on the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position page of the report. He noted the District entered 2020 with a net position of \$508,595 and ended with a net gain of \$54,332 resulting in an ending position of \$562,927. Mr. Folke reported income from assessments and Rental Pool administration fees exceeded expenses by \$48,686, and the net interest earned in the Districts State Treasury account of \$5,646 resulted in gain of position during 2020. Mr. Folke reported the carryover funding of \$508,595 represents approximately two annual operating budget years which is acceptable and is at a level the advisory board attempts to maintain. Mr. Folke asked if there were any questions about the District's finances.

Treasurer Ron Mio thanked Mr. Folke for his thorough report, and turned the meeting back to Chairman Martin. Mr. Martin asked everyone if they were ready to accept the financial report. **Jim Standley moved to approve the financial report as presented by Mr. Folke. The motion was seconded by Marcia Herr and the motion carried.**

USBR Update:

Chairman Martin introduced Ms. Lanie Paquin, Snake River Area Manager, Bureau of Reclamation, for an update on Bureau affairs.

Ms. Paquin thanked the Water District for the opportunity to address the meeting. She said it was about this time last year when Roland Springer moved to the Columbia Pacific Northwest Regional Office as Deputy Regional Director. And, last summer she was moved in as Area Manager to fill this position. She stated that she wants to recognize Bryan Horsburgh, Snake River Area Deputy Manager who also leads Reclamation's Middle Snake Field Office, Ryan Hedrick the Water Operations Specialist.

Ms. Paquin said she would give a briefing on three topics, Organizational happenings in Washington DC, the Boise Feasibility Study on the raise of Anderson Ranch Dam, and the Bureau's Water Smart Program.

Under DC happenings Ms. Paquin said the change in administration will bring change to the Bureau, She said she expresses her appreciation for Commissioner Burman's leadership and her strong support for water management here in Idaho. Lanie stated Deputy Commissioner for Operations, David Palumbo will become the acting Commissioner until the position is filled through senate confirmation. Ms. Paquin said also in DC the Bureau has seen the new administration's transition team engaging in the Department level, and Lorri Gray has provided briefings on issues important to us here in Idaho.

Ms. Paquin then gave a summary of the Boise Feasibility Study for a raise of Anderson Ranch Dam of 6 feet. It will provide an additional 29,000 AF of space. She said funding is under the Water Infrastructure Improvement for the Nations Act. Ms. Paquin reported two major milestones that were reached in December. The first being the Secretary of Interior determined favorably to the raise of Anderson Ranch Dam, and the 2020 Omnibus bill named the Boise feasibility study and construction of Anderson Ranch providing authority for the project.

Ms. Paquin reported in fiscal year 2020 Idaho received 3.4 million dollars of federal funds under the Water Conservation Program. She encouraged entities to contact the Middle Snake Field Office to gain the specifics for these funding opportunities. Lanie again thanked for the opportunity to address the meeting.

IDWR:
Kara Ferguson:

Chairman Martin introduced Kara Ferguson, Technical Hydrologist with the Idaho Department of Water Resources. Ms. Ferguson began with a chart depicting the Snow Water Equivalent values on the Payette Watershed areas from 1991 to the present time. Kara noted the 2020 was a below average snow pack year. Ms. Ferguson displayed a natural flow volume comparison for the years 1991 through 2020. This chart also depicted the 2020 year as a little below normal. Kara noted however the day of allocation fell on the 13th of July a few days behind the normal date. Ms. Ferguson summarized the year noting a total fill of 834,703 acre feet and after evaporation and losses an allocation value of 808,821 acre feet. Kara reported a total storage usage amount of 337,843 AF resulting in a carryover storage amount of 458,162 acre feet in Deadwood and Cascade reservoirs. In the Storage Use chart Ms. Ferguson reported a below normal use amount for the 2020 season. Evaporation losses also charted out to be a little below the 20 year normal. Operational losses charted out to be above normal for the 2020 year. Kara pointed out within a carryover chart the carryover amount fell nearly on the normal carryover volume for the most recent several years. Ms. Ferguson displayed the Storage Accounting Reconciliation as of October 31, 2020. In the reconciliation the remaining storage based on the accounting equaled 483,745 acre feet compared to the actual measured stored amount on that day of 482,121 acre feet, a difference of 1,624 acre feet. Kara stated in a system the size of the Payette an amount of difference below 10,000 acre feet would be considered acceptable. Kara concluded her presentation with a current Snow Water Equivalent chart indicating the Payette Basin with a 94% of normal snowpack for this date.

Watermaster Report:

Chairman Wayne Martin called on the Watermaster, Ron Shurtleff for his 2020 Watermaster Report: Mr. Shurtleff began by displaying a natural flow comparison chart for the years 2016 through 2020. Ron noted that because of the below normal snowpack natural flow in the basin peaked at a much lower than normal level. He noted however the Day of Allocation, arrived a little behind the normal timing due mostly because of a wetter than normal period in June. The rain events stretched the natural flow of the system to the 13th of July. Ron displayed and read the storage use figures noting usage of 146,159 acre feet of storage use in 2019 compared to 162,527 in the 2020 season. Ron noted even with the increase in storage usage the carryover amount for the basin nearly equaled the previous year of 2019. Ron displayed the flow augmentation contributions to the Rental Pool and the individual assignments by each entity. After reviewing the numbers, he asked if there were any questions.

Ron then moved on to present the current conditions of the reservoirs and noted the Payette's storage content as of January 11th equaled 59% of a its total capacity. Ron noted Cascade Reservoir tracking nearly equal to its levels during the 2019 season, but Deadwood reservoir which was drafted to a lower level remains to be about 10,000 acre feet below where it was on this date in 2019. Ron displayed the Bureau of Reclamation's January runoff forecast noting Cascade at 90% of normal and Deadwood at 88% of normal. Ron displayed the individual SNOTEL Charts for the Payette and concluded with the NRCS Probability Maps indicating the Northwest is showing indications that the next month could be cooler and wetter than normal, a good sign for the year ahead.

Ron then displayed the list of 7 Cost Share Projects that had been funded during the 2020 season. He noted the 2020 budget allowed for \$100,000 in requests. He reported all of the projects were completed and funded during the year and a total of \$95,836 in project assistance was awarded to the projects. Ron also noted one Water Quality Project. This was a request for water testing assistance by the Lower Payette Ditch Company to help with their water quality improvement campaign. Ron displayed a photo of one of Emmett Irrigation District's automated spill Projects and a completed photo of the Washoe inflatable rubber dam project.

Budget Committee:

Chairman Wayne Martin asked, Budget Committee Chairman Jim Standley for the Budget Committee Report. Mr. Standley directed attention to page 27 of the information packets. Mr. Standley then asked Watermaster Shurtleff if he would explain the changes between the 2020 budget and the proposed 2021 budget. Ron noted the first item Interest income was reduced from \$12,000 to \$4,000 due to the dramatic decrease in the interest rates. He then noted an increase of 3% was suggested to the Watermaster's salary resulting in a \$2,000 increase with the resulting rise to tax and retirement benefits. Ron pointed out the increase to the River gage increase of \$1,000 noting this item is based on the cost of living since it is influenced by USGS salaries. Ron pointed out the interest to lessors item was reduced by \$7,000 again because of the dramatic decrease in interest rates over

the past year. The next change was an increase to the miscellaneous item this amount was increased by \$5,000 in anticipation of costs involved with the Watermaster succession efforts during this next year. Ron then pointed out the Cost Share infrastructure budget item was increased from \$100,000 to \$125,000 to cover more applications and to hold the carryover funds to the level appropriate for the district. Ron stated the new budget allowed for a decrease in revenue of \$8,000 and an increase in total expenditures of \$26,466. Ron further stated that if approved this budget will appear as presented on page 28 of the packets and listed as Attachment A to Resolution No. 2.

Mr. Standley reported the budget committee recommends that this budget be approved and attached to Resolution No. 2 for the 2021 year.

Chairman Martin asked if there were any questions about this budget recommendation. At this time, **Doyle Fackler moved to approve the Budget as presented by the committee and to attach it to the Resolutions as Attachment A. The motion was seconded by Marc Haws, and the motion carried.**

**Nomination
Committee:**

Chairman Wayne Martin asked for the Nominations Report.

Committee Chairman Jim Standley directed attention to page 29 of the information packets and asked Watermaster Shurtleff to read the list of names nominated for the Advisory Board, the Advisory Board Officers, and the names nominated for the Nominating and Budget committee. Mr. Standley stated this list of Board Members and officers is recommended by the Nominating committee, and is recommended to be attached to Resolution No. 6 to serve for the upcoming 2021 season.

Chairman Martin asked if there were any questions or suggestions to the list of nominees. At this time **Doyle Fackler moved, to approve this list of nominations and to attach it as Attachment B to Resolution No. 6 of the Districts list of Resolutions. John Hartman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.**

Resolutions:

Chairman Wayne Martin stated now is the time to act on the District's resolutions. He asked the water users if they wished to vote on each resolution individually, or if they would be willing to adopt the entire 16 resolutions with one inclusive motion. Doyle Fackler asked Watermaster Shurtleff, if there are any changes to the resolutions since they were last approved. Mr. Shurtleff stated he would read through each resolution to allow everyone to be informed of their content. After Ron completed reading the list of resolutions Chairman Martin asked if there were any questions or changes to the resolutions. At this time **Marc Haws moved to adopt the resolutions, No. 1 through No. 16 with the attachments A and B as**

presented in the information packets. The motion was seconded by Doyle Fackler and the motion carried.

Next Annual Meeting Date:

Meeting Chairman Wayne Martin announced it is now necessary to set the date and time for the next annual meeting, and also to select a location for that meeting. After some discussion about which date would suit the most people, **Marc Haws moved to set next year's Annual Meeting date for the second Wednesday of January 12, 2022 at 1:30 PM. This motion was seconded by Marsha Herr, and the motion carried.**

After some additional discussion about choosing a meeting place, **Marc Haws moved to meet next year in this same location, The Emmett Church of the Nazarene, Aubrey Hall. Marcia Herr seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

Adjournment:

Chairman Wayne Martin asked if there is any other business that should be brought before this 2021 Annual Meeting of the Water District No. 65. Hearing none Mr. Martin thanked everyone for their participation and declared the meeting adjourned at 3:05 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Ron Shurtleff, Watermaster

Betty Knox, Recording Secretary

WATER DISTRICT CONTACT SHEET

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This information is required for elected water district officer(s). The information provided will be posted on the IDWR website. Please fill in the information above and return it to the appropriate IDWR regional office along with the other forms listed in the meeting checklist above, after your annual meeting.

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ROSTER OF ATTENDANCE

20 21 ANNUAL MEETING

WATER DISTRICT NO. 05)

ANNUAL MEETING

WATER DISTRICT AREA Payette River)

Date 1/13/2021 Time 1:30 am/pm

Location Emmett Church of Nazarene

Address 1144 N. Washington Ave
Emmett, Idaho 83617

NAME

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REPRESENTING

Sheets Attached

Payette River Basin, State of Idaho

Water District No. 65

Annual Meeting , Attendance Record

January 13, 2021

	Name	Representing
1.	MARC HAWES	LETHA
2.	Marcia Lewis	Letha
3.	Jim Stendley	FLD
4.	Ron Misi	Noble
5.	John Alton	B CFI
6.	Wayne Math	Wachoe
7.	Duke Nagasaka	LPDC
8.	Doyle HACKBEE	LCDC
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January 13, 2021

	Name	Representing
1.	Kara Ferguson	IDWR
2.	Kurt Folke	Quest CPAs PC
3.	Neil Shippy +	Emmett Irr. District
4.	Ryan Hedrick	USBR
5.	Lavie Paquin	USBR
6.	Peggy Murphy	PRIO
7.	Ken Mineard	LPDC
8.	Bryan Horsbough	USBR
9.	Michael Shippy	Enterprise/Reed
10.	Steven Dempsey	IDFG
11.	Dan Swamier	BCID
12.	Brad Lowe	IDFG
13.	Shilyn Novak	IDWR
14.	Allen Bradbury	IDWR
15.	Nick Miller	IDWR
16.	Stewart Russell	SID
17.	Jason Brown	Butler Basin
18.	Carl Hays	BCID
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