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

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2022 Annual Meeting

Date: January 12, 2022
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: Emmett Church of the Nazarene, Aubrey Hall

Attending: John Hartman, BCID, Marcia Herr, Letha, Ron Mio, NDC, Doyle Fackler, LCDC, Dyke Nagasaka, LPDC, Mark Haws, Letha, Wayne Martin, Washoe, Stewart Russell, EID, Jason Brown, Butler Baines, and Carl Hays, BCID, Joan Howell Letha, Susan Metcalf Letha, Dan Tilson Farmers, Ed Parsons LPDC, Michael Shippy, Enterprise/Reed, Norm Collinworth Farmers & Noble, Mark Hersey LPDC, Dennis Ujiiye Farmers, Ken Mineard, LPDC, Dan Surmeier, BCID, Crystal Russell PRIO, Peggy Murphy, PRIO, Justin Jones, Smith Ditch, Roger Obermeyer EID, Ryan Hedrick USBR, Lanie Paquin USBR, Bryan Horsburgh, USBR, Kresta Davis Idaho Power, Fred Colburn Stewart Ditch, Andrew Griggs EID, Danny Walton EID, Chad Henggeler Farmers, Mark Best, Covia, Kurt Folke, Quest CPAs PLLC, Matt Anders, IDWR, Neil Shippy Water District 65, Ron Shurtleff, Water District 65,

**Attending
Video**

Conference: Kara Ferguson, IDWR, Peter Cooper USBR

Welcome: Chairman Wayne Martin welcomed everyone and then announced the first order of business is to elect a meeting chairman and a recording secretary to conduct this meeting.

Elect Meeting

Officers: Ron Mio nominated Marc Haws as the meeting Chairman. **Ron Mio moved the nominations be closed and that a unanimous ballot be cast for Mr. Marc Haws. The motion was seconded by John Hartman, and the motion carried.**

Dennis Ujiiye nominated Crystal Russell as the meeting recording secretary. **Dennis Ujiiye then moved that the nominations cease and that a unanimous ballot be cast for Crystal Russell as recording secretary, the motion was seconded by Ron Mio, and the motion carried.**

Review

Minutes: Meeting Chairman Marc Haws called the 2022 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. Haws asked everyone to review the minutes of the 2021 Annual meeting in preparation for their approval. A few minor corrections were noted. **John Hartman moved to approve the minutes as corrected of the January 13, 2021,**

Annual Meeting. Michael Shippy seconded the motion and the motion carried

Audit Report:

Chairman Haws turned the 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, 2021 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 2021 with a net position of \$562,927 and ended with a net loss of \$59,740 resulting in an ending position of \$503,187. Mr. Folke reported the carryover funding of \$503,187 represents approximately an 18-month operating budget 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 Haws. Mr. Haws asked everyone if they were ready to accept the financial report. **Joan Howell moved to approve the financial report as presented by Mr. Folke. The motion was seconded by Doyle Fackler and the motion carried.**

USBR Update:

Chairman Haws 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 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. She also wanted to thank Ron Shurtleff for all the years they have worked together

Ms. Paquin talked about the search for a new Regional Director as well as in infrastructure bill bringing 83.3 billion appropriated for western water.

1. Reclamation water smart programs. They will be providing notices of funding
 2. Legislation funded 2.3 billion into infrastructure renewal.
- She stated they are still working through the 1st round of funding.

Lanie said if there were ever any questions to reach out to her, Brian, or Nicole Carson.

Ms. Paquin gave the floor to Bryan Horsburgh; he spoke on the fact the Brent Jensen has retired from the Snake River Area Office and they are thinking it will take approximately 5 months to get a new O&M manager in place.

Bryan then spoke on the study they are doing on the reservoir operations. They will be trying to determine if there are any operational changes that can be made within the system constraint that would help with the algae bloom.

Ryan Hedrick then spoke on the water levels as of January 1st. Cascade at 104%, Deadwood at 108% and Payette Basin at 105%.

IDWR:
Kara Ferguson:

Chairman Haws introduced Kara Ferguson, Technical Hydrologist with the Idaho Department of Water Resources. Ms. Ferguson gave a 2021 Year in Review summary. She showed that snowpack was normal through March at 96% but below normal spring precipitation at only 44%. It was the 2nd driest spring in 126-year record. We also had above average summer temperatures. June- July average temperatures were the hottest on record. The Payette Basin was categorized as a Moderate Drought. The Day of allocation- June 21. Primary storage and Deadwood LTF accounts filled – space holders for these accounts receive 100% allocation. Cascade LTF account did NOT fill it was the first time since 2001. Space holders receive proportional allocation. Storage use prior to day of allocations does not cancel, evaporation accrual 4/1-10/31, we had above average storage use and low carryover.

Watermaster
Report:

Chairman Haws called on the Watermaster, Ron Shurtleff for his 2021 Watermaster report: Mr. Shurtleff started with a Water Accounting and Rental Pool Report. He gave a storage report by company and available storage after assignments for 2021. Total remaining was 71,905.1AF. Rental Pool Assignments were listed by entity totals after all were, out of basin 36,530 and in basin 15,376.5.

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 13 Cost Share Projects that had been funded during the 2021 season. He noted the 2021 budget allowed for \$136,677.14 in requests.

He reported that not all the projects were completed during the 2021 year. The uncompleted projects will be a payable into the 2022 year. A total of \$131,072.62 in project assistance was awarded to the projects. Ron showed photos of some of the completed cost share projects.

**Budget
Committee:**

Chairman Marc Haws asked, Watermaster Ron Shurtleff to step in for Budget Committee Chairman Jim Standley and give the Budget Committee Report. Mr. Shurtleff directed attention to page 27 and 28 of the information packets. Mr. Shurtleff asked for any questions regarding the budget. Ron further stated that if approved this budget will appear as presented on page 30 of the packets and listed as Attachment A to Resolution No. 2.

Mr. Shurtleff reported the budget committee recommends that this budget be approved and attached to Resolution No. 2 for the 2022 year.

Chairman Haws 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 Ron Mio, and the motion carried.**

**Nomination
Committee:**

Chairman Marc Haws asked for the Nominations Report.

Chairman Marc Haws 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. Shurtleff 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 2022 season.

Chairman Haws asked if there were any questions or suggestions to the list of nominees. Wayne Martin, Washoe, Joan Howell, Letha and Michelle Potter, Reed Ditch were added as a member to the advisory board. 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. Ron Mio seconded the motion, and the motion carried.**

Resolutions:

Chairman Marc Haws 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 with the exception of resolution #17. Mr. Shurtleff stated he would read through each resolution this will allow everyone to be informed of their content. After Ron completed reading the list of resolutions Chairman Haws asked if there were any questions or changes to the resolutions. At this time **Doyle Fackler**

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 Stewart Russell and the motion carried.

Next Chairman Haws brought up resolution #17 and asked if anyone wanted to speak. John Hartman took the floor and spoke on the benefits, and that supporting this resolution would add support to the applications that have already been filed. Chairman Haws asked Mr. Shurtleff if he would like to speak on resolution #17, Mr. Shurtleff chose to remain silent on the subject. Chairman Haws stated that he will be asking for a vote based on assessed water shares. Chairman Haws then asked each company individually how they were voting. The resolution passed 106,599 yes to 14,300 no. **John Hartman moved to adopt resolution #17. The motion was seconded by Doyle Fackler and the motion carried.**

Next Annual Meeting Date:

Chairman Marc Haws announced it is now necessary to set the date and time for the next annual meeting, and to select a location for that meeting. After some discussion about which date would suit the most people, **Doyle Fackler moved to set next year's Annual Meeting date for January 11, 2023, at 1:30 PM at the same location, The Emmett church of the Nazarene, Aubrey Hall. This motion was seconded by John Hartman, and the motion carried.**

Adjournment:

Chairman Marc Haws asked if there is any other business that should be brought before this 2022 Annual Meeting of the Water District No. 65. Hearing none, Mr. Haws thanked everyone for their participation and declared the meeting adjourned at 3:33 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Neil Shippy, Watermaster

Crystal Russell, Recording Secretary