

Water District 100 Steering Meeting
1/31/2007
Fremont-Madison Irrigation District

Tim Luke called the meeting to order at 10:10 am. Those in attendance were: Tim Luke, IDWR; Ernie Carlsen, IDWR; Wendy Murphy, Water District 1; Curtis Parkinson, NorSun Food Group; Guy Erikson; Randy Huskinson; John Miller, City of Rexburg; Richard Crapo; and Dale Swenson, Fremont-Madison Irrigation District.

Tim indicated he had scheduled the WD110 Annual Meeting for February 27, 2007 @ 2:00 pm @ the Rexburg Cotton Tree Inn. Meeting notices would be mailed 21 days in advance. Prior to this meeting at 1:00 pm he will also hold a hearing to abolish the East ESPA Water Measurement District. The East ESPA Water Measurement District was created in 1997 to measurement diversions greater than 5 acres and .24 cfs. With the creation of WD100, and WD120 this measurement district will no longer be needed.

Water District 100 will be providing the measurement and reporting as was previously done, but now there will also be regulatory and enforcement requirements. Tim said, when the measurement districts were created Idaho Code § 42-111 was the basis for the exclusion of domestic and stock water. With Judge Woods's opinion regarding the conjunctive management rules going before the Supreme Court, we are not yet certain about the impact on domestic and stock water claims. Currently WD100 has approximately 160-170 wells and uses about 50,000 AF annually. The Madison Ground Water District covers the Rexburg Bench area.

Tim then discussed the differences of a ground water district and water districts. Water districts are an extension of the state, created by the state for delivery of water rights, and regulatory purposes. The groundwater district statutes were written in the 1990's are a copy of the irrigation district statutes. Groundwater districts have the same authorities as irrigation districts. Main reason the ground water districts have formed are because of the delivery calls, to develop mitigation plans, and determine a process to continue to pump water. They also have the ability to measure and report within their own districts.

Tim then presented the Water District 110 draft resolutions, which were prepared based off of similar districts, for the steering committees review. One of the resolutions to add would be the ESPA Monitoring Committee representative. The Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer underlies 1,572,340 irrigated acres of which WD100 area is 93,278 acres. Ground water users irrigate 3,438 acres, surface water irrigates 84,573 acres (these are actually covered by Water District 1), and 5,267 acres are irrigated with a mixture of surface and groundwater.

The committee then reviewed the resolutions that were presented and made the following changes:

Resolution 10: Dale Swenson moved to have an odd number of representatives with a minimum of 3 members represented as 2 irrigation water users and 1 from municipal/commercial/industrial. Randy Huskinson seconded and the motion carried.

Resolution 7: Randy Huskinson moved to have a minimum charge of \$25.00, Rich Crapo seconded and the motion carried.

Resolution 12: John Millar moved to set the recurring annual meetings to be held the last Monday of January. Dale Swenson seconded and the motion carried.

Resolution 2: Dale Swenson moved to have Ernie Carlsen be the Watermaster of Water District 100. Guy Erickson seconded and the motion carried.

Resolution 16: Randy Huskinson moved to add a resolution for the committee to select a representative to the ESPA Monitoring Committee following the annual meeting. Curtis Parkinson seconded this and the motion carried.

Resolution 17-18: It was also noted to add the resolutions regarding delinquent assessment should be added.

There was then some discussion regarding the minimum assessment amount and potentially collecting more than the budget. Dale Swenson moved to base the minimum charge on the ESPA Monitoring budget amount divided by the number of wells in the district. Randy Huskinson seconded and the motion passed.

Resolution 8: Randy Huskinson moved to have a \$50 per diversion charge and the remaining budget would be based on a pro-rata share of AF use. John Millar seconded and the motion passed.

Randy Huskinson moved to accept all resolutions as amended, Guy seconded and the motion passed.

There was then some discussion about meeting chairman and secretary. Tim Luke indicated he could post the proposed resolutions on the web site. Curtis moved to have the meeting adjourn, Randy seconded and the motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm.