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Water District 120 Annual Meeting  
Minutes  
February 13, 2006

Craig Evans called to order The Water District 120 annual meeting at 2:07 p.m., at the Red Lion Inn in Idaho Falls. Other Water District 120 board members in attendance were Scott Clawson, Tim Deeg, Stephanie Michelson, Richard Mayer, Craig Evans, Dane Watkins, and Walter Gay. Richard Line was the only alternate in attendance. IDWR employees, Lyle Swank, Ernie Carlsen, Gene Hansen, Wendy Murphy, and Tim Luke attended, as well as, Terry Klipfel of Water District 1. There were approximately 20 meeting attendees who signed the roll.

Tim Deeg asked Craig Evans to act as meeting chairman since he was ill. Craig said the first order of business was to elect a temporary meeting chairman and secretary. Stephanie Michelson made a motion to elect Craig Evans as temporary chairman. Scott Clawson seconded the motion and Craig was elected without dissent. Tim Deeg made a motion to elect Terry Klipfel meeting secretary. Walter Gay seconded the motion and Terry was elected unanimously.

Craig read the "Notice of Annual Meeting" to members, and said that some people said they had not received one. Craig said they were most likely overlooked because they were mailed with the notice explaining the expansion of Water District 120. Craig also talked about the voting process, and gave the definition of the water district.

Craig asked if members wanted Terry to read the minutes from the last annual meeting. Stephanie Michelson made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept them as written. Scott Clawson seconded the motion and members voted to accepted the minutes as written.

Craig asked Dale Rockwood to give the financial report. Dale reported that WD120 had cash on hand of \$50,477, as of October 31, 2005, with the accounts receivable balance being \$1,984 dollars. Other current assets, (funds held by IDWR) of \$2,643, will be applied and corrected through the WD1 audit. This leaves total assets to WD120 of \$55,104. End of October current liabilities totaled \$6,008. Retained earnings from the previous fiscal year were \$40,892, and the net income for 2005 is \$8,203, providing a total equity of \$49,096. Income totaled \$76,253, and total district expenses were \$68,050. Net income totaled \$8,203. Water District 120 expenses were \$6,749 dollars under budget. Dale gave a breakdown of the 2006 proposed budget of \$76,202, as shown in resolution #10.

Craig Evans asked Tim Luke of IDWR to give his report. Tim talked about the proposed boundary changes of Water District 120, and gave the time frame for the inclusion of basins 25, part of 35, and 27 claims into WD 120. He also discussed the various proposed water districts. Tim discussed the formation of an advisory committee as described in Idaho Code 42-620 to provide representation and direction from the various water districts to the Director, in regard to Snake Plain monitoring. There was a lengthy

discussion about this issue, and some were concerned about how much influence they would actually have by sitting on the committee. Tim Luke said there should be provision in the resolutions for the selection of the advisor(s). Someone asked if the 1.2 million that would be billed was a yearly charge. Lynn Tominaga said that it was a yearly amount with inflation considered, but reassured members that state would need spending authority from the legislature which provided a "check and balance" for the program. Tim also talked briefly about water district audits.

Craig gave an explanation of the "Strawman" proposal, stating that not much of the original proposal was actually in tact.

Discussion turned to the 2006 proposed resolutions. Craig asked Terry about changes. She said that changes mostly to made dates current and put Ernest Carlsen's name in as the water master. Wendy Murphy also reminded members that the 2006 proposed budget was also included in the resolution 10. Tim Deeg had Terry read the new proposed "part d" of resolution 8, that would provide for the appointment of an advisor(s) from within the WD120 advisory committee to represent the district on the Snake Aquifer Advisory Committee as discussed earlier. Also, the following deletions to resolution #10 were suggested: "it will be necessary for", and "beginning the day after the annual meeting of WD120 held on the second Monday of Feb. 2004,". Also, the words "to be" in the first sentence of the resolution were changed to "is". Steve Howser made a motion to accept the resolutions with the proposed additions, changes, and corrections, as well as accept the 2006 proposed budget. Tim Deeg seconded the motion and the resolutions passed without dissent. At 3:33 pm, Craig Evans suggested a 15 minutes recess for the various ground water districts to discuss nominations for the 2006 advisory committee. The meeting resumed at 2.45 p.m. Spokesmen from each district made the following recommendations:

**Aberdeen Am. Falls GWD**

Tim Deeg – AAFGWD  
Richard Giesbrecht – AAFGWD  
Terrell Sorensen – Falls Irrigation  
Richard Mayer – City of Aberdeen

**Bingham GWD**

Craig Evans – BGWD  
Scott Clawson – BGWD  
Gaylen Van Orden –BGWD  
Walter Gay – industrial

**Bonneville Jeff GWD**

Ralph Isom - BJGWD  
Dane Watkins – BJGWD  
Stephanie Micklesen - BJGWD

**Alternates**

Richard Line - AAFGWD  
Steve Howser  
Steve Smart – City of Chubbuck

**Alternates**

Neil Powell-BGWD

**Alternates**

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Dane Watkins made a motion to accept the 2006 advisory committee as presented. Tim Deeg seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Craig Evans asked Gene Hansen to give the 2005 watermaster report.

Gene discussed drought monitor comparisons, seasonal drought outlooks, snotel site information, the river/reservoir display, and well level comparison data. There was also some discussion about re-charge. Gene gave the 2005 progress summary, discussed pump cards, and talked about 2006 goals.

Tim Deeg gave the 2005, Chairman of the water district report. He thanked all who help with the operation of Water District 120 and said he was skipping to the 2005 Water Delivery Calls. Tim reminded members that the water model shows depletion, not injury, and said it is important to keep this in mind. He talked briefly about Water District 140 Delivery Calls, the call on Water District 120 by seven irrigation companies, motions to intervene by IGWA, in the Surface Delivery Calls on behalf of the ground water district, the mitigation plan filed by IGWA, and discussed water obtained for mitigation purposes. He said that representatives of ground water users and surface users met with Senate and House Leadership to continue the negotiation process. A mediator has been engaged to help parties reach a resolution by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Tim concluded and asked if there was any other business. There was none. Craig Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ralph Isom seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.