

WATER DISTRICT 11
1999 ANNUAL MEETING
SODA SPRINGS, ID 83276
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The meeting was called to order by Jerry Brown at 2:02 PM. Nominations were opened for chairman. Virgil Beohme nominated Lee Ream. Seconded by Kelly Holt. Kelly Holt moved that we accept Mr. Ream by acclamation. Pete Peterson seconded and motion carried.

Mr. Ream opened nominations for secretary. Virgil Beohme nominated Jerry Brown, seconded by Joe Larsen. Kelly Holt moved that we accept Mr. Brown by acclamation. Joe Larsen seconded and motion carried.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. Golden Keetch made the motion that we accept the minutes as read. Joe Larson seconded and motion carried.

Pete Peterson, presented his watermaster report. In 1999 918,198 24 hour second feet of water was diverted from the system. In 1998 it was 869,500. 89,337 24 hour second feet of water was released from Bear Lake in 1999. 3,777 of this amount was charged to Idaho users. The cost in 1999 was \$38,028 or \$.042 cents per 24 hour second foot. The cost in 1998 was \$.043 cents per 24 hour second foot. Releases from Bear Lake started on July 21, 1999. Current lake elevation is at 5919.21. Last year at this time it was 5919.62. Maximum level occurred on July 5, 1999 and was at 5922.69. The low was on April 4 at 5918.02.

Golden Keetch moved that we accept the watermaster's report. Seconded by John Thomas, motion carried.

Mr. Peterson presented the proposed budget for 2000 as follows:

Watermaster 105 days at \$28 per day	2,940
261 days at \$37 per day	<u>9,657</u>
Total	12,597
Asst. watermaster 240 days @ \$28 per day	6,720
Other expenses	<u>26,600</u>
Total	45,917

Joe Larsen moved that we adopt the proposed budget. Everett Miles seconded the motion and motion carried.

Nominations were opened for Watermaster. Virgil Beohme nominated Pete Peterson, Golden Keetch seconded. Dean Mathews moved that we accept Mr. Peterson as Watermaster by acclamation. Joe Larsen seconded and motion carried.

Nominations were opened for Advisory committee. Golden Keetch moved that we retain the same advisory committee as last year. John Thomas seconded and motion carried. Next years committee is Lee Ream, Dean Mathews, Kelly Holt, and Joe Larsen.

Kelly Holt representing Pacificorp, indicated that the target level for Bear Lake at this time of the year is 5918. Because of low snowpack this year that goal has been increased to 5919.2. Water content in the Bear River drainage is currently 52% of normal. There is enough storage at the present to allow water contracts to be filled this year. With current snow pack the lake level should increase by about 2 feet with the spring runoff. Last summers high was about 1 ft lower than the all time high. Runoff was about 200% of normal. Releases were reduced in September and stopped on January 18, 2000.

Paul Myer, IDWR, reported that snow precipitation is 72% of normal and that water content is at about 53%.

Lee Ream reported that he and Golden Keetch attended the Idaho Water Users meeting two weeks ago in Boise. He encouraged membership in this association as well as attendance at the annual meeting.

Golden Keetch moved that we adjourn. Wilford Meek seconded, motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:49 PM

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