

MINUTES OF WATER DISTRICT 74-Z ANNUAL MEETING HELD MONDAY, MARCH 3, 1997
AT 2:00 P.M. AT THE CITY BUILDING, LEADORE, IDAHO.

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The following members of the Water District were in attendance:

Leslie Young
Bruce McConnell

James Whittaker
Kenneth Peterson

Darrell Nef
Cal Whittaker
Department of Water Resources
Eastern Region

Chairman, Bruce McConnell called the meeting to order and read the minutes of last year's meeting, which was approved as written.

A discussion followed as to the best procedure of getting the Winter Water Right (Dec 1 thru March 31), of Eddie Peterson's turned off so the waters of Swartz Creek can come down the creek and be available to the regular seasonal water users.

It was brought out that there is no watermaster on duty during this time frame, and whereas, this water right is not on the budget, and is turned on by the water right holder, Eddie Peterson, on Dec 1, the members of the water district felt that Mr. Peterson should also turn it off on April 1 of each year.

A motion was made by James Whittaker, seconded by Leslie Young, and approved by the group, to have the Secretary request the Idaho Dept. of Water Resources to write a letter to Eddie Peterson, P. O. Box 85, Leadore, ID 83464, requesting him to turn his right off April 1 each year so that the water can come down the creek and be available to the regular seasonal water users.

As the District was in need of having another person being able to sign the checks to pay the watermaster, etc., James Whittaker made the motion to have Leslie Young, along with Ralph McRea and Cal Whittaker, be the ones legally able to sign the checks which requires 2 signatures. It was seconded and approved and the Secretary, Cal Whittaker was instructed to request a new signature card from the bank to have this taken care of.

As the Watermaster, Richard Moll, had told some of the group that the foot bridge across Big Eight Mile was badly in need of repair, some discussion followed as to just what needed to be done. James Whittaker made a motion to have Kenneth Peterson, Ralph McRea, and Tom Udy look into the matter, see what materials would be needed, and to spearhead the completion of this project.

In the matter of a budget for the coming year, after reviewing the Watermaster's 1997 Proposed Budget, and after subtracting the 1996 Credits and adding the 1996 Debits, and along with what was carried over in the bank, it came to slightly more than the proposed budget, so a motion was made to adopt the Watermaster's budget as proposed. Seconded and approved.

Bruce McConnell made a motion to keep the salary, travel expenses, and annual report the same as last year, which was \$300.00 per month salary, \$450.00 equipment rental (travel) and \$40.00 for the yearly Watermaster Report. Seconded by Darrell Nef and approved by the group.

It was proposed and approved to again have the Lemhi County Treasurer bill and collect the District's water tax monies from the District's water users for this adopted budget and then disburse the funds to the Water District's Treasurer for the payment of the District's obligations.

In the matter of hiring a watermaster for the 1997 season, there were 3 applications for the job. Richard Moll, Sharon Udy, and Joni Pyatt. After some discussion, a motion was made to keep and rehire Richard Moll as Watermaster. Seconded and approved.

A motion was made to retain the same dates as last year, which are to have the watermaster go on and start measuring water April 15, 1997 but may be signed on as early as April 1, 1997 if needed, at the request of one water user, in conformity with Idaho State law, and to serve until October 1, 1997, at which time he may be signed on to serve an additional length of time, but not to exceed October 31, 1997.

It was decided to retain all those items from last year's minutes pertaining to the good management and operating practices of the water district. They are:

1. That the watermaster turn in each month's records prior to getting paid each month.
2. That the watermaster start measuring water at 8:00 A.M. when stream flow is on the increase, and that measurement be made between 10:00 A.M. and 12 Noon when stream flow is on the decrease, but allowing some flexibility for the watermaster to use his own discretion as to the need of the district.
3. As has always been done, all water in the creeks over and above the existing water rights be divided proportionally to the existing rights and decrees by the watermaster.
4. That the watermaster may call upon the owner for assistance in getting water into or out of a ditch.

In the selection of officers for 1997, the following were approved.

Bruce McConnell, Chairman
Cal Whittaker, Secretary/Treasurer

Leslie Young, Advisory Committee
James Whittaker, Advisory Committee
Ralph McRea, Advisory Committee

A motion was made to have the amount of assessment to each water user as shown on the adopted 1997 budget become due and payable May 1, 1997, and that amounts if not so paid shall bear interest at the rate of 10% per annum as of May 1st of the year payment is due, until paid. Approved.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

Signed Cal Whittaker
Secretary/Treasurer
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