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MARCH 22, 2001

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GOVERNOR

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DIRECTOR

LEMHI COUNTY TREASURER/AUDITOR  
206 COURTHOUSE DRIVE  
SALMON ID 83467

RE: Water District No. #74-Z

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed please find copies of the Adopted Budget and Minutes of Water District #74-Z. They have been read and approved by this office.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact this office.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD W. JONES  
Water Rights Supervisor

Enclosure

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CAL WHITTAKER  
PO BOX 10  
LEASORE ID 83464

RE: Water District No. #74-Z

Dear Mr. Whittaker:

We acknowledge receipt of the Minutes of the Annual Watermaster's Election Meeting held in your district. We still need to receive a signed and notarized Official Oath from your elected Watermaster before we can certify the Watermaster in your district.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Harold W. Jones*  
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Water Rights Supervisor

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Minutes of Water District 74-Z Annual Meeting held Monday, March 5, 2001  
at 2:35 P.M. at the Leadore EMT Building, Leadore, Idaho.

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The following members of the Water District were in attendance:

Ralph McRea  
Carl Ellsworth

James Whittaker  
Tom Udy

Bruce McConnell  
Cal Whittaker

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

In the matter of a budget for the coming year, after reviewing the Watermaster's year 2001 Proposed Budget and some further discussion, it was decided to adopt a budget of \$5028.00. A motion was made to this effect, seconded and approved.

A motion was made 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 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 payment of the District's obligations.

In the matter of hiring a watermaster for the 2001 season, a motion was made to keep and rehire Richard Moll as Watermaster. Seconded and unanimously approved.

No date was set to have the Watermaster go on and start measuring water, but may be signed on as early as April 1, 2001 if needed, at the request of one water user, in conformity with Idaho State law, and to serve until October 1, 2001, at which time he may be signed on to serve an additional length of time, but not to exceed October 31, 2001. Approved by the group.

Bruce McConnell has installed new water measuring devises and requests the Watermaster read and record the water measurements regularly.

Carl Ellsworth, whose first water right on Big Eight Mile Creek is at the end of the creek, said that as the water in the creek dropped last summer his water right ran short for several days even though the later rights on the upper creek were adjusted to compensate. It was suggested that in an exceptionally dry year like last year, when the creek is falling so fast, the watermaster turn plenty of water down the creek to bring the right up to par or more, and then if need be turn some water back into the later rights diversions.

Bruce McConnell requested that Ed Peterson's winter water right out of Lee Creek be turned off by April 1.

James Whittaker and Bruce McConnell were selected to; represent the district in the negotiation meetings of the Lemhi River water.

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It was proposed and approved 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 12:00 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 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 2001, it was proposed and approved to keep the same ones in office for another year. They are:

Bruce McConnell, Chairman  
Cal Whittaker, Secretary/Treasurer

Ralph McRea, Advisory Committee  
James Whittaker, Advisory Committee  
Tom Udy, Advisory Committee

A motion was made to have the amount of assessment to each water user as shown on the adopted 2001 budget become due and payable May 1, 2001, 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 3:20 P.M.

Signed Calvin Whittaker  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Water District 74-Z