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WATER DISTRICT 74-W 1999 WATER MEETING MINUTES

The annual meeting of Water District 74-W was called to order at 1:15 PM at the Leadore City Hall by Chairman Carl Ellsworth with seven members or representatives in attendance.

Chairman Ellsworth asked for the reading of the 1998 minutes by Secretary Judy Fayle. Beva Clark requested a correction to the minutes as she abstained from voting for the watermaster. James Whittaker made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Tex Kauer seconds and the motion was passed.

Chairman Ellsworth asked for the financial report. Treasurer Fayle reported that the district had \$2,052.41 in the checking account as of January 29, 1999 and that we had earned \$63.68 in interest in 1998. James Whittaker made a motion to accept the financial report. Tex Kauer seconds and the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

ADVISORY BOARD: Chairman Ellsworth called for nominations to be open to elect the advisory board. Harry Coleman made a motion to retain the current advisory board consisting of James Whittaker, Merrill Beyeler and Jim Dartt. Kurt Bird seconds. With no other nominations the election is closed. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

INTEREST: James Whittaker made a motion to retain the current interest rate of 10% on unpaid water monies. Kurt Bird seconds and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

FINANCIAL: Secretary Fayle informed the members that the 1998 dividends from the Workman's Comp policy had been rolled over to the 1999 payment leaving a balance due of \$214.20. Which she paid February 24, 1999. The only outstanding water bill was \$4.23 owed by Dan and Ruth Smith. Also that Bill Robison had a credit of \$48.93 that should be returned to him for he's sold his ranch. Bill will be sent his refund.

RESOLUTIONS: Upon reviewing the resolutions it was noticed the October 15th date on the last resolution should actually be November 1st. James Whittaker made a motion to correct the date to November 1st. Tex Kauer seconds the motion and it passed by unanimous vote. The resolution now reads, " That the watermaster can be signed on by one user anytime after April 1st, or is automatically on duty May 1st, to serve until October 1st, after which time he can be signed on until November 1st, at the request of one water user."

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE: Kurt Bird made a motion to elect the advisory board consisting of James Whittaker, Merrill Beyeler and Jim Dartt as the credential committee. Harry Coleman seconds and the motion passed.

BUDGET: In 1998 the State Legislature passed a bill that the Water Districts could change the format for which it bills it's water users. Instead of using the five year average and the credit/debits we could bill for the actual water usage for the year. One way of doing this is to assess the water users a one time assessment that would be collected in the spring to use for the seasons expenses then bill the users in the fall for the actual amount owed instead of an estimated amount proposed. In our case we would need to assess our member approximately \$8,000.00 in the spring to cover the seasons expenses. This would be done by using the five year average divided into the amount of money assessed. Each user would be given a copy of the amounts assessed and this money would belong to the users, including the interest earned. In the fall we would bill the water users for the actual cost of the amount of the water used as determined by the seasons expenses to recoup the monies spend and bring the funds back up to the \$8,000.00. This would eliminate all of the credits and debits and would be a more efficient way of assessing water bills. After much discussion it was decided to table this matter until it could be investigated further. For this season we would remain with the old way.

The budget for the 1999 season was proposed at \$7742.00 less the carry over in the checking account and the credit/debit adjustments for a adopted budget of \$5940.20. Kurt Bird made a motion to accept the adopted budget. Tex Kauer seconds and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

WATERMASTER: Dan and Kelly Smith were the only applicants for the watermaster position. Harry Coleman made a motion to retain Dan and Kelly Smith as watermaster of Water District 74-W for the 1999 season. Tex Kauer seconds. Chairman Ellsworth called for any other nominations. With no other nominations the motion was put to vote. When the votes were counted there was six Yea's and one Nay. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY/TREASURER: James Whittaker made a motion in re-elect Carl Ellsworth as chairman for 1999. Harry Coleman seconds and the motion was unanimously passed. Secretary Fayle had submitted her resignation last fall to Chairman Ellsworth but had recommended Aleta Johnson as her replacement. James Whittaker made a motion to elect Aleta Johnson as the secretary/treasurer for the 1999 season. Harry Colman seconds and the motion passed.

FIXED WAGES FOR WATERMASTER AND SECRETARY/TREASURER: Harry Coleman made a motion to retain the same wages for the watermasters and the secretary/treasurer as were paid last year. To the watermasters a total of \$500.00 salary and \$500.00 equipment rental per month and to the secretary/treasurer \$250.00 plus \$50.00 for telephone and postage per year. Tex Kauer seconds and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

NOTIFICATION: Tex Kauer made a motion to retain the current method of meeting notification - which by mail. Kurt Bird seconds and the motion passed

MAINTENANCE: Beaver dams on Timber, Little Timber and Hawley Creek were discussed. A 1997 committee consisting of Harry Coleman, James Whittaker, Jim Dartt and Lance Lyon was asked to oversee the project along with the advisory board.

With no old business to discuss and having concluded all business of Water District 74-W, Chairman Ellsworth adjourned the meeting a 2:12 PM.

Water users and/or representatives in attendance were:

Carl Ellsworth
Beva Clark
Harry Coleman
Kurt Bird

James Whittaker
Jim Dartt
Tex Kauer

Respectfully submitted,



Judy Fayle
Outgoing Secretary/Treasurer

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RETAINED RESOLUTIONS & MOTIONS FROM 1991 MINUTES
WITH REVISIONS FROM THE 1994, 1995, 1996 and 1999 MINUTES.

That the secretary be paid \$250.00 per year, plus \$50.00 for telephone and postage.

That the watermaster be paid \$1,000.00 per month; \$500.00 wages, \$500.00 equipment rental, withholding \$50.00 per month until end of season, at which time if all paperwork and reports are turned in to the secretary and okayed for being turned in to the State Department of Water Resources, the watermaster shall receive the \$50.00 per month withheld, or the sum total of \$325.00. If the paperwork and reports are not completed, and the secretary has to finish them, then the secretary will receive the withheld \$50.00 per month, up to the sum of \$325.00.

That the watermaster, one advisory board member and one user of that creek get together and go up that creek and locate all headgates and weirs, so that there will be no question on that creek, of order and locations of said headgates and weirs.

That the amounts payable by each water user be shown in the adopted budget become due and payable May 1st. Said amounts, if not so paid, shall bear interest at the rate of 10% when paid, until paid. That the Lemhi County Treasurer will bill and collect funds for Water District 74-W.

That the watermaster can be signed on by one user anytime after April 1st, or is automatically on duty May 1st, to serve until October 1st, after which time he can be signed on until November 1st, at the request of one water user.