

1994

The annual meeting of Water District 67-A was called to order by Lawson Howland at 1;30 P.M. on Monday, Jan. 24, 94.

Lawson Howland and Whitney Voermans were retained as chairman and secretary-treasurer respectively for 94.

The minutes were read and approved. Balance in the checking account is 333.74 with all bills and taxes paid.

The chairman appointed Bob Voermans, Tom Green and Ralph Yantis to the Credentials Committee for 94.

David Birchard gave a water report for 93 and the proposed budget for 94 which is the same as 93. This charges 15¢ per CFPS with a minimum of \$5.00.

David Birchard was reelected as watermaster for the 94 season.

Lawson introduced Steve Lester of the Idaho Dept. of Water Resources. He spoke on the importance of lockable headgates and mentioned the possibility of having our meeting the same day as District 67. He also left information on procedure for solving water problems.

Nominations for Advisory Committee were opened but a motion was made and seconded that we retain the members from last year. They are Larry Anderson, Tony Morgensen and Brock Robbins.

Next years meeting will be the fourth Monday in Jan. in the afternoon. The meeting adjourned at 3P.M.

Respectfully,



Whitney Voermans

Sec.-Treas.



Lawson Howland

Chairman

WATER DISTRICT 67-A

Statement of Revenue, expenses
and changes in Fund Balance
For the ended December 31, 1993
^{year}

REVENUES:

Assesments	\$2492.98
Interest	<u>41.75</u>
Total Revenues	2534.73

EXPENSES:

Watermaster Salary	3000.00
Watermaster Taxes	229.50
Sec.-Treas. Salary	125.00
Sec.-Treas. Taxes	9.56
Advertising(Legal Notice)	21.78
Meeting Room rental	<u>20.00</u>
Total Expenses	3405.84

Fund Balances-Beginning of year 1204.85

Fund Balances-Beginning of year 333.74

Net change in Balance -(871.11)

Note: The \$871.11 drop from beginning to ending balance is caused by the 93 water budget being collected by the county in Dec. 93 and June 94 and those moneies will not be realized in our account until late in 94.

Water Users AT 94 Meeting

BOB VOERMANS
TOM GREEN
LAWSON HOWLAND
WHITNEY VOERMANS
FERN LITTLE
WANNA BELLE CORIELL
JOAN COULTER
ERMALEE COULTER
DAVID BIRCHARD
ALLEN BUCHANON
HATTIE NELSON
JO THOMASON
LISA SHINE
JOE HOLMES
RICHARD KRETTEN
DALE MCKEE
BRENT MCKEE
ROYCE SCHWENKFELDER
ISSAC WARD
DEAN DUNHAM
SCOTTI YANTIS
RALPH YANTIS
STEVE LESTER IDWR

Watermaster Report for Water District 67A

The 1993 irrigation season was an enjoyable and rewarding experience for me. As a person who was new to the area and with little knowledge of water control and management, I was somewhat apprehensive as I undertook the responsibilities of watermaster. This apprehension quickly evaporated as I became acquainted with the people of this district. I received the full cooperation and help from everyone I came in contact with. They were all quite willing to share their experience and knowledge of our water system. This type of cooperation is a clear indication as to why this water district succeeds so well.

I was also fortunate to learn this system during a wet season--one of the wettest in recent years. In fact, the Little Weiser had some water flow all summer long, which, I understand, hasn't happened for quite some time. The combination of a wet winter and spring and the coolest summer ever recorded, minimizing evaporation, allowed everyone to have plenty of water. The negative aspect of the wet weather was the damage done to the Little Weiser streambed.

In April I went to Boise for an all-day watermaster training session that was presented by the Idaho Department of Water Resources. This included a half day of classroom presentation and discussion on water rules, regulations and insights. The other half day was spent in the field learning water measuring techniques and the importance of the accuracy of same. This session was quite informative and helpful.

In June Steve Lester, then IDWR Water Rights Supervisor for the Western Region, came up from Boise and spent two full days with me. We visited every diversion point within the 67A water district, observing the type and condition of each headgate. Most of them were in good shape with two or three of them needing some repair or replacement.

I had a request from one water user on the Wilkerson-Mickey Ditch to solve some problems. I appointed Harold Soules to resolve this issue. He made some progress toward resolving this problem, but there is still more work to be done.

I received a phone call from an attorney in Boise who had a client wanting to purchase water rights in this area. I am not aware of anyone in this district that has excess water for sale.

I also received two applications for water rights of very minor amounts of water. I recommended approval on one and denial on the other.

I know the number of hours I spent throughout the summer would make my actual hourly wage rather small, however I attribute a lot of that time to my inexperience and my need to learn the proper way to manage the water for you. Therefore, I am recommending that the salary for watermaster remain the same for next year.

I am also recommending that when a new watermaster is elected, each elected ditch director make himself known to the watermaster for more effective control and distribution of the water to the end user.

My last recommendation is that the several headgates on the Little Weiser diversions that are in need of repair or replacement be taken care of, and that weirs, flumes or other devices that facilitate measuring water flow, need not be installed at this time. The continued excellent cooperation of all water users within the district allows the watermaster to properly distribute the water.

In summary, then, I want to thank each one who was so generous with his time in helping me make it through my first year, and hopefully 1994 will again find plenty of water for everyone.



David J. Birchard

January 1994