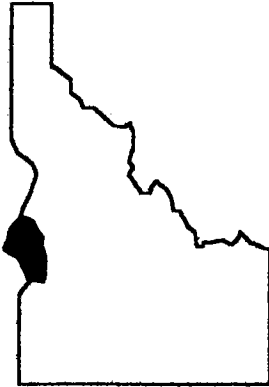


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# Water District 67

2165 Seid Creek Road  
Cambridge, ID 83610

Watermaster: Gerald Myers  
355-2345

Chairman: Milton Kerner  
549-2795

Secretary: Mary Ellen Pugh  
257-3790

## ANNUAL MEETING OF WATER DISTRICT NO. 67

FEBRUARY 14, 1994

The annual meeting of Water District 67 was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by Milton Kerner at Kay's Cafe on February 14, 1994.

The first order of business was to ask for nominations for chairman. A. G. Salfen nominated Milton Kerner, seconded by Robert Bumgarner. As no other nominations were made, Milton Kerner was elected chairman unanimously.

Wayne Johnson made a motion to elect Mary Ellen Pugh as secretary/treasurer which was seconded by Gail Van Tassell, and the motion carried.

The members of the Credential Committee appointed by the chairman are:

Butch Snorgrass  
John Sachtjen  
Laurie Chandler  
A. G. Salfen  
Harmon Horton  
Jim McQueen

Council  
Cambridge  
Monroe Creek  
Weiser  
Midvale  
Mann's Creek

Milton Kerner appointed an Advisory Committee for 1994 consisting of himself and:

Ladell Merk  
Randy Noah  
John Sachtjen  
Wendell Walker  
Harmon Horton

Council  
Cambridge  
Cambridge  
Sunnyside  
Midvale

Jim McQueen  
Laurie Chandler  
A. G. Salfen  
Wayne Johnson

Mann's Creek  
Monroe Creek  
Weiser  
Institute Ditch

Wayne Johnson introduced Sherl Chapman from the Idaho Water Users Association. Sherl stated that the Idaho Water Users Association is an statewide organization representing diverse water users, including individuals, irrigation districts and canal companies, dedicated to the protection of water rights for Idaho and its citizens. This organization supports water for agricultural purposes and is against exporting water.

This organization deals with statewide issues and has three main functions:

--Lobbying is the primary function both on the national and state level. An executive committee determines the stance taken on issues. Currently Idaho is growing so quickly there is a lot of pressure for water so water rights need to be protected.

--Education is the key to the future and Idaho Water Users Association has developed various education programs for children from third grade on to understand the need for water to produce food. These materials are available for use.

--Communication is another important function of the organization and they produce bulletins, newsletters and legislative reports to help keep their members informed. They also offer workshops which have been very beneficial to those involved.

Sherl stated the dues are 11 cents an irrigated acre; and for those who have already joined and would also be covered under Water District 67 their dues would be refunded. He also indicated that the association provides group liability insurance for irrigation and canal companies.

The floor was next opened for questions and answers. Sherl stated that their organization works closely with all agricultural agencies and organizations so that together they present a united front on agricultural issues. They support readjudication and presently are trying to force the federal government in to paying their share.

Anyone who like to be on the mailing list of the Idaho Water Users Association can submit their name and address to Mary Ellen by March 15 and she in turn will send the list for our water district to Sherl.

Milton Kerner questioned whether it was legal to charge members a tax to join this organization. Wendell Walker had checked into this issue beforehand and indicated that if the cost was incorporated into the budget and approved by members, there would not be a problem. Dave Tuthill from the Department of Water Resources also indicated there would be no problem from their point of view.

Therefore, Gerald Myers presented the proposed budget for 1994. There was little discussion of the budget except for unemployment. The district has had a few claims in the past and we currently wondering what the best approach would be. Mary Ellen Pugh stated that the Department of Employment now considers the water district a cost reimbursement employer meaning that the water district pay all unemployment costs. It could be possible to change to a rated employer and pay 2.1% of the gross payroll each quarter not to exceed 5.4% maximum. Robert Bumgarner made a motion to study the situation further and have Jerry and Mary Ellen handle it as best they can. Wayne Johnson seconded the motion and it carried.

Some users present were disgruntled with the high cost of doing business. Dave Tuthill mentioned that on the Bruneau River they don't even have a watermaster--all the users cooperate and it works fine. There is no requirement for a watermaster; however in the case of a disagreement over water it is important to have a means to deliver water. If a system breaks down and needs a legal entity to deliver water, there needs to be someone with authority to deliver it.

A. G. Salfen made a motion to accept the proposed budget as is and this was seconded by Robert Bumgarner. As there was no further discussion, the motion carried. The budget is attached to the minutes as Exhibit A.

Wayne Johnson made a motion to elect Gerald Myers as watermaster for 1994, seconded by John Sachtjen; and the motion carried.

Robert Bumgarner made a motion to notify Washing and Adams Counties to collect the money for Water District 67 through the tax system and send it to the district. Wendell Walker seconded this motion, and it carried unanimously.

Dave Tuthill reported a few items of interest. The governor has proposed that the Department of Water Resources and the Department of Environmental Quality be combined to make the Department of Water and Environment. As with any issue there are pros and cons. On the one hand one department could operate more efficiently and with fewer people; however, a director of a combined department may have different priorities. Joe Jordan said he had written a letter recently indicating that the qualifications for a director include experience in natural resources and administration. This is an issue the Idaho Water Users Association will follow.

Dave also mentioned a court case in eastern Idaho involving well water and surface water. The Department had always considered these two separate sources of water; however, now the court has asked them to set up conjunctive management rules since this case will set a precedent for the state. Therefore, an advisory committee will be meeting in Weiser at the courthouse on March 24 at 1 p.m. to receive public input.

In regards to readjudication, funding is currently a problem as mentioned earlier because the federal government is not paying filing fees. So the outcome of readjudication remains

to be seen; however, Dave said that the areas where readjudication has been complete, the users are generally pleased.

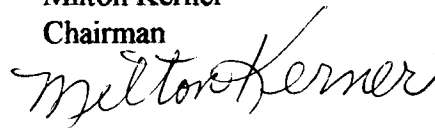
John Sachtjen made a motion to hold the next annual meeting for Water District 67 on Monday, February 6, 1995 at 1 p.m. at Kay's Cafe and to pay the cafe \$25 for the use of their room. Gail Van Tassell seconded this motion and the motion carried. Wendell Walker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Wayne Johnson. The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m. The following people attended the meeting:

John Sachtjen	Paul Stricker	John Leewallen
Lloyd Roberts	Wayne Johnson	Harmon Horton
Joe Jordan	Jim McQueen	Ladell Merk
Gerald Myers	Milton Kerner	Mary Ellen Pugh
Bert Pattee	Gail Van Tassell	A. G. Salfen
Thomas Hubbard	Vernon Lolley	Wendell Walker
Robert Bumgarner	Darin Weekes	Jerry Jaeger
Kermit Wiggins	Roy Mink	Judy Boyle
Hubert Ward	John and Shirley Attebury	Clara Edwards
Dave Tuthill	Sherl Chapman	

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Pugh  
Secretary/Treasurer

Milton Kerner  
Chairman



Attachments

cc: Adams County  
Department of Water Resources  
Gerald Myers  
Washington County

**WATERMASTER'S PROPOSED BUDGET 1994**

**WATER DISTRICT 67**

	1993 Proposed Budget	1993 Actual Budget	1994 Proposed Budget
Watermaster Salary	10,200.00	10,000.00	10,200.00
Deputies Salaries	7,500.00	7,325.00	7,500.00
Secretary Salary	600.00	600.00	600.00
Audit	300.00		
State Insurance Fund	600.00	1,090.93	1,300.00
Insurance Bond	100.00	100.00	100.00
Telephone	200.00	84.36	200.00
Social Security	1,400.00	1,336.90	1,400.00
Miscellaneous	160.00	108.31	150.00
Unemployment		536.64	659.00
Mileage	3,500.00	1,449.50	3,500.00
Water Association Fee (11 cents per acre) (12 cents for 1995)			3,000.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<u>24,610.00</u>	<u>22,631.46</u>	<u>28,609.00</u>

**RECEIVABLES 1993**

Washington County	24,589.03
Adams County	3,629.46
Interest	388.31
<b>TOTALS</b>	<u>28,606.80</u>

Ending Balance for 1993	24,483.07
Assessment for 1994	
43,800.96 inches at 50 cents	21,900.48
Minimum charge \$7.50	1,523.00
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TOTAL	23,423.48