

# Water District No. 65

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## Meeting Minutes Annual Meeting of Water District No 65

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**Date:** January 7, 2003

**Time:** 2:00 p.m.

**Place:** Senior Citizen's Hall New Plymouth, Idaho

**Attending:** Dennis Lammey, Chuck Pollock, Mike Bankhead, Jerold Greg USBR, Robert Henggeler, Burl Hanes, Tim Mills, Warner C Mills, Ken Mineard, Norman Collinsworth, Roy Maxwell, Rick York, Ronald Hart, J.S. Walker, Roland Arent, Marcia Herr, Timothy Folke CPA, Jim Standley, Rick Wells USBR, Michael McEvoy, Marvin Proehl, Maynard Potter, Pamela Pace IDWR, Garth Newton IDWR, Karl Dreher, Director, IDWR, Dan Surmeier, C Eugene Parks, and Ron Shurtleff

**Opening Remarks:** Vice Chairman Michael McEvoy welcomed those in attendance and introduced the guests, Karl Dreher Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources, Pamela Pace, Technical Hydrologist IDWR, Garth Newton Section, Supervisor IDWR, Jerold Gregg USBR, and Richard Wells USBR.

**Financial Report:** Vice Chairman McEvoy then introduced Tim Folke, CPA, who presented the audited financial statements of Water District No. 65 to the group. This was the fifth year District financial records had been thoroughly audited. All accounts were within budget for the year. Mr. Folke reviewed the financial statement and stated that the financial statements accurately represented the financial position of Water District No. 65. Mr. Folke stated that 2002 had been a good financial year for the District. Noting that expenses had been lower and revenues had been greater than expected. Mr. Folke suggested that the District engage in a more aggressive cost share police to insure that the revenues are put to beneficial use and the facilities of the district are well maintained and improved. Mr. Folke also stated that the New Watermaster, Ron Shurtleff had been given a large task when he was given the financial responsibilities of the District. He reported that Ron had performed well and that the accounting is in good condition. **Dennis Lammey moved, Michael McEvoy seconded, to accept the audit report as presented. Motion Carried.**

Chairman Gene Parks joined the meeting at this time and asked for the reading of the 2002 Annual Minutes

**Minutes Approved:** The 2002 Annual Meeting Minutes were presented in written form to those in attendance and read to the group by Watermaster Ron Shurtleff. **Dennis Lammey moved, Michael McEvoy seconded, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.**

**Karl Dreher, IDWR:** Chairman Parks introduced Karl Dreher, Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources. Mr. Dreher thanked Mr. Parks for the opportunity to address the group. Mr. Dreher said that he would report on the structure of the State Water Bank. The Water Bank was created and derives its authority by the Legislative statutes of 1979. The state has only one water bank with several branch offices that are made up within the different water districts throughout the state. The Statutes that created the water bank give the Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources the authority to approve or reject any water rental within the state. The statutes also give the operation assignment to the Idaho Water Resource Board who in turn may appoint a local Advisory Committee within a water district. In Summary the Water bank is governed by the Statutes that created it, the Idaho Water Resource board is assigned the

authority to administer the water bank rules, and may approve an advisory committee to administer the rental pool procedures.

Karl Dreher also reported on an event that happened in Water District 37 where the watermaster had operated outside of his authority by altering the course of a wetland waterway and that the Idaho Department of Water Resources was not capable of protecting the watermaster from litigation since he was acting outside of the authority of watermaster

Mr Dreher was asked how the Adjudication of the Snake River Basin is progressing, and he responded that the to Date the Snake River Basin Adjudication in the largest River to be adjudicated and that it is in the lead as far as its nearness to completion

**River Operations Report:** Chairman Gene Parks introduced Pamela Pace IDWR to give a report of the river operations for the 2002 water year. Pam displayed graphs comparing the two years prior to 2002. Pam showed the river flows at Horseshoe Bend and demonstrated the relationship between actual flow, natural flow, and stored flow. She also displayed charts illustrating the differences over the last ten years in the amount of stored flow passing Letha. Pam showed reservoir contents for both Cascade and Deadwood Reservoirs and the size relationship between the storage facilities. Pam showed charts illustrating the evaporational loss that was slightly below the average, and Operational Loss that was well below the average. Pam displayed the carryover amounts by reservoir and water user, and concluded with the storage reconciliation that showed that the water accounting for the 2002 water year was within reasonable tolerances.

**Rental Pool and Cost Share Report:** Ron Shurtleff gave a report on the rental pool activity for the 2002 water he showed how the Payette River had been the major contributor to the salmon flow augmentation, by renting 56% of the water that was acquired for augmentation. Ron showed the breakdown by company and also the portion of the fish water that was being held till the April release time. Ron also reported on the water quality and facility improvement projects that had been conducted over the past year, He reported on the new projects that are in the plans for the 2003 year, and reported that the good financial condition of the district should allow the cost share program to be well funded this next year.

**2003 Water Year Forecast:** Richard Wells, USBR River Operations Manager gave a report on the present conditions of the Payette River Watershed. He reported that even though the year had gotten off to a very slow start, the last few storms had allowed the watershed to reach a condition that is very near to the 30-year average for this time in the season. Mr. Wells presented charts that demonstrated that the snow levels at Secesh, Jackson Peak and Big Creek are below the average however the snow is very wet this year bringing the snow water equivalent to near and in some places a little above the normal for this date. Rick reported that the fill predictions are that Cascade Reservoir will fill this year, and that if the remainder of the season follows normal trends that the Deadwood Reservoir will also reach a full condition this year. Mr Wells concluded by saying that it is still very early in the water year, and that predictions made this early in the year can become very inaccurate if the weather does not follow normal trends for the remainder of the snow season

**Nomination Committee Report:** Marcia Herr, Member of the Water District No. 65 Nominating Committee presented the committee report to the district membership, a list of which is attached to these minutes. Marcia reported that the committee is submitting the following nominees to serve as the officers of the Advisory Board for the 2003 year.

Nominated for **Chairman, C. Eugene Parks.**

Nominated for **Vice Chairman, Michael McEvoy.**

Nominated for **Secretary, George McClelland.**

Nominated for **Treasure, C. Eugene Parks.**

**Advisory Board Member list Review:** Maynard Potter ask if the district had a policy that limited the number of voting members for each company and if it is related to the size of the entity. He noted that some of the very small irrigation companies had two members listed while some of the larger companies had only one member and one alternate member. Robert Henggeler said that in the past they have been pleased

to have every person with an interest in the district to become active, he noted that as important as this water district business is, that there are a surprisingly small number of people that are willing to become active. Mr Henggeler agreed that the advisory board should address the subject of members per entity, and insure that there is equity to each company as it pertains to members, and alternate members

**Budget Committee Report:** C Eugene Parks, Chairman of the Water District No. 65 Budget Committee presented the budget to those in attendance Gene explained the work sheet that the advisory board had used while setting the figures for the proposed budget. Mr Parks showed the approved 2002 budget, and how actual income and expenses for the past year compared to the budget. Gene reported that actual income and expense figures were considered when the committee set the figures within the 2003 proposed budget. Gene read the budget line by line and then asked if there were any questions. George McClelland suggested that with the current financial condition of the district that it may be wise to increase the cost share budget to allow for more improvement projects **George McClelland moved and Jim Standley seconded to increase the "Facility improvement incentive program" budgeted item from the presented amount of \$70,000 to an increased amount of \$100,000. Motion carried.** A copy of the budget is attached to these minutes.

Robert Henggeler mentioned that in the past there has been a limit of \$10,000 per Facility Improvement Project set by resolution, and he suggested that this might be restrictive to some of the projects that would be considered by the larger companies. After some discussion, **Robert Henggeler moved and Maynard Potter seconded to raise the cost share limit set in resolution No. 9 from the current \$10,000 to an increased amount of \$15,000. Motion Carried.**

**Adoption of Resolutions:** Chairman Parks asked everyone to refer to the resolutions as they have been presented and amended Gene then asked Ron to read the resolutions so that they may be acted upon.

Resolution No. 1 was read. **Dennis Lammey moved and Jim Standley seconded to adopt Resolution No. 1. Motion Carried.**

Resolution No. 2 was read. **Marvin Proehl move and Mike Bankhead seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2. Motion Carried.**

Resolution No.3 was read **Maynard Potter moved and Dennis Lammey seconded to adopt Resolution No. 3 Motion Carried.**

Resolution No. 4 was read **Dennis Lammey moved and Marcia Herr seconded to adopt Resolution No.4. Motion Carried.**

Resolution No. 5 was read. **Dennis Lammey moved and Mike Bankhead seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5. Motion Carried.**

Resolution No. 6 was read **Dennis Lammey moved and Jim Standley seconded to adopt Resolution No. 6. Motion Carried.**

Resolution No. 7 was read **Dennis Lammey moved and Marcia Herr seconded to adopt Resolution No. 7. Motion Carried.**

Resolution No. 8 was read. **Dennis Lammey moved and Mike Bankhead seconded to adopt Resolution No. 8. Motion Carried.**

Resolution No. 9 was read. **Dennis Lammey moved and George McClelland seconded to adopt Resolution No. 9 as amended at this meeting. Motion carried.**

Resolution No. 10 was read. **Chuck Pollock moved and Dennis Lammey seconded to adopt Resolution No. 10. Motion Carried.**

Resolution No. 11 was read **Dennis Lamme**y moved and **Chuck Pollock** seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 11. Motion Carried.**

Resolution No. 12 was read **Jim Standley** moved and **Dennis Lamme**y seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 12. Motion Carried.**

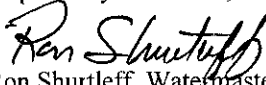
Resolution No. 13 was read **Dennis Lamme**y moved and **Mike Bankhead** seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 13. Motion Carried.**

Resolution No. 14 was read. **George McClelland** moved and **Mike Bankhead** seconded that the **Resolution No. 14 not be adopted, as it is not necessary. Motion Carried.**

**Closing Remarks:** Chairman Parks thanked everyone present for their attendance and participation, and asked if there were any other subjects that should be considered at this meeting.

**Adjournment:** Seeing no further business Chairman Parks adjourned the 2003 Annual Meeting of Water District No. 65 at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Ron Shurtleff, Watermaster