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Meeting Minutes
Annual Meeting of Water District No 65

Date: January 14, 2004

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: Senior Citizen's Hall New Plymouth, Idaho

Attending: Norman J. Collinsworth, Rick York, Bill Collinsworth, Bob Mink, Joe Schmid, Jerry Gregg, Dennis Lammey, Dennis Heaps, Holly Hoff, Dean Charters, Marcia Herr, Rick Wells, Ryan Hedreck, Ken Mineard, Tim Mills, Warner C. Mills, Dick Hamilton, Ed Klinker, Byrl Hanes, Roy Maxwell, Marc Shigeta, Chuck Pollock, Mike Bankhead, Chad Henggeler, Dale Allen, C. Eugene Parks, George Colwell, Bill Burt, Jim Standley, Pam Pace, Garth Newton, Tim Folke, Ron Mio, Dan Surmeier, Joy Sisler, Shaun Parkinson, Gary Riley, Robert Henggeler, and Ron Shurtleff.

Opening Remarks: Chairman Gene Parks welcomed those in attendance and introduced guests, Pamela Pace, Technical Hydrologist IDWR, Garth Newton Section, Supervisor IDWR, Jerold Gregg USBR, Richard Wells USBR, Ryan Hedrek USBR, Shaun Parkinson, Idaho Power Co., Gary Riley Idaho Power Co. and Dale Allen Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

Minutes Approved: The 2003 Annual Meeting Minutes were presented in written form to those in attendance and read to the group by Watermaster Ron Shurtleff. **Dean Charters moved, Jim Standley seconded, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.**

Financial Report: Chairman Parks introduced Mr. Tim Folke, CPA, to present the audited financial statements for Water District No. 65 to the group. Mr. Folke stated that the Districts financial records had been audited for the past six years. Mr. Folke reviewed the financial statement and said that the financial statements accurately represented the financial position of Water District No. 65. Mr. Folke stated that 2003 had been a good financial year for the Water District. He explained the Statement of Assets and the Statement of Activities to those in attendance. Mr. Folke noted a \$28,276 positive change in assets for the 2003 year. Mr. Folke reported that there is no instance of noncompliance to the basic financial statement of the district. He stated that the financial reporting requirements of the District involve accounting for numerous transactions, contracts and agreements, and that no significant audit adjustments were required of the accounting records as provided by the district to the auditor. Mr. Folke concluded by stating the district is to be commended for such performance. He then asked if there were any questions that he might answer. There were no questions, and **Dennis Lammey moved, Michael McEvoy seconded, to accept the audit report as presented. Motion Carried.**

Idaho Power Cloud Seeding Operation: Chairman Gene Parks introduced Mr. Shaun Parkinson, Engineering leader for the Idaho Powers Companies cloud seeding operation. Mr. Parkinson explained that the Power Company has been interested in concept of cloud seeding to supplement the areas natural precipitation levels. In 2001 the power company decided to use the Payette Basin as a demonstration project to evaluate the efficacy of seeding and the project. It was placed into operation in the winter of 2002. Mr. Parkinson stated that the goal of the power company was to increase the snowpack of a treated area by 10%. Idaho Power Company had determined that if this amount of an increase could be achieved that the project of cloud seeding could become worth while.

Mr. Parkinson introduced Mr. Gary Riley, Senior Meteorologist of Water Management for the Idaho Power Company. Mr. Riley gave a presentation of how the seeding operations are conducted. He showed photos

of the Aircraft that are used to perform the seeding as well as Ground Tower Generators that are used in the process. Mr. Riley also gave a demonstration of how the snow can be analyzed to determine if it has been created naturally, or induced by the seeding operation. Mr. Riley explained that this is one method of determining if the seeding operation is in fact adding to the snow pack within the treated area. He commented that there are times when the actual effects of the seeding are not experienced until many miles down wind of the actual seeding operation. This adds difficulties in determining the amount of effect that is actually produced. He concluded by stating that even though there is strong evidence that the seeding operation is adding snowfall to the treated areas there is no hard evidence that the experiment has met the goal amount of a 10% increase. Mr. Riley also indicated that the Power Company is aware of the controversial aspects of cloud seeding and commented that in their experience so far there has been no negative reactions to their work in the Payette Basin.

Cascade Drawdown Update: Chairman Gene Parks introduced Mr. Dale Allen from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. Mr. Allen reported on the status of the plans of the Department of Fish and Game to drain Cascade Reservoir. The purpose is to get rid of the undesirable fish in the lake that are preying on the Yellow Perch and destroying that population. He stated that the plan would include draining the reservoir to the smallest remaining pool as possible and then treating that pool with a chemical to eliminate all of the remaining fish. The reservoir would then be refilled and restocked with the more desirable, Yellow Perch, Trout and Small Mouth Bass. The process would require changes in the operations of the Cascade Reservoir, and likely Deadwood Reservoir. Fish and game has requested the Bureau of Reclamation to allow the changes of operation. This required the Bureau of Reclamation to conduct an environmental impact study that was started in July. The Bureau is currently in the process of evaluating the results of computer modeling of the various operations to determine if the draining procedure could be completed without injury to the irrigators or other water users on the river. Mr. Allen stated that the irrigators had entered a statement of opposition to the draining of the reservoir. They had also included several points of concern if the process of draining was undertaken despite their opposition. Mr. Allen stated that the Department of Fish and Game remains committed to the project and considers the draining process to be the most effective of all of the treatments that have been considered. He also said that the Department of Fish and Game is waiting to learn the results of the computer modeling projections to make their final decision as whether the project will be implemented. He also stated that if the department does decide to follow through with the draining procedure that it would not likely happen before the year of 2005.

River Operations Report: Chairman Gene Parks introduced Pamela Pace IDWR to give a report of the river operations for the 2003 water year. Pam referred the attendees to the graphs in the information packets. She started with a comparison of the snow pillow at The Brundage Reservoir Snotel site. The graph showed the relationship of the snowpack compared to the previous four years. The graph indicated that the 2003 year ranked well above all but the record water year of 1999. The next graph compared the Natural flow, Actual Flow and Stored Flow of the water passing the gaging station at the Horseshoe Bend site. Pam commented that the natural flow indicated by the graph indicates how the river flow would have been if there were no reservoirs or diversions in the system. Pam then showed the relationship of the Natural Flows at Horseshoe Bend for the 2003 year compared to the previous four years. Pam also showed the Reservoir Evaporation Loss comparison over a ten year period as well as the Operational Loss comparison for that same period of time. Pam also presented data in graph and numerical form showing the Storage Usage. Ms. Pace reported that the carryover storage by the irrigators equaled 106,000 acre-feet for the 2003 year, and her graphic representations indicated how the carryovers were distributed both by individual company and the reservoirs that are holding the carryovers.

2003 Water Year Forecast: Chairman Parks introduced Mr. Richard Wells, USBR River Operations Manager. Mr. Wells presented to the group several charts depicting the current snow conditions at the Snotel sites within the Payette Basin. The charts indicated that the Payette Watershed conditions are near normal to slightly ahead of normal for this date as compared to the 30 year average. Mr. Wells emphasized however that predictions made at this early stage in the winter are subject to change since there is plenty of time remaining to have a substantial effect on the total water forecast. Mr. Wells showed weather prediction maps that indicated the Payette River Watershed Area is expected to receive normal precipitations levels for the remainder of the winter season. With this favorable forecast Mr. Wells

predicted that the basin should expect a water year with runoff projections slightly higher than were experienced in the 2003 water year.

Rental Pool and Cost Share Report: Chairman Parks introduced Ron Shurtleff, Watermaster to give a report on the rental pool activity for the 2003 water year. Ron showed that for the second year the Payette River had been the major contributor to the salmon flow augmentation, by renting 58% of the 283,320 acre-feet of water that was acquired for augmentation. Ron showed the breakdown between the Bureau of Reclamation and the irrigators. He also reported the contributions to the rental pool by company for both In Basin and out of Basin Rentals.

Ron reported that the district had budgeted \$100,000 for Facility Improvement Cost Share incentives in the 2003 year. A total of nineteen projects had been approved for funding which results to \$96,636 returned to the district in the form of Cost Share Incentives. Ron presented photographs of all the projects, some projects are currently in progress and are scheduled to be completed and be ready for use in 2004. Ron also reported that the Water Quality Cost Share Program had returned \$2,400 to the District in the form of water quality testing cost share payments.

Nomination Committee Report: Jim Standley, committee member, of the nominating committee presented the report to the district membership, a list of which is attached to these minutes. Jim reported that the committee is submitting the following names as nominees to serve as the officers of the Advisory Board for the 2003 year.

Nominated for **Chairman, Michael McEvoy.**

Nominated for **Vice Chairman, George McClelland.**

Nominated for **Secretary, Dean Charters.**

Nominated for **Treasure, Michael McEvoy.**

Chairman Parks thanked Mr. Standley for the report from the nominations committee, and asked if there were any nominations to come from the floor. Seeing no further nominations, **Marcia Herr moved that the nominations cease and that a unanimous ballot be cast for the slate of officers as presented by the nominations committee to be elected by resolution. The motion was seconded by Chuck Pollock. Motion Carried.**

Budget Committee Report: Dean Charters, Chairman of the Water District's Budget Committee presented the budget to those in attendance. Mr. Charters explained that the budget committee had prepared a preliminary budget by using the 2003 actual income and expense figures and adding changes that were considered appropriate. The noteworthy changes included a raise to the watermasters and deputy watermasters salaries and the addition of category for internet service as well as a category for contributions. Dean then explained that this preliminary budget was presented to the advisory board at the December meeting. During that meeting the advisory board voted to forward the proposed budget to the Annual Meeting and recommend it for approval. Mr. Charters also reported that during the December advisory board meeting the board voted to a recommend that Resolution #9 which sets the payment limit on cost share projects should be set at \$20,000, a raise of \$5,000 over the 2003 year. Dean Charters then asked Ron Shurtleff to review the proposed budget item by item for those in attendance. **After the review Mr. Jim Standley moved to approve the 2004 budget as presented by the Budget Committee and make it (Attachment A) to Resolution #2 and further recommending it be adopted. The motion was seconded by Dennis Lammey. Motion Carried.**

Adoption of Resolutions: Chairman Parks asked those in attendance to refer to the Section of the information packets containing the Resolutions No. 1 through No. 13. Mr. Parks then asked Ron Shurtleff to explain any changes that have been made to the resolutions since last annual meeting. Ron pointed out that three changes were made to the resolutions, the first being the new 2004 budget, to be adopted in Resolution #2, the second being the new officers listed in Resolution #6 and the third being the increase of the cost share payment limit per project in Resolution #9, changing from \$15,000 to a \$20,000 limit.

Maynard Potter asked if it would be appropriate to adopt all thirteen resolutions with one motion since very few changes had been made and the few changes that were made had been fully addressed and had received prior agreement. Ron Shurtleff stated that he did not see any reason why this could not be accomplished, as long as everyone was aware of the fact that the one motion would accomplish all of the actions listed in the entire 13 resolutions. **Dennis Lammey moved and Dean Charters seconded to adopt all of the resolutions, No. 1 through resolution No. 13. Motion Carried.**

Closing Remarks: Chairman Parks asked if there was any further business to be brought before this Annual Meeting of the Water District No. 65. Mr. Parks then thanked everyone for their attendance and participation.

Adjournment: Seeing no further business Chairman Parks adjourned the 2004 Annual Meeting of Water District No. 65 at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron Shurtleff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ron Shurtleff, Watermaster

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Name	Address	Representing
Randy Colman		Farmers & Noble Ditch
Rudy York		FCI + Noble Ditch
Bill Colman		"
Bob Smith		Lower Payette Ditch Co.
Joe Schmidt		SUNNYSIDE FARM
Jerry Gregg		USBR
Don Lamb		B, C, F, D
Dennis Heaps		BCID
Jelly Hoff		Last Chance Ditch Co + Alaph Ditch
Drew Peterson		Last Chance Ditch Co
Marcia Lewis		Letha Spring
Mike Wells		USBR
Ryan Heber		USBR
NEW MINEARD		LOWER PAYETTE DITCH CO.
Tom Mills		Mills Mountain View Ranch
Joe Mills		MILLS MOUNTAIN VIEW RANCH
Rick Hamilton		F. C. I.
Ed Hunter		E I D.
Byrd Harris		Farmers Co-OP
Raymond		F. I. D.
MARC SHIGETA		NOBLE DITCH CO.
Chuck Peacock		Lower Payette
Mike Benedum		Independent
Chal Angelo		DEACK CANYON + FARMERS

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Dale Allen	McLean	IDFG
C. Englehardt	Emmett	EID
Geo. Colwell	New Plymouth	
Pell Burt	New Plymouth	
Jim Standley		EID
Pam Paul		FDWR
Ganthy Newton		FDWR
Trini Folbe	Marquette	Auditor
Ron Mis		Noble
Dan Sarmeier		BCID
Joy Sisen		SNDS
Shawn Parkinson		IPC
Gary Riley		IPC
Robert Henggeler		FCIC
Ron Shurtuff		WD 65 - LPDC