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Bancroft Lund water District
Annual Meeting
North Gem High School

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Christensen at 1.30 pm

Water master report was read; (attached):
The finance report was given and accepted:

Action I; that the water district assess \$0.50/ ac to fund the operations of the district,(this should fund the district for about 2years.) Moved by Chad Neibaur, seconded, motion passed.

Action II; that Craig Shuler be retained as water master; Moved by Kim Welch, seconded motion passed.

There was a discussion on how the water district could help, or, protect the water users in basin 29, the feeling of some of the members, that the purpose of the district is to only monitor the problem area, and that they are not receiving any benefit from the district that they are required to support financially. Roger offered to work with the water master to identify which wells to monitor and the frequency of the measurements. So that when questioned the water users would have some historical data to protect their claim.

Present; Dale Wistisen Sec. Treas., Bart Christensen, Chairman, Kim Welch, Eric Simonson, Pete Eliason, Phil Yost, David Modersitzki, Monte Yost, K.C. Jorgenson, Terry Rindlibaker, Chad Neibaur,
Idaho Department of Water Resources. W. Roger Warner.

Dist expenses 2003	Jan 1-2003	Jan 1-2004
Money on hand at start of year.....	\$2365.06	\$441.70
Craig Shuler..... Water master.....	\$816.73	\$1122.80
Dale WistisenSec. Treas.	\$500.00	\$500.00
Internal Revenue Service FICA.....	\$75.95	\$115.12
Idaho State Insurance Fund Worker Comp...\$300.		Due. July 1,04 \$300.00
Misc. postage and supplies		\$30.
Income due from water assessment.....		\$5583.00

Dale Wistisen Sec Treas.

P. S. there were monies collected and spent by the district and individuals in an attempt to resolve the Warren Lloyd complaint, that may have traveled thru the district's bank account, these monies were not part of the district's water assessment.

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December 28, 2003

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Dear Water Users,

The irrigation season for 2003 started for the Bancroft - Lund water district on May 24. Again this year, the starting depth of the control well on the Holsten property was lower at the start of 2003 than the end of the 2002 season in November; 2.54 feet to be exact.

I continued to measure seven wells on about a 16-day rotation as I had done in the past when the automated measuring devise was in use. Again this year the automated measuring devise was not used on the Holsten well. I didn't measure the Curtis Stoddard well because they drilled the well deeper and didn't install a measuring tube. Therefore, I measured Warren Lloyd's new well.

During the later part of August, I was instructed by the Idaho Department of Water Resources to conduct an informal survey of the water user opinions of well conditions in the water district. The majority opinion was that the water volumes were the lowest in 30 years, and they weren't able to irrigate in the fashion they were accustomed. Also those that were affected most had to drill their wells deeper, or drill new wells nearby to supplement the existing well. These users felt if they hadn't done so they wouldn't have had enough water to grow a crop.

Around the 1st of July, I was making my usual rounds and decided to check the Jorgensen north well. As I arrived I noticed someone cutting hay on the field with the pivot. I noticed to the north the wheel lines were not in use; however, the north Jorgensen pump was running. I thought this was strange and came back the next day and found the same result. I reported my observations to Cindy Bird at the local office on July 1st. We both checked out the situation and concluded water from the north Jorgensen well was being run west of Hegstrom Road. A notice of violation was issued on July 16, 2003.

I continued to measure wells throughout the summer, and observed for the first time the Holsten well to be below 80 feet. I made this same observation 5 different times during the season on this well. It's the lowest reading I've taken on this particular well since I started measuring in 1999.

Another interesting event was most of the wells dipped down in October and November from their mid - September reading. Usually by October and November I'm starting to see a gradual, sustained improvement in the water level. I don't know if this means anything, but it's certainly different than one would expect from past observations.

Again this year we dodged another bullet, and were able to squeak thru with enough water to get by. At the writing of this report, we've received some good moisture in the form of snow, and it appears there's a good chance for more. That bodes well for a better water year in the future.

I concluded my measuring activities on November 1st. Below is an itemized listing of time, travel, telephone and misc. supplies incurred while monitoring the Bancroft - Lund water district during 2003:

Travel 971.4 @ .42 = \$407.98

Labor 72 hours @ \$10.45 per hour = \$752.40

Locks, chains, and chalk = \$9.83

Telephone calls = \$10.15

Total \$ 1,180.36

- 57⁵⁰ FICA.

Sincerely,



Craig Shuler
Watermaster

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