

WHISKEY CREEK DISTRICT 13S
Water Meeting
March 13 2006

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Department of Water Resources
Eastern Region

Those in attendance:

Daniel Mickelson, Roger Mickelson, Charles Barlow, Blair Mickelson, Steve Tingey, Michael Tingey, Max Nichols, Teri Nichols, Dwight Aplanalp, Roger Warner, Angie Mendenhall, and Dwayne Mendenhall

Meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Daniel Mickelson, Chairman. Minutes from March 2005 meeting read and approved.

Nomination for Chairman for 2006:

Dwayne Mendenhall moved to retain Daniel. It was voted on and passed.

Nomination for Secretary:

Michael Tingey nominated Angie Mendenhall. It was seconded by Roger Mickelson. Voted on and passed.

Water Master Report:

There is still a need for owners to bring their water rights up to date. Many are still in names that date back several generations.

Dwight Aplanalp asked for advance notice and information on any diversions that are planned.

Daniel thanked Max Nichols for his work as Water Master.

Mickelson Ditch:

Is John Tedrow in compliance with assessment?

Daniel: Blair will follow up.

NRCS will increase their share by 15% toward the project if the work can be completed between 1 March – 30 June 2006.

Price would be \$4.50 per foot over what NRCS will allocate. Full price is approximately \$9.50 per foot.

It was suggested to fund this project thru water shares. It might be divided according to water users allotment of inches as follows:

John Tedrow	70 inches
Michael Tingey	155 inches
Charles Barlow	65 inches
Frank Swenson	34 inches

It seems the Govt. is approx. \$16,000 short on pipe plus labor. Charles wants to know who should pay this expense. Should it be the users or all who own Whiskey Creek shares?

Govt. will pay 4 ½ % of labor. EQUIP total cost of project is not known but will be approx. \$4.50 per foot.

Breakdown for 3,000 feet of pipe @ \$9.50 per foot would be \$28,500.

Max asked about approval letter from Govt. showing cost breakdown. Daniel has the letter in his possession.

Max state there are 1,428 inches of water and if we assessed \$10 per inch, we would raise approximately \$14,000.

Charles said if all users helped with expense, all would benefit.

Dwayne suggested that if this were adopted, it should apply to the piping of the Mickelson through the Mendenhall Ditch. This must be an ongoing cooperative project with the assessment continuing from start to finish. This may involve an assessment over three to seven years.

Roger Mickelson state that the cost of pipe has doubled since last year. This maybe a matter that we will need to look into.

Roger Warner (Water Resource Board): State receives payments from hydro projects and board oversees grants and loans made. They are good to work with and meet once a month and do low interest loans. I would encourage you to use their services.

Discussion on Assessment Amount:

Five dollars an inch would raise \$7,000, about half of amount needed. It was suggested that \$10 per inch may be a better solution. This assessment seems to be a good solution for additional projects in the future.

Angie made a motion to assess \$10 per inch of decreed water. Roger Mickelson seconded the motion. Voted and passed by all in attendance.

Michael made motion that the secretary sends invoices to individual owners. The county will continue to collect the \$280 paid to the Water Master and secretary. Blair seconded the motion. Voted on and passed.

We will function under Whiskey Creek District 13S and open a non-interest bearing checking account. Signers on the account would include the chairman, secretary, and the advisory committee (with two signatures).

Water Master:

Charles nominated Michael Tingey. Teri seconded Michael Tingey. Voted and passed.

Pipe Project:

Group to push this project. Daniel wants Charles, Frank, and himself (Daniel) to further this project.

Daniel stated that there is 50' at Daniel's need to be completed and 15" pipe is covered under same program.

Advisory Committee:

Blair, Frank, Dwayne

Motion Max: Put Blair on advisory committee.

Motion—Max—Advisory Committee: Blair, Frank, and Dwayne

Seconded—Michael

Voted and passed

Roger Warner—Dept Water Resources in IF passed out his business card.

-Can call him with question

-Not involved with?

-Water rights need to be updated. Many in past generation names.

Max: Is there someone who can help with specifics and forms to expedite the procedure?

Angie, Can Title Companies get help from your office? "Change of ownership Forms" are available from Roger.

Angie: Don't spend time looking for info on W.R. at court house. She can look it up for you much faster.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50.