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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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EASTERN REGION

February 2, 1998

PHILIP E. BATT
GOVERNOR

KARL J. DREHER
DIRECTOR

LOLA DAWN HERNANDEZ, Secretary
350 S 700 W
BLACKFOOT ID 83221

RE: Water District No. 27

Dear Ms. Hernandez:

We acknowledge receipt of the Minutes of the Annual Watermaster's Election Meeting held in your district.

Now we need the Oath of Office and Petition for Watermaster Services before the watermaster can be officially certified in your district.

Sincerely,

Harold W Jones
Harold W Jones *by SC*
Water Rights Supervisor

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Department of Water Resources
Eastern Region

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE WATERUSERS OF THE BLACKFOOT RIVER WATER DISTRICT #27
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO
HELD AT THE BINGHAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE, BLACKFOOT, IDAHO
JANUARY 26, 1998

In compliance with the statute of the State of Idaho, and pursuant to the written notice from the Department of Water Resources, Boise, Idaho, owners and users of adjudicated water rights met in the Bingham County Courthouse in Blackfoot, Idaho at 2:00 p.m., January 26, 1998.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m., by Chairman Vincent Reid.

Minutes of the meeting held January 13, 1997, were read. A motion by Zane Caldwell, seconded by Allan Oliver, to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

Minutes of two special meetings held with the county commissioners were read by secretary Lola Dawn Hernandez. This was concerning the Idaho Code section 42-619, effective January 1, 1997. A meeting was held in October of the board of directors for District # 27. The decision was made to send a letter to the commissioners stating we would like them to continue to bill and collect assessments for District #27. The commissioners agreed with this decision for this year.

The 1998 proposed budget was presented by Chairman Reid. A motion by Zane Caldwell, seconded by LaVerelle Stecklein, to approve the budget passed unanimously. The budget is as follows:

Watermaster's Salary	\$ 12,000.00
Caribou Collection Fees	35.00
Secretary	150.00
F.I.C.A.	920.00
Workman's Comp.	1,120.00
Fort Hall Expense	3,100.00
Milage	5,500.00
Misc.	675.00
Total Expenses	\$ 23,500.00

John Davidson explained the changes in the budget. He said all money for an assistant comes out of the water master's salary, and if he needs an assistant he will ask for one. So the salary was increased for the watermaster. Caribou county charges 4% for collecting the money.

A motion was made by Allan Oliver, seconded by LaVerelle Stecklein to retain the following in office: Chairman Vincent Reid, Secretary Lola Dawn Hernandez, the Advisory Board consisting of Francis Whitten

MINUTES-WATER DISTRICT #27 - 2
January 26, 1998

Vincent Reid, Allan Oliver, Keith Hunsaker and Layne Hamilton.
The voting was unanimous.

A motion by LaVerelle Stecklein, seconded by Layne Hamilton to
retain the same Fort Hall Agreement passed unanimously.

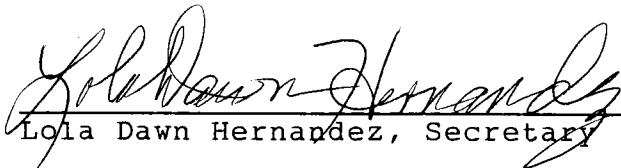
Harold Jones was asked about the adjudication and where we stand.
He said a partial decree on the stock and domestic rights for areas
29, 31, 32, 33 are being done now. We will be next. The irrigation
rights would be slower in coming.

Allan Oliver reported on the snow pack and said we are in pretty
good shape.

A motion by LaVerelle Stecklein, seconded by Layne Hamilton to ad-
journ the meeting at 2:34 p.m., passed unanimously.



Vincent Reid, Chairman



Lola Dawn Hernandez, Secretary

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SPECIAL MEETING OF DISTRICT # 27
COMMISSIONERS OFFICE
September 10, 1997

Kay Gneiting

Present: Commissioners Wayne Brower and George Katseanes. Board of directors: Vincent Reid, Keith Hunsaker, Layne Hamilton, Frances Whitten, Allan Oliver. Secretary Lola Dawn Hernandez and water master John Davidson.

Commissioner Katseanes said they were not familiar with the program of the Counties involvement with the billing and handling of the Water District # 27 and would like to know how and when the County became involved with it.

Commissioner Brower ask if we were a taxing district. President Reid stated that the funds come from the water assessments. All Blackfoot River drainages and water rights are involved.

Commissioner Brower ask how Fort Hall paid. Allan Oliver said the BIA project pays 60% .

Commissioner Katseanes said the County has been subsidizing the water master fund. John Davidson explained that when workman compensation jumped it caused a problem for a while but the assessments and funds did balance out. The budget for Dist. # 27 starts in January and the counties budget starts in October but the budget and assessments balance out. There was a \$501 deficit in August because payment by Fort Hall was late, but did come in.

We were asked to look in the by-laws for information and to contact Ron Carlson for information.

President Reid ask if it causes a hardship on the county staff. No answer was given by the commissioners. President Reid also said the water District was in place before the Fort Hall Project started.

Question was asked if any assessments were delinquent. John said a \$100 is past due.

Allan Oliver asked the commissioners where the money goes that is collected by the County. Commissioner Katseanes stated it went on salaries and other claims. Allan asked if the account was in an interest bearing account or trust fund. Commissioner Gneiting said it is in a checking account.

Commissioner Brower said he would talk to Harold Jones. John said he would talk to Harold Jones. John suggested the county heading be used on assessments then the county pay it back to us if we have to take this on ourselves.

Commissioner Katseanes said we need to get all the information first then decide what to do. A meeting was schedules for September 24 at 10:00 a.m. with the commissioners.

MEETING WITH THE COMMISSIONERS
September 24, 1997

Present: Commissioners Wayne Brower and George Katseanes. Board members: Francis Whitten, Allan Oliver, President Vincent Reid and Secretary Lola Dawn Hernandez

No one found out anything about when or why the County became involved with Dist # 27. Commissioner Katseanes suggested we meet together as a board and decide what we want them to do, then meet with them again.

Commissioner Brower tried to find in the Idaho Code the information that gives the County the right to not handle the billing for a water district, but couldn't find it.

Water District # 27 Board of Directors
Special Meeting
October 10, 1997

A special meeting of the board of directors was held October 10, 1997 at the Court house at 9:30 a.m.

Present: President Vincent Reid, Secretary Lola Dawn Hernandez, water master John Davidson, member Zane Caldwell, Board members: Allan Oliver, Keith Hunsaker, Francis Whitten, Layne Hamilton.

President Reid conducted and Lola Dawn read the copy of Idaho Code 42-619 which gives the County the right to discontinue billing and handling the water districts funds.

John Davidson felt the reason they wanted out was because the two budgets start at different times.

Allan Oliver made a motion we provide a copy of the code 42-619 to the Commissioners and request why it is a burden to the County to continue these services. Keith Hunsaker seconded the motion, all in favor.

A vote was taken to leave it the way it is at present. All in favor.

Allan Oliver asked who else the County collects for.

Lola Dawn to write up the motion and give it to the commissioners with the result of our decision.

Francis Whitten made a motion the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Allan Oliver, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:07

October 13, 1997

Bingham County Commissioners:
George Katseanes
Kay Gneiting
Wayne Brower

Gentlemen:

Water District # 27 Board of Directors held a meeting October 10th to vote on Commissioner Katseanes suggestion of what we want you to do with the billing and handling of the account for the water users.

A unanimous vote by the directors was in favor to have the County continue as they have been for Water District # 27.

If you decide to discontinue this service, the board of directors would like a written account of why this is an undue burden upon the County. (see Idaho Code 42-619)

The board appreciates the services you render and believe a continuation of such services is best for all concerned.

Sincerely,

Secretary