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JANUARY 24, 2002

LOLA DAWN HERNANDEZ
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BLACKFOOT ID 83221-5936

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. We still need to receive the Oath of Office from the watermaster to complete the certification process in your water district.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Harold W. Jones

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Water Rights Supervisor

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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 14, 2002

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 14, 2002.

Meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Advisory board member Vincent Reid.

Attending were: Sec./Treas., Lola Dawn Hernandez, Vincent Reid chairman, Watermaster John Davidson, Francis Whitten, Ralph Wheatley, Peggy Stolworthy, Elouise Hamilton, Zane Caldwell, Gary Pratt, Jan Mortensen, Keith Hunsaker, Merlin Yancey, Harvey Coffman, Allan Oliver, Clifford Buckskin, Bryce Fielding, Bob Simms, Ron Carlson, Eliese Teton, Layne Hamilton.

Minutes of the meeting held January 8, 2001 were read. A motion was made by Zane Caldwell they be accepted as read, seconded by Bryce Fielding. All in favor.

Copies of the financial statement were passed out. As there was no questions about it, Gary Pratt moved they be accepted, seconded by Merlin Yancey. All in favor.

The Proposed Budget was presented and discussed. A motion was made by Keith Hunsaker, seconded by Francis Whitten that it be accepted. All in favor.

A motion was made by Zane Caldwell that we retain Vincent Reid as chairman. Bryce Fielding seconded the motion. All in favor.

A motion was made by Francis Whitten, seconded by Allan Oliver, that we retain Lola Dawn Hernandez as Sec./Treas. All in favor.

A motion was made by Francis Whitten, seconded by Zane Caldwell that John Davidson be retained as water master. All in favor.

The current advisory board consists of Francis Whitten, Keith Hunsaker, Vincent Reid, Allan Oliver, and Layne Hamilton. A motion was made by Gary Pratt, seconded by Zane Caldwell the board be retained. All in favor.

As the Fort Hall Agreement was read at the last meeting a motion was made by Layne Hamilton, seconded by Merlin Yancey this agreement be accepted. All in favor.

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The Secretary asked about having by-laws. Ron Carlson explained that Water Districts don't have by-laws. They make resolutions as they are only good for one year. The Fort Hall Agreement is an example. Bryce Fielding moved we go on as is, seconded by Layne Hamilton. All in favor.

Jay Mortensen ask John Davidson if there is going to be enough money. Harvey Coffman asked if the shares cost was raised, by comparing figures with previous years. Layne Hamilton explained you couldn't compare these figures because of a computer error, which was corrected and everyone was credited. John Davidson said this is worked over a five year average, and money has been budgeted to take care of everything.

The time was turned over to Ron Carlson. He talked about water and water policy. In August two ground water management areas were created. If we are short of water in 2002 it could be regulated, but it didn't go through the system this year. In 2002 there will be a hearing at the Civic Center in Blackfoot to form a water district and elect a water master to regulate it.

Ron said the snow pack is slightly ahead but not sufficient. The Snake River is down 829,000 acre feet and the Blackfoot River is down 100,000 acre feet.

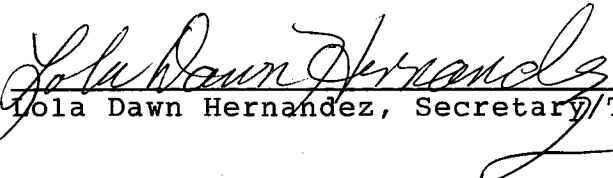
Layne Hamilton asked about pumps being shut off. If distance from the River or water rights made a difference. Ron said priority applies to everybody.

Ron said those below American Falls are trying to buy water to meet their obligation for the next two years. Palisades water right is 1939, and the American Falls right is 1921.

A motion was made by Bryce Fielding, seconded by Zane Caldwell to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.



Vincent Reid, Chairman



Lola Dawn Hernandez, Secretary/Treasurer