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APRIL 27, 2002

LOLA DAWN HERNANDEZ
1210 RICH LANE
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

Harold W Jones
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 13, 2003

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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 2:10 p.m., January 13, 2003.

Meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. by Advisory board member and chairman, Vincent Reid.

Attending were: Sec./Treas., Lola Dawn Hernandez, Vincent Reid chairman. Advisory board members: Francis Whitten, Keith Hunsaker, Layne Hamilton and Allan Oliver. Others: Harvey Coffman, Clifford Buckskin, Leland Miller, La Verelle Stecklein, Merlin Yancey, Larry Henderager.

Minutes of the meeting held January 14, 2002 were read. A motion was made by Layne Hamilton they be accepted as read, seconded by LaVerelle Stecklein. All in favor.

Copies of the financial statement were passed out. The secretary explained that the Workman's Comp. hadn't been paid for this year (2003). It comes due in November 2002. We owe \$ 755.00. As there is only \$ 205.90 in checking, the secretary contacted the State Insurance Fund and told them we couldn't pay at this time. They asked if we could at least send a little. The secretary told them she would have to present this situation to the water users at our meeting in January.

The board and users present discussed this and it was decided they will have to wait for the assessments to come in, as they shouldn't collect until wages are paid. However, the \$ 755.00 owed to the Idaho State Insurance Fund will take first priority to be paid first when there is enough money.

A motion was made by Layne Hamilton seconded by Merlin Yancey to accept the financial statement. All in favor.

As the bank balance is so low, it was discussed how to get enough money to have a cushion to pay the bills at the first of the year because the funds are so slow coming in. It was decided that a ten per cent (10%) increase be added on all water users assessments for one year. Also the assessments will be due and payable by April first (1st). If not paid by that date, no water can be delivered until paid. If this doesn't work then the board will affix an interest rate to the amount owing. This 10% increase is only for a cushion in the bank. No expenses will be paid out of this money. Laverelle made a motion the above terms be accepted, seconded by Larry Henderager. All in favor.

The secretary is to send invoices to the B.I.A. (as many as it takes) to collect 2/3 of their assessments by April 1st. It didn't work out last year to have a direct deposit made from Oregon, because the \$10,300.00 wasn't received until the last of July. They were charged 8% interest for being late. Fort Hall agreed they would write the checks but are limited to \$2,500.00 at a time. These will also be due and payable by April 1st.

The Proposed Budget was presented and discussed. A motion was made by LaVerelle Stecklein seconded by Merlin Yancey we accept it. All in favor.

Layne Hamilton made a motion we retain Vincent Reid as chairman. It was seconded by Merlin Yancey. All in favor.

A motion was made by Harvey Coffman that Lola Dawn Hernandez be retained as secretary/treasurer, seconded by Keith Hunsaker. All in favor.

John Davidson was unable to be to the meeting, but had expressed his desire to be watermaster one more year. Two board members and the secretary had talked with him about this and this was his desire. It was discussed getting an assistant to go with John this year if possible and then John agreed he would help anyone the next year. If they did go this year it would be without compensation.

A notice will go to the water users with their assessments for the need of a watermaster for the year 2004. Applications can be sent to Layne Hamilton, 839 W. Riverton Road, Blackfoot, Id 83221. The board will then be responsible for choosing those to be voted on by the users at the 2004 meeting. Applications are due May 1.

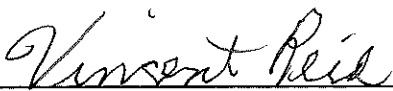
A motion was made by Merlin Yancey seconded by LaVerelle Stecklein that John Davidson continue as watermaster for the year 2003. All in favor.

The current advisory board consists of Francis Whitten, Keith Hunsaker, Vincent Reid, Allan Oliver, and Layne Hamilton. Francis Whitten said he is resigning as he is getting too old. LaVerelle Stecklein made a motion that Gary Pratt take Francis Whitten's place. Larry Henderager seconded the motion. All were in favor. Merlin Yancey made a motion that the rest of the advisory board be retained, seconded by Larry Henderager. All in favor.


A motion was made by LaVerelle Stecklein that we accept the Fort Hall Agreement, seconded by Merlin Yancey. All in favor.

Allan Oliver said there is 43,000 cfs in storage this year as compared to 100,000 last year.

Larry Henderager made a motion the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Merlin Yancey. Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.



Vincent Reid, Chairmen



Lola Dawn Hernandez, Sec./Treas.