



State of Idaho

## DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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MARCH 31, 2003

WAYNE AVERY  
PO BOX 182  
LAVA HOT SPRINGS ID 83246

RE: Water District No. #29

Dear Mr. Avery:

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 and the Assistant Watermaster to complete the certification process in your water district.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Harold W Jones  
Water Rights Supervisor

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River Board Meeting – March 3, 2003  
Lava City Hall at 12:00 p.m.

Present: President Howard Hall, Jim Burnham, Craig Crandall, Jim Andrus, Gordon Olson, and Secretary Wayne Avery.

Howard called the meeting to order at 12:12 p.m. The minutes were read. Jim Andrus questioned the secretary fee. Wayne said he had just taken the \$500 that was approved last year. The 750 dollars will be for next year wages. Craig Crandall motioned to except minutes as read. Jim Andrus seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The financial statement was read. Craig Crandall questioned Darwin Caldwell's bill not being paid. I said that I did not know why the bill was not paid. Gordon Olson motioned to except financial statement as read. Craig Crandall seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Craig Crandall questioned the passed due bills, discussion followed. It was said that after 5 years of delinquent bills, the water could be sold.

Bids for water master were discussed. No one had a bid for watermaster. Jim Andrus asked if everyone was please with Steve Hebdon as water master. Everyone was pleased. Jim Andrus said that Steve Hebdon put in a lot of time last year. Craig Crandall said that Steve Hebdon did a good job. Howard Hall said that Steve Hebdon is not a "yes man". We discussed tax withholding from Steve's pay. It was suggested that we pay Steve his benefits then he pays social security. Jim Andrus suggested that we talk to Steve about doing it as cheap as possible.

Howard said that we need to get an assistant for Steve. Craig said that we need to leave things the same as last year with Linda Hebdon as Steve's assistant. There was no vote on this suggestion.

Howard reported that Jim Burnham went to Boise for water meeting and asked if we should be reimbursing him for his expenses. Jim Burnham went over what was discussed at the meeting in Boise. Jim Andrus asked if they addressed ground water verses surface water. He said they did. Jim Andrus said that we should pay him for expenses. Howard said that we should pay Jim Burnham half of his expenses. Craig motioned to pay Jim B. \$100 for his expenses. Gordon seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Gordon motioned to send Steve Hebdon next year to the water meeting at Boise and we should pay his expenses plus some for his car. No amount was suggested for the car. Craig seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Shane Irick came in at 1:00 p.m. Steve Hebdon also came in at 1:00 p.m.

Steve asked why the water master has to do the Proposed Budget when the secretary already has all the figures. Howard said he didn't know. Steve when over the Proposed

Budget with the board. Jim Andrus asked if Steve's Budget would cover an assistant. Steve said it would. Steve said he does not need to pay income taxes on his expenses and that an amended 1099 needs to be filled out. There is only one check being made out to Steve. Wayne suggested that two checks be made out to Steve each pay period, one for wage and one for expenses. Steve said he would like to be paid during the water season only. Steve bid is \$12,000 wages and \$7,000 expenses, total bid of \$19,000 with taxes being withheld. Jim Andrus motioned to accept Steve's bid of \$19,000. Craig seconded the motion. Jim Andrus asked Steve where his boundaries are. Steve said he covers all of District #29. He also reported that IDWR told him to leave the people below the dam alone. The motion to except Steve's bid of \$19,000 passed.

Craig motioned to except the proposed budget of \$22,148. Gordon seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Steve reported that there are still people without measuring devices.

Howard appointed a credential committee of Jim Andrus, Craig Crandall and Wayne Avery, secretary.

Howard asked Wayne if he thought the secretary fee of \$750 was high enough. Wayne said he would see how much work was involved with withholding the taxes.

Howard asked if the board members would be willing to serve another year. They said they would.

Howard asked for a motion to adjourn. Gordon motioned to adjourn. Jim Andrus seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m. I had no time for my business.

### River Water Users Meeting March 3, 2003 – Lava Community Building – 2:00 p.m.

Howard Hall called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. The people from IDWR were present and will be doing a presentation on adjudication. Howard asked the people from IDWR to stand and be recognized. Dave Tuthill introduced himself and the others. Howard introduced the Advisory Board: Howard Hall –president, Jim Burnham, Craig Crandall, Jim Andrus, Gordon Olson, Shane Irick, and Wayne Avery – secretary.

Howard reported that we only have one bid for water master (from Steve Hebdon). Howard had the minutes read.

The minutes were read. Craig Crandall motioned that the minutes be accepted as read. Gene Fagnant seconded the motioned. The motion passed.

The financial statement was then read. Howard told the water users that if they have not paid there water bill they would not receive any water. Howard asked for a motion to

accept the financial statement as read. Eric Olson motioned to accept the financial statement. Darrell Christensen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Howard went over Steve Hebdon's bid of \$12,000 wages and \$7,000 expenses plus taxes to be withheld. Darrell Christensen asked what the condition of water was in the Reservoir. Eric Olson said that the reservoir is about 15% full and will fill to about 1/2 full. Darrell Christensen said that Steve should be able to do his job cheaper because there was going to be no water for him to measure this year. Steve said that when there is lots of water his job is easier than when it is short. Howard asked Dave Tuthill if the water season would be extended this year. Dave said it could be if someone petition the court to have it extended. Ellis Gilbert motioned to except Steve's bid. Craig Crandall seconded the motion. The motion passed with Darrell Christensen objecting to Steve's wages.

Steve told the water users that people turning water on without checking with him makes his job a lot harder. Al Ruberry said that Steve did a good job last year.

Jim Burnham gave a report on the water meeting that he attended in Boise in January.

Howard asked for a motion to accept the proposed budget of \$22,148. Byron Allan motioned to accept the proposed budget. Eric Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Howard asked for a motion to accept the present board or nominate new members. Byron Allan motioned to accept the board as it is. Barbara Kevin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Dave Tuthill reported that there is a report coming out on ground water and surface water and what effects they might have on each other but was not yet available.

Howard asked for a motion to adjourn. Eric Olson motioned to adjourn. Gene Fagnant seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Wayne Huesy

Jim Andrews

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 14 day of March, 2003.

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Portneuf River Water Users Dist. #29

RECORDED AT REQUEST OF

Gene McBride

Notary Public

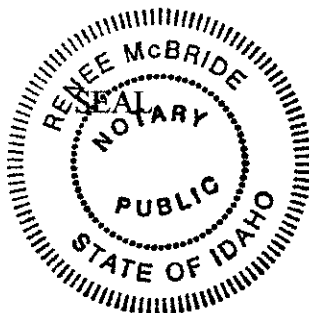
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## Portneuf River Water Users #29

## Financial Statement

March 1, 2002 until February 28, 2003

Expenses

Building Rent	40.00
Secretary Fee	500.00
Copies	2.00
Stamps	10.03
Envelopes	45.20

Cash Flow

Beginning Balance	5072.22
Total Income	<u>23135.96</u>
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>28208.18</b>
Total Expenses	<u>20706.23</u>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>7501.95</b>

Outstanding Assessments

Recording Fee	18.00	Darwin Caldwell	175.00
State Insurance Fund	1479.00	Phillip Christensen	60.00 (3yrs)
Idaho Water Users	50.00	Allan Smith	20.00
Water Master	12950.00	Rondo Perkins	237.00
Ass. Water Master	5550.00	Bruce Rowsell	20.00
Notary	2.00	Dean Smith	84.00
Ruth Ann Olsen (helping Lowell Allen)	<u>60.00</u>	Gerri Wellard	40.00 (2 yrs)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>20706.23</b>	<b>Total Outstanding Assessments</b>	<b>636.00</b>

Income

Interest	173.96
Water Assessments	<u>22962.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>23135.96</b>

STATE OF IDAHO } ss  
County of Caribou

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I hereby certify that this instrument was filed at the request of Trish Avery at 1:10 o'clock P m this 24th day of March, 2003 in my office and duly recorded official Records

Recorder Edie Bush

Signature

Gerri Stephens

Deputy

12.00  
Pd