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May 16, 2005

Wayne Avery
P O Box 182
Lava Hot Springs, ID 83246

RE: Water District No. 29

Dear Wayne:

We acknowledge receipt of the Minutes of the Annual Watermaster's Election Meeting held in your district. The Watermaster Certificate will be sent under separate cover.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dennis Dunn
Senior Water Right Agent

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Portneuf River Water Users, Dist. #29
Board Meeting
Held March 7, 2005

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Re: AVERY, TRISH
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Ex-Officio Recorder Deputy J. Wolf Fee: 9.00
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Portneuf River Board meeting held March 7, 2005 at Lava Condominiums, Lava Hot Springs, Idaho.
Present: Howard Hall (President), Jim Andrus, Gordon Olson, Jim Burnham, Ellis Gilbert, Wayne Avery (secretary), Craig Crandal, and Steve Hebdon (water master).

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Howard called the meeting to order at 11:50 a.m. Howard reported that Roger Warner would be at the River User Meeting at 2:00 p.m.

The minutes was read. Jim Burnham said that people not using their water still need to pay their assessments. Gordon made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Jim Andrus seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Financial Statement was read. Jim Burnham said that we need receipts for expenses for meetings at Boise. No more money is to be paid out without a receipt. Ellis said he thinks we need receipts also for our own protection. Discussed people who were not paying assessments. Craig said that we need to check and see if they filed in Adjudication. Craig said that we need to add wages and expenses together, and pay withholdings on the total, it is not legal to do it the way we have been doing it, which is letting Steve have his expenses with no withholdings. Craig made a motion to accept the Financial Statement as read. Jim Andrus seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The credential committee will be Jim Andrus, Craig Crandal, and Wayne Avery.

Howard called for water master bids. Steve Hebdon said that he is interested in the water master job. Steve said that gas is going up and he needs more money. He said that his job does not end September 15, he has to do paper work after that. Wayne read Steve's proposed budget of \$ 16,000 wage, 5000 expenses, 1275 FICA, 750 Secretary fee, 50 postage, 1200 workmen's comp., 1000 water meetings. Steve said that he goes where ever the water department sends him.

Steve went over the snow pack reports and said that things are slim. Ellis said that PMV canal have about 14% fill in the dam. Howard said that very few people have their canal ready for water before May 1st. Steve said that Boise told him that he would keep track of water that is being used from April 1 to October 31. Howard said that if there is no water season there is no need for a water master.

Steve said that now that the hydro plant is using water April 1, they need to be billed since it is irrigation season. Ellis said that we need a meeting with Ted Sornsen and discuss what to do about billing on water going through hydro during irrigation. Howard asked Steve if he could cut expenses, in the extended seasons he said that he had more work. In the extended season he said that some money could go to Insurance premiums and save us some money if we paid some money toward an insurance plan. Steve said that his premium is 6493.20 for state insurance for a year. Howard said that we need the total budget for this year.

Craig said that paying Steve's insurance would save us about \$500. Steve's wages will be 15,000 wages, 6000 expenses, 6493.20 for a total of \$27,493.20. Howard said that the board should get a dinner for serving without pay.

Howard asked for a motion to except Steve's bid for water mater. There was no motion to hire Steve as water master.

Craig motioned to accept the amended budget of \$32,500 for 2005. Gordon seconded the motion The motion passed. Howard told Steve we nee receipts for his expenses that no more money will be paid without a receipt. Steve said that we need to discuss the credit and debit system. It was decided that we would not do credit-debit, we would bill on actual delivery of water.

Craig said that the secretary needs a raise that what he is being paid is a insult. There was no futher discussion.

Craig motioned to adjourn. Jim Andrus seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

The board was present with Shane Irick absent. Howard said Roger Warner from IDWR was present.

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Howard Hall called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

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The minutes were read. Craig Crandal motioned to accept the minutes as read. Ellis Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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Howard asked Roger Warner from IDWR what the last recourse is before adjudication fillings goes before the judge. Roger said that he would cover this a little later in the meeting. Howard said that when water is put into sprinklers there is a lot of evaporation. He wants IDWR to address this.

The financial statement was read. Tom Archibald said that he thinks we need to go back to contract labor for river master and not put out all this money in taxes. Wayne Avery told him he was not sure what to do to get out from under the government. Craig motioned to accept the financial statement as read. Jim Andrus seconded the motion. The motion passed with two people objecting.

Howard said that this year's budget would be higher. The proposed budget was read. Tom Archibald had some questions about paying so much taxes and would like to go back to contract labor. Steve said that we could pay his insurance premium to save about \$1540. Howard asked Bryan Allan how his ditch rider was paid. His is being salaried and withholding is being done. Ellis Gilbert said that PMV is the same. Bryan asked Steve if he had money in budget for extended season. Steve said he did. Dan Dimick said that we do not need a water master after September 15, Ellis said nothing is signed.

Craig Crandal motioned to amend the proposed budget of \$25,225 to \$32,500. Jim Andrus seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Roger Warner said we might be audited if wage is over \$30,000. Wayne told him that the audit for the budget is \$50,000.

Howard said he had a news paper article on the adjudication on the back wall.

Howard called for nominations for the board members. He reported that Gordon Olsen asked to be released, with Ellis Gilbert to take his place. Gordon motioned the board stay the same with the exception of Ellis Gilbert to take his place. Gene Fagnant seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Lynn Stewart asked about mossaing the river. Ellis said that the Army Corp. of Engineers stopped that years ago.

Steve Hebdon said that the debit and credit system is harder to work for him and the secretary. Roger Warner made a comment on the credit and debit system. He said he had

a problem with giving his blessing from IDWR on not doing credit/debit system. But he said he would be willing to help us any way he can.

Jim made a motion that we do away with the credit/debit system and be billed on actual delivery of water and billing is billed on the nearest dollar. For example 50 cents and under be rounded down and 51 cents and up be rounded up. Ellis Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Howard turned the time over to Jim Burnham to go over what he learned at the meeting he attended in Boise. He then turned the time over the Steve to report what he learned, Steve had nothing more to add.

Howard thanked Gordon for his service on the board and welcomed Ellis to the board. He then turns the remainder of the time to Roger Warner.

Roger went over the NezPerce Agreement, Term sheet. He said the SRBA director report is now out. He said that the director's report said that the drought we are in is 1 in 500 year's drought. He said that the ground water, surface water call will effect everyone.

Howard called for a motion to adjourn. Craig motioned to adjourn. Ellis seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

Note: There never was a motion to hire Steve Hebdon as water master.

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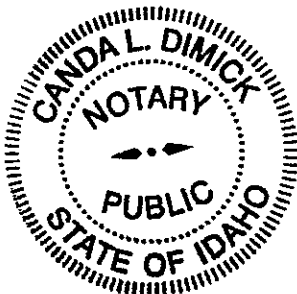
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Wayne Foley

Jim Burnham

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 10th day of March, 2005



Candace L. Dimick
Notary Public

Residing at Clare Hot Springs

Commission Expires 5/27/2009