

MEMORANDUM

TO: WATER DISTRICT 57D FILE

FROM: DANIEL A. NELSON

DATE: 1/3/03

SUBJECT: WATER DISTRICT MEETING

On 1/2/2003 I attended the Water District 57D (Sinker Creek) annual meeting. Craig Baker of the Nahas Ranch called the meeting to order and the minutes were read. Mike Ihli for Hulet Farms questioned the mileage upgrade given to the watermaster last year, and it was agreed that the mileage was upgraded, but wasn't in the meeting minutes.

Paul Nettleton, Joyce Livestock and treasurer, discussed the budget and they were within \$100.00 – 200.00 of the assessments paid in for the previous year. Paul emphasized that if they had a longer water year that they may need more money. They also discussed the worker's compensation insurance. They had been using Farmers Insurance, but were told they had to use the State Insurance Fund because they were a State Agency. Paul said that he was working with them to straighten things out.

The officers and watermaster were retained. The president is Craig Baker, treasurer is Paul Nettleton, and watermaster is Nick Ihli. Nick was re-hired at the same wage and mileage. Nick also requested that the headgate and weir below the dam for the canal and to the creek be redone. He spoke briefly about the problems it caused. Paul Nettleton and Mike Ihli agreed to work on the diversion and see if they couldn't come up with a better system.

The district adopted the same budget and assessments as last year. Paul asked for an additional amount of \$39.00 for mailings dealing with the insurance funds, which was granted.

I spoke with the district briefly about the changes in the Stream Channel program in the state. I told them that they should attain approval for any work that they plan to do in the stream. They were given the name and number of Erv Ballou in our state office and warned that the Army Corp rules are different than the old Idaho Dept. of Water Resources (IDWR)'s rules and regulations.

I informed them about the new processing memo and that although it is for the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer, it was considered the IDWR's best thinking and was being used at all regions. I went into some of the details, but generally kept the information broad. I gave them a copy of the transfer memo to review.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45.