

MEMORANDUM

TO: SINKER CREEK WATER DISTRICT FILE, BASIN 57D

FROM: DANIEL A. NELSON *DAN*

DATE: 1/18/05

SUBJECT: 2005 WATER DISTRICT MEETING NOTES

Paul Nettleton called the meeting to order at 1:20. The minutes were reviewed and approved. During the review of the minutes, a question arose on the status of the reservoir. Paul Nettleton said the reservoir got close to a normal level of 54 feet last year, and Mike Ihli stated that the reservoir was at about 34 ft. now. The budget was also reviewed and there is currently \$180.00 remaining in the budget. Mike Ihli requested that the minutes from last year state that weir below the reservoir had been built and was up to the watermaster's standards.

The minutes and budget were accepted and approved with a notation requested from Mr. Ihli.

The same officers were retained and Nick Ihli was retained as watermaster.

Paul Nettleton stated that the snow pack at Silver City was about 70% of normal, but there is very good soil moisture, so they expect an average to slightly below average run off if it continues as it has been. If we happen to get a good February and March, they should have a pretty good water season. Paul stated that in order for the reservoir to really fill, they would need significant lower level snow pack. Paul also stated that he hasn't seen that for at least 10 years.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20, but several of the water users stayed later to find out what they could about the call in Twin Falls and Hagerman, and the Nez Pierce Agreement. I told them to read the Times News article in the Statesman. I told them that I thought it was a fairly good review of the situation.