

Water meeting mini:

4/10/96.

Meru Robinson was elected water master.

It was decided water would be delivered by priority dates.

Each water user will use his water to it's best potential not trying to keep it on the exact land that it was decreed to.

Budget will be zero, if there is a need for the water master a meeting will be called to settle any problems. If needed the water masters wages will be decided at that time.

Water uses attending meeting:

Meru Robinson  
Maggie Jess  
George Jess  
Elmer Stahle  
Rohl Hipwell  
John Jones  
Ernie Dias  
William L. White  
Steve Lester (Dept. of water)

Secretary:  
William L. White

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May 9, 1996

Bill White, Secretary  
HC 79, Box 2078  
Oreana, ID 83650

RE: WATER DISTRICT NO: 57B  
STREAM: Catherine Creek

Dear Mr. White:

This will acknowledge receipt of the minutes of the Annual Watermaster's Election Meeting held in your district, and also the Adopted Budget for the ensuing year. Thank you for submitting them promptly.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need any assistance.

Sincerely,

John Westra  
Western Region

MEMORANDUM

To: Catherine Creek Water District #57B File  
Through: John Westra  
From: Mel Schulte *MTS*  
Date: January 9, 1996  
Re: Annual Meeting January 8, 1996

Below is a summary of the issues discussed at the Catherine Creek Water District meeting on January 8, 1996 at Elmer Stahle's residence. There was a total of seven water users present including last years water master, Merv Robinson.

The first item of discussion was the election on a water master for the 1996 irrigation season which led to a lively exchange between several users concerning who historically receives the most water and who should receive the most water. This discussion led to no resolution except to provide several participants with a vent for their frustrations. John Jones, a right holder, indicated he wanted to be water master. His request received no verbal support from any one else present at the meeting.

No budget or water master's salary was discussed but several expressed the concern they needed to have one of their own serve as water master to avoid bringing in an outsider that might charge them a higher fee.

They informally appointed Merv Robinson to be the 1996 water master and he agreed to serve conditionally. Mr. Robinson said he would serve again if prior to the irrigation season someone from the Dept of Water Resources would attend a meeting with all of the water district users. He wants the department representative to bring an accurate list of all rights deliverable within the district and to explain to the users the sequence of how the rights should be delivered. Several indicated water right lists had been obtained in the past but the lists weren't accurate and there have been too many varied interpretations of the water rights on the lists. \*

Another item of discussion was the lack of measuring devices available for use within the district. There was some brief discussion about how they might possibly install some measurement devices but nothing positive was resolved. It appears this is one of the major problems that needs to be addressed by the Catherine Creek Water District members.

Merv Robinson requested he be contacted when another meeting can be scheduled and he would advise the rest of the district users.

MTS

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- Completed 4/10/96  
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GOVERNOR  
KARL J. DREHER  
DIRECTOR

TO: Secretary of Catherine Creek Water District

DISTRICT NO: 57B

The Regular Annual Meeting for the adoption of budget and election of a watermaster for 1995 will be:

Place: Elmer Stahl Residence  
City: Prescott, Idaho 83650  
TIME: 1:00 P.M.  
DATE: 8 day of January (month), 1996

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Merville A. Robinson  
(signature)

Please complete the meeting notice, and with the updated mailing list return them to:

John Westra  
Idaho Department of Water Resources  
2735 Airport Way  
Boise, ID 83705



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April 4, 1996

PHILIP E. BATT  
GOVERNOR

KARL J. DREHER  
DIRECTOR

**TO: ATTACHED DISTRIBUTION LIST**

**RE: WATER DISTRICT NO. 57-B INFORMATION MEETING**

Dear Water User:

This letter confirms the water district informational meeting to be held next week. The meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10 at the home of Elmer Stahle in Oreana. The agenda will include a general discussion of how the Catherine Creek water district is organized and how it should be managed.

I hope that any questions you have can be answered by this meeting. Also, I regret any inconvenience that you might have experienced due to the miscommunication about last week's meeting. Apparently, the details were not quite confirmed between this office and the water district.

Rest assured that next week's meeting is definitely confirmed. I look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,

Steve Lester  
Water Rights Supervisor

Enclosure - Distribution List

4/10/96 Invtg mtg. for 57-B -JL

Jan. 1996 annual mtg. - no written followup received  
& Reg'n Cwm report, budget, minutes etc.)

Discussion today

Delivery  
Scheme

WR - AS - D.O.P. - how deliver - trib. issues -  
rotations - splits of rights - etc.

Divisions { No pumps, all are dited / headgate (or primitive variations  
like ~~bars~~ bars of hay to divert).  
most (all?) with lockable h/dts.  
most (all?) without meas. devices.

Agreed by parties present:

- 1) Waterworks - will be MERV
- 2) Sec'y - " " William White
- 3) No chairman selected
- 4) " Adv. Cwm. "
- 5) Sec'y will submit minutes of Jan. '96 meeting  
to document w.d. intent & mtg. guidelines
- 6) After depts gets # 5, will follow up w/ depts etc.  
to support Wm - no deliveries by Wm  
until depts issues cert. of appointment.
- 7) per history - Wm collects funds (if needed)  
directly from users - County not billing etc.
- 8) No salary or expenses for 1996
- 9) if problems - follow this approval:

OK - SEE  
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Problem  
Resolution

1st - contract w/w  
2nd - " IOWR (user s/a w/w will do)

then - IOWR provide limited support to assess/fix  
without regulation

next - if problem persists, IOWR will impose  
regulation as needed per "Water District  
guidelines est. by IOWR"



