

MEMORANDUM

To: File, Catherine Creek Water District 57B
From: Scott King 
Date: January 8, 2004

Subject: Notes from Annual Meeting

I attended the district's annual meeting on January 7, 2004, 1:00 pm at Elmer Stahles' home in Oreana. The minutes from last year's meeting were read and officers were elected. There was discussion on the following points:

- There is a lack of accurate measuring devices in the district with one user voicing concerns that water cannot be properly delivered without good devices, and that head gates and measuring devices are required by state law. If accurate devices are required, they will be required for all users. The likely result will be that senior users will call for their full amount, and junior users will be shut-off when they otherwise currently receive some water because the senior users share, and that junior users currently benefit from not having accurate devices. As an example, Bill White has a pumping system into pivot(s) and sprinklers, and knows that the capacity of this system is less than his full senior right. There are several good weirs in the system at key points that help the watermaster deliver appropriately.
- There has been a problem with one large ranch that was recently subdivided where the subdivided parcels cannot get their appurtenant supply of water (e.g. 6 inches) due to conveyance losses.
- The watermaster and other users would prefer to not have the watermaster called to actively make deliveries and draw a wage. But instead, they would rather communicate between the users and have voluntary cuts as needed. Communication is the key.
- Therefore, the users were asked to call the watermaster when gates are opened this spring so that he is aware that water is being used. One particular issue is Bob Thomas, a senior right holder at the lower end of the system, who can be impacted when too much junior water is diverted above.
- If there is a dispute between users, the watermaster can become involved and the involved parties will be required to pay for watermaster services.
- I agreed to mail an oath and petition to Bill White, and he will return along with a copy of the meeting minutes.

SUGGESTED ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

- Meeting called to order by the Chairman
- ✓ -Reading of last years meeting minutes- Secretary

*Wm White
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✓ -Old Business

-New Business *Weirs - Locking*

-Elections

Chairman

Secretary *Bill White*

Treasure

Watermaster *Rohl - Put Wm on Mar 1st*

Advisory Committee *Rohl & Bill*

-Treasurer Report

-Presentation of previous year Watermaster Report- Watermaster

-Proposed budget for the new year- Watermaster

-Adoption of a Budget

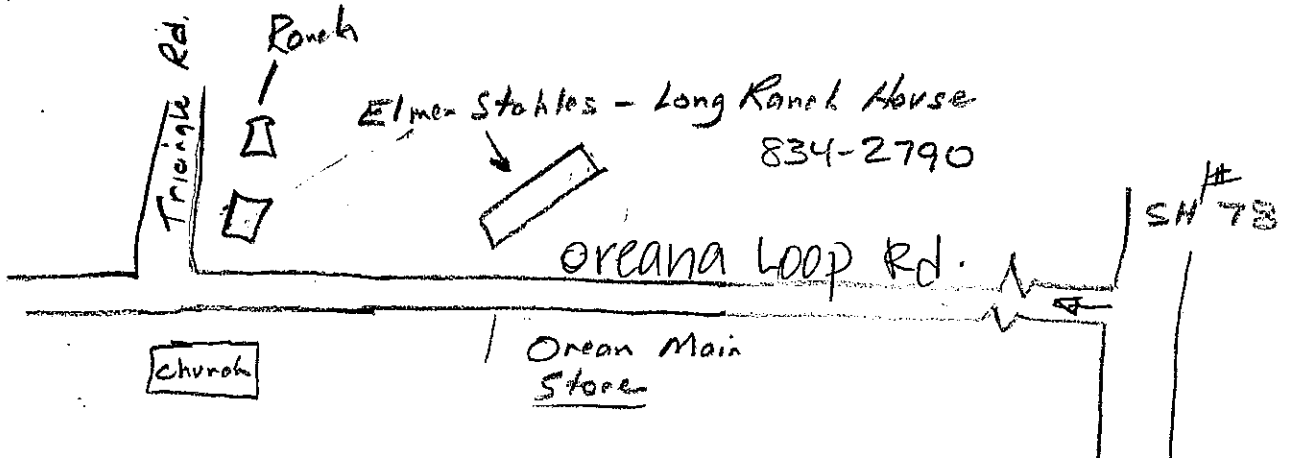
-Adoption of District Resolutions

-Time and place for next years meeting

-Adjournment

- Jan 7th @ 1:00 PM,

Elmer Stahles in Oreana



I need to

- Mail oath & petition
- Some discussion on lack of accurate measuring devices
- Problem w/ lg ranch that was subdivided
- Some plots/sprinklers in. These user (B/11?)
claim cannot divert full right due to new
system capacity limits
- All asked to call Rohl if open gates this spring.
Communication helps! Bob at bottom ^{Travis} may need
to shut off pumps if others open gates.
- Expect w.m.