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EASTERN REGION

APRIL 12, 2001

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ALAN N. CHRISTENSEN  
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RE: Water District No. #29-B

Dear Mr. Christensen:

We acknowledge receipt of the Minutes of the Annual  
Watermaster's Election Meeting held in your district.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
*Harold W. Jones*

Harold W Jones  
Water Rights Supervisor

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## ANNUAL MEETING OF WATER DISTRICT #29B

March 12, 2001

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wendy Landes, Emery Nestor, Derald Armstrong, Leland Armstrong, Sheldon Hatley, Jack Hatley, Wayne Marley, Wendell Marley, Brian Capell, Reed Capell, Bruce Wheatley and Alan Christensen.

Alan Christensen presented the financial report of the year 2000. He reported that the district had spent \$7004.29 to replace the diversion for the South Canal, \$810 for the water master Dawn Anne Bradley, and \$276 for Workmens Compensation Insurance. We owe \$231 for Workman's Comp for the year 2001. We will have a bank balance of \$1532 when this is paid.

Alan Christensen read the minutes of the year 2000 meeting. The minutes were approved after correction by those present with the exception of Emery Nestor who said the minutes were incomplete in reference to the comment on surplus water by Maurice Toler.

Alan said that Harold Jones had suggested that we specify that our officers are to be used as an advisory committee during the time between meetings.

Alan informed the people that this year would be the year to prove up on the redoing of the water rights. There will be people working in the area to determine the validity of the filings during the year. Bruce received a map to mark indicating the areas where people had water rights from Garden Creek. Emery said that the McCammon ditch company had received satellite maps that could show where the water had been used during previous years.

Alan stated that the billing for the previous year had not been completed. After discussion it was determined that the billing could be reduced because the diversion had been completed at a lesser cost than had been previously estimated. After considering costs of cleaning the South Canal Bruce Wheatley Suggested that the User fee could be reduced from \$7/daily stream to \$5/daily stream.

Derald Armstrong mentioned the need for the water district carry Liability Insurance. After discussion. It was determined that the district investigate the cost of Liability coverage for the district. Derald will obtain a bid for coverage.

Bruce stated that it is the responsibility of the water district is to divert the water not to maintain the canals. Maintaining the canals should be the responsibility of the users and the canal companies. Emery expressed doubt as to that being the case. He felt that the water district should be responsible for canal maintenance. Alan suggested that a committee be appointed to determine from the state water resources whether it was legal and appropriate for the district to oversee the maintenance of canals. Emery said that wouldn't work because the water resource people would each give different answers as to what we could or could not do. Discussion followed on who should be assessed for cleaning the different canals and who would be responsible for it being done. Concern was expressed as to the prohibitive cost of 2-3 users

maintaining the South Canal. No motions or action was taken at this time. The general consensus was to continue as at present

Emery Nestor made the motion that we change the usage fee for the past year and the coming year to \$5/ daily stream instead of \$7/daily stream. And leave the share assessment at \$10/ share for the coming year. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Reed Capell and approved by those present.

Discussed pay for water master. After discussion Reed Capell made the motion that the pay be \$6/stream to a maximum of \$15/day. Motioned 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leland Armstrong and approved by those present.

Discussion as to what constitutes a stream of water followed. Emery suggested the possibility of using partial flumes as measuring devices to divide and measure the water for users in the laterals. Wendell Marley was concerned that he was being charged for a stream of water even though he wasn't using a large stream and much of it would run back into the creek. He was told that the water master was charging every day that she saw a stream running. It was suggested that he use a larger stream and move it more frequently so that he could cover his field more rapidly.

It was brought out that the snow pack again seems to less than normal.

Bruce stated That Dawn Anne would not continue as water master. He has contacted several people about being the water master. At this point no one was willing to accept the position. Wendy Landes was considering doing it but has not yet made a decision. Various other people were considered. It was suggested that we might hire a teenager but that wasn't approved.

Derald Armstrong made the motion that the President be empowered to hire a water master without the approval of the members. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> and approved.

It was determined that the decision for the method of canal maintenance will be made next year. We will continue this year as in the past years.

Officers Jack Hatley made the motion that we retain the same Officers as we now have for next year. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> and approved by those present.

Bruce asked for suggestions as to who has a Cat that we could hire to do work on the South Canal.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10

#### Officers

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**Addendum**

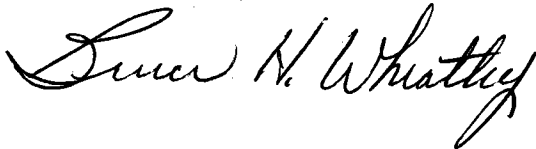
**Marshall Wheatley, a former water master, accepted the position of water master when contacted by Pres. Bruce Wheatley.**

**Water master  
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President

Secretary

Bruce Wheatley



Alan N. Christensen

