

# Garden Creek Water District 29-B Annual Meeting

March 1, 2004 Arimo City Building

Members present Sheldon Hatley, Derald Armstrong, Wendell Marley, Gary Blanchard, Alan Christensen, Leland Armstrong, Emery & Donna Nestor, Brian Capell, John & Sandra Evans, Cecil Armstrong, Klain Christensen.

Called to order at 7:08 P.M. Sheldon Hatley conducting

Minutes of the 2003 meeting read by secretary Derald Armstrong.

Cecil made motion minutes be approved as corrected

2<sup>nd</sup> by Wendell.

Derald gave the financial report.

Liability insurance was discussed, Emery stated that we are a water district and not a ditch company and may not need insurance. Call Tim Luke on liability questions.

Alan said we have assumed the responsibility of the upkeep on the laterals and he feels it gives us more of a liability. Wendell made motion to check with water resources for need . 2<sup>nd</sup> by Emery. Motion passed.

Sheldon asked about how much money should be in the bank account? Should we set a low and high amount where we are a 'not for profit' company? Ask Tim Luke.

Emery made motion to leave the user fee at \$7.50 per stream and assessment per right at \$15.00 for the up coming year until we find out for sure if we are 'not for profit' Alan 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

## Possible upcoming projects

- willows and ditch maintenance on north lateral
- south lateral needs 3-4 hours of back hoe work
- center lateral east of Leland's corral needs work
- culvert going down from Howard Blanchard's needs work
- burning on all three laterals

How much per year do we need to spend on maintenance? Up to \$1000, or do we do a percent on the assessment fee collected? Klain asked about the possibility of individual measuring device at each diversion. Cost prohibitive! Besides water is measured at the head of the lateral , not at the bottom. Wendell made motion to check on what needs to be completed at Howard's and cost. Brian 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Readjudication: nobody has heard anything new. Alan stated we can protest on our own rights, but no protest until it is posted.

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Water master: Marshall said he would rather not do it this year. Alan said no. Dawn Ann said no. Leland recommended that we go back and talk to Marshall. Emery motioned that we hire Marshall as water master for the 2004 water season, (if he accepts). 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leland. Motion passed. If Marshall declines, reconvene meeting to hire another water master.

Sheldon recommended that we leave the rotation the same as in the past. 2 streams below 300 inches with 2 days per share and Old Ditch getting the water when water falls below 200 inches. Brian made motion to leave the same. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wendell. Motion passed.

Who is in charge of the center lateral head gate in the fall after the water season is over? Is it the Old Ditch president? Or president of the water district? Discussed the fact that water needs to come down the center lateral for stock and the remaining goes down main channel. The water needs to be set and left alone on the center lateral to avoid flooding problems. Everyone should not be readjusting the head gate for their benefit. Leland made a motion to put Sheldon in charge as a stock water- water master. Alan 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Motion passed

Water district monies have been transferred from a savings account to a checking account requiring the president and secretary signatures.

Emery to make copies of water district rules and the Idaho code for some of the rules and get them to the presidency.

Alan made motion that all officers remain in their positions. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cecil. Motion passed.

Leland made motion to adjourn.

Officers for the coming year.

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