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WATER DISTRICT 47 G

Department of Water Resources
Southern Region

ANNUAL MEETING

MARCH 3, 1997

The annual meeting of Water District 47G was held at the Cosmic Jolt Cafe located in Buhl, Idaho at 12:00 p.m. Present were Armand Eckert, Secretary, Pat Elkin, President, Brock Driscoll and Gary Funderburg with the Idaho Department of Water Resources.

It was moved and seconded that the same officers of the previous year hold the same offices during the 1997 irrigation season (Kenneth (Pat) Elkin is President and Armand Eckert is Secretary/Treasurer). The reading of the previous years minutes was waived and they were approved as submitted to the Department of Water Resources during 1996.

It was noted that the watermaster was paid his 1996 fees. It was also noted that all water right holders had paid their 1996 assessments including all prior year past due amounts. The amount owed by the Bray's was written off since they lost their water right. It was moved and seconded to charge an 8% interest again this year for any unpaid charges not paid at year end. Interest would start immediately for any charges not paid within a reasonable time period (e.g. 30 days).

It was decided to appoint Mr. Charles Runyan as a watermaster only on a retainer "call" basis, during the 1997 irrigation season. It was agreed that the pay rate would be at \$25 per call plus out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the watermaster during the "call" period. However, it was also agreed that if it appeared that the watermaster would be used for an extended period of time, in case of an emergency water shortage period, the District could hire Mr. Runyan on a monthly basis. His pay for any particular thirty days that he would be hired would be \$500. The \$25 fee would not be owed, if hired on this basis. Members of the District would decide, too, as to how many months Mr. Runyan would be hired full-time for (e.g. possibly he would only be hired full time for one month, and then go back to being on a "call" basis). It was also decided that the person making the request and person for which the request was made, would share equally in paying the water master his monthly fee.

It was also decided that the Water District would charge a maintenance fee for all consumptive water right holders and/or water users. The list of water right holders is on file at the Secretary's office. The fee would be at \$1.00 per CFS (Cubic Feet Per Second of Water) for each water right holder.

The watermaster would also be paid 50% of this maintenance fee budgeted for (and collected in the same year), whether or not "called" during the year. If hired for any particular 30-day period (monthly basis), he would not receive any of the maintenance fee.

Collection of any "call" fee plus any expenses will be made by the Secretary/Treasure for the District from the person requesting the call. The District will reimburse the watermaster immediately, whether or not the fee is collected. The same interest rate will also be charged as discussed above on any non-payments.

If the \$500 fee is used for any particular month, collection will be made from the District water users by the Secretary/Treasure. The Secretary/Treasure will also be responsible for billing of the maintenance fee to all water right holders.

It was decided that the above items pertaining to hiring of the watermaster, Charles Runyan, for the 1997 irrigation season, his fee and the collection thereof, the maintenance charge, interest rate, etc. would all be in a form of resolutions submitted to the Department of Water Resources with the current year budget. Such resolutions were passed by all present. There weren't any "no" votes. The period of time for the possible employment of the watermaster would run from March 1, 1997 to October 31, 1997.

It was also decided to pay the Treasure the remaining 50% of the budgeted monies after reducing for any office expenditures.

Further, it was decided not to charge any maintenance fee in the annual budget, for any water right holders with water right number 47-2159, except for Bob Ring who still farms. All other water right holders are "residential" type water right holders. Also, any water right claims under the adjudication process by the United States of America would not be assessed an maintenance fee since they probably would not pay anyway.

The Watermaster Report for 1996 was approved. The Watermaster 1997 Proposed Budget was reviewed and adopted for the 1997 water year.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'A. Eckert'.

Armand M. Eckert, Secretary
Water District 47G