

March 9, 1998

The annual meeting of the 47-0 Water District was called to order by the 1997 Chairman, Todd Claiborn. The meeting was held in the conference room of the Idaho Department of Water Resources' Office.

There were 16 District 47-0 water users present along with Jim Stanton and Allen Merritt of the Idaho Department of Water Resources.

The minutes of the 1997 meeting were read and approved.

Nominations for the election of a chairman for 1998 were opened to the floor. Jack Claiborn nominated Todd Claiborn; Ken Mulberry 2nd the nomination. Nominations ceased. A call for unanimous ballot to be cast. Carried.

Ken Mulberry requested that all voting be done according to amount spent for irrigation water, in the District, by means of the average over the past 5 years, as stated in the State of Idaho Code. In order to comply with this request a Credentials Committee, of three, had to be formed. The Credentials Committee consisted of Ken Mulberry, Randy Bauscher and Garry Nielsen. The Credentials Committee met to determine the votes for each user. Upon their return the results of their findings were posted for all to review.

Nominations were opened for Secretary/Treasurer. Diana Gray nominated Shari Helman; David Crockett 2nd. A call for unanimous ballot to be cast. Carried

Nominations were opened for Watermaster. Jack Claiborn nominated Chuck Helman, David Funk, 2nd.

The election for 1998 consisted of: Todd Claiborn, chairman, Shari Helman, Secretary/Treasurer and Chuck Helman, Watermaster.

The appointed Advisory Board consisted of: Tim Cummings, to represent the West Ditch; Tom Haynes to represent the Main Stream of Rock Creek; and Brent Funk to represent the East Ditch.

The salary for Secretary/Treasurer was discussed, along with some of the duties. It was stated that a new requirement, of the secretary should be, to keep a dollar amount average for the past five years on each user for voting purposes. With this new requirement David Funk made the motion to raise the Secretary/Treasurer salary from \$600 per year to \$650. Jack Claiborn 2nd. A call for unanimous ballot to be cast. Carried.

The Watermaster salary was discussed. Brent Funk suggested that the duties of the Watermaster be scaled back during the early runoff and then go to full time once the water starts to drop and more regulatory needs arise. For this early part of the season the water will be measured on a schedule that the Watermaster feels is suitable in order to maintain an accurate billing for each user which starts on April 15 of each year.

Ken Mulberry moved that we table the salary question concerning the Watermaster until a later time in the meeting, in order to discuss his duties and possibly additions to them. Randy Bauscher 2nd. A call for unanimous ballot to be cast. Carried

The subject of watching for and the protecting of diversions and the streams feeding them were discussed as to whether this was the duty of the Watermaster. Todd Claiborn, and Brent Funk stated that this was to be the job of each user and not that of the Watermaster.

Resolutions:

1. The meeting time for each Annual Meeting was discussed and it was determined that the first Monday in March of each year should remain as the meeting date. There was some question as to why the last several years the meetings had been the 2nd Monday of March when the resolutions have stated they were to be on the first Monday. There were no good explanations other than it was possibly more convenient for some a couple of years back and it just happened to stay that way until now.
2. The date that bills are due and payable is to remain May 15 of each year, as in the past.
3. The next resolution to come before the users stated: Measuring devices and headgates need to be properly installed and maintained before water can be delivered. Mrs. Mulberry made a parallel resolution to the above, as follows: " Ask for Department of Water Resources to inspect each and every water users controlling device, measuring device, and distance of point of diversion from measuring device. Then inform each user whether or not they are in compliance with State Code Regulations. If they are not in compliance, give suggestions to user on how to comply. User must comply by March 1, 1999 or no water to be delivered." Motion was made by Mrs. Mulberry to accept this parallel resolution, Randy Bauscher 2nd. A call for unanimous ballot to be cast. Carried

Tim Luke from the Boise Office of the Department of Water Resources will probably be the one that will make the inspections noted in the above parallel resolution.

Allen Merritt with the Department of Water Resources shared the Idaho State Code concerning the laws pertaining to the maintenance and repair of measuring devices.

David Funk suggested a report, concerning each individual user, be given to the Watermaster and this report be passed on to the individual water users in the District.

Ken Mulberry passed around pictures he had taken of many of the measuring devices in the district.

4. There were no recommendations brought to the attention of the users by the 1997 Advisory Board of the newly appointed Advisory Board.

Tabled Business:

Once again the salary of the Watermaster was discussed. The Watermaster stated that he felt the amount of \$5000, which is the present salary, would be adequate with the reduced duties at the beginning of the water use year. Randy Bauscher moved that the salary remain the same for 1998. Tom Haynes 2nd.
A call for unanimous ballot to be cast. Carried.

Since there is always a bit of a cushion in the bank account at the end of the year Brent Funk moved that we leave the budget the same as in the past, which is \$6000 for the year. Jack Claiborn 2nd. A call for unanimous ballot to be cast. Carried.

Old Business:

Ken Mulberry asked if the recharge program was still being done in the East Ditch user area. Todd Claiborn stated that the right to do this was protested by the Fish and Game; therefore the request to the State to allow this right was dropped. Allen Merritt confirmed this as being the fact of what happened to the recharge program. Ken Mulberry's main interest in the recharge program was wanting to have a diversion for some of the high runoff in the spring to prevent damage to creek banks and ditches.

Allen Merritt stated that if anyone wanted to participate in a recharge program they would have to apply for a water right for this purpose and also have an injection well permit.

New Business:

Ken Mulberry brought up the subject concerning the District making some gauges to put in the creek at one of the bridge sites in order to estimate the amount of the water in Rock Creek. The Watermaster stated that he already was using a measuring device and will continue to do so.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted; Shari Helman, Secretary/Treasurer

