

WATER DISTRICT 47G

ANNUAL MEETING

MARCH 01, 2004

The annual meeting of Water District 47G was held at the Cosmic Jolt located in Buhl, Idaho at 12:00 p.m. Present were Pat Elkin, President, Armand Eckert, Secretary/Treasurer, Ron Elkin, Brad Visser, and Brad Draper. No one from the Idaho Department of Water Resources was present.

It was moved and seconded that the same officers of the previous year hold the same offices during the 2004 irrigation season (Kenneth (Pat) Elkin is President and Armand Eckert is Secretary/Treasurer). The previous year's minutes were read and approved as submitted to the Department of Water Resources during 2003.

It was noted that the Water Master was paid his 2003 fees. It was also noted that all water right holders had paid their 2003 assessments including all prior year past due amounts, if any. 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 Water Master only on a retainer "call" basis, during the 2003 irrigation season. It was agreed that the pay rate would be at \$25 per call plus out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Water Master during the "call" period. However, it was also agreed that if it appeared that the Water Master 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 the 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 Water Master 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" fees plus any expenses will be made by the Secretary/Treasurer for the District from the person requesting the call. The District will reimburse the Water Master 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/Treasurer. The Secretary/Treasurer will also be responsible for billing of the maintenance fee to all water right holders.

It was decided that the above items pertaining to the hiring of the Water Master, Charles Runyan, for the 2004 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 Water Master would run from March 1, 2004 to October 31, 2004.

It was also decided to pay the Treasurer 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 a maintenance fee since they probably would not pay anyway.

The Water Master Report for 2003 was approved. The Water Master 2004 Proposed Budget was reviewed and adopted for the 2004 water year.

It was also noted that Doug Driscoll had purchased the land and related water rights of Double Eagle, Inc. Farms (David and Darrel Funk) during 2003. Water rights affected are 47-2345A, 47-2346A, 47-2347A, 47-7075B, 47-7136B.



Armand M. Eckert, Secretary  
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