

MINUTES OF DISTRICT 43B ANNUAL WATER MEETING JAN. 22, 2002

The meeting began at 1:15 p.m. in the conference room of Raft River Electric with Doug Freestone as chairman. The first item on the agenda was to elect a chairman. Reid Stewart nominated Doug Freestone. Roscoe Ward seconded the nomination. Mike Spenser moved that nominations cease and Alan Harper and Stan Spencer seconded the nomination.

Allen Merritt from the Department of Water Resources was introduced.

The need for a credentials committee was discussed. Boyd Hoskins moved that we don't have a committee which was seconded by Alan Harper.

The chairman discussed an advisory board to oversee the operation of the district. This committee would be a go between between the watermaster and IDWR. The problems between Idaho and Utah were discussed.

Doug moved to select an advisory committee. Roscoe Ward, Mike Lewis, Jeff Sessions, Mike Spenser and Reid Stewart were nominated, and Alan Harper moved to cease nominations. Boyd Hoskins seconded and voting was unanimous.

Mike Lewis moved and Boyd Hoskins seconded to have the committee write a letter to IDWR requesting a meeting with Utah Division of Water Rights to discuss and resolve the issues between 43B and Utah water users. Passed unanimously.

The minutes from the 2000 annual meeting were read and Mike Spenser moved to accept them. Acceptance was unanimous.

Allen Merritt discussed Bill Jones' pump on Almo Creek and discussed that people could object to the recommendation made by IDWR to approve the claim. The objections should be filed with the adjudication Court. The Joneses should not use the pump in its present location without first transferring the point of diversion. They have not filed an application for the transfer yet. If they did, then the application would be advertised and protests could be made against the application at that time. The claim is for undecreed water based on an affidavit showing beneficial use from the year 1935. Objections should be filed by individual water right holders who claim that Jones's claim adversely affects their rights. The water district will not file an objection.

Gary Steed did not pay his assessment for 2001 and it was decided to forget about Steed and send the 2002 assessment to the new operators of the property around Reed Spring.

Some discussion was made about the Lynn reservoir and Raft River water being used in Utah and Allen Merritt explained that in order to do anything about it a compact would have to be made between Idaho and Utah, the water district can not do much on its own.

Reid Stewart nominated Dave Sundberg for watermaster, seconded by Don Walker, voting was unanimous to appoint him. Mike Lewis moved to keep the same wages, unanimous.

Stan Spenser moved to approve the proposed budget, seconded by Alan Harper. Approved.

A motion by Doug Freestone and seconded by Reid Stewart to adopt Id. code 42-617 as a resolution to not allow use of water unless the assessment is paid was approved unanimously.

Mike Lewis nominated Dave Sundberg for secretary, seconded by Reid Stewart. Voting was unanimous.

Reid Stewart moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Joseph Grush. Voting was unanimous.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WERE;

Doug Freestone
Michael Lewis
Michael Spenser
Jeff Sessions
Reid Stewart
Jason Warr

Boyd Hoskins
Alan Harper
Roscoe Ward
Nolan Branch
Allen Merritt-IDWR
Dave Sundberg

Pat Hoskins
Stanley Spenser
Joyce Ward
Don Walker
Joseph Grush