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MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 14, 2003

The Annual water meeting of the the Upper Raft River water users in District 43B was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Doug Freestone. Doug told us that he would not be able to continue as chairman this year because he will be working on several of Arimo's ranches and Doug Jr. will be managing the Malta ranch , so we need to elect another chairman. Nolan Branch was nominated for chairman by Roscoe Ward and seconded by Rod Jones. Voting was unanimous in favor.

Reid Stewart nominated Dave Sundberg for secretary and Roscoe seconded it. Voting was unanimous.

The minutes from the 2002 meeting were read by the secretary and Roscoe moved and Reid seconded to accept the minutes. Voting was unanimous.

Max Booth and Jeff Sessions complained that the watermaster turned water to the Naf Store (Brent Hobson and Boyd Hoskins) during the 12 day run. The watermaster explained that he had turned the water to the store earlier during the summer but it was diverted out of the ditch onto Higley's ground before it reached Hobson's place so when the watermaster was made aware of that problem he turned a stream to the store to make up for it.

Doug moved and Reid seconded that we not have a credentials committee. Voting was unanimous.

The watermaster submitted a proposed budget for 2003 of \$1700.00 Mike Lewis moved and Alan Harper seconded that the budget be approved. Voting unanimous.

Doug moved and Alan seconded that we adopt Idaho code 42-617 which says that nobody may recieve water until their assessment is paid. Voting was unanimous.

Reid moved and Roscoe seconded that Dave Sundberg be retained as watermaster. Voting was unanimous.


Alan moved and Reid seconded that the watermaster's wages be changed from \$15.00 per hour to \$18.00 per hour. Voting was unanimous.

Doug moved and Mike seconded that we keep the same advisory committee, which is; Roscoe Ward, Mike Lewis, Jeff Sessions, Mike Spencer and Reid Stewart. Voting was unanimous.

There was some discussion about Reed Spring. There was very little water at the beginning of the year and when tthe river did not reach the next water user below the Spring the watermaster did not require the pumpers to replace the water into the river.

Alan explained that there will be a meeting tonight about sedimentation in Raft River. At 2:30 p.m. Roscoe moved and Reid seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Voting was unanimous.

In attendance were the following; Doug Freestone, Nolan Branch, Dave Sundberg, Mike Spencer, Roscoe Ward, Reid Stewart, John Freitag from IDWR, Shane Holmgren, Max Booth, Stan Spencer, Jeff Sessions, Bill Jones, Rod Jones, Joyce Ward, Alan Harper.

SIGNED  PRESIDENT

 SECRETARY