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Water District: 43-C, Cassia Creek

Dear Mrs. Ward;

We have received the minutes of this year's water meeting, your 1997 adopted budget, and oaths of office for you and Mr. Hutchison. Your certificate of appointment as treasurer of District 43-C is enclosed.

I noticed in the minutes that there was a question about the petition for watermaster services. Sec. 42-608 of the Idaho Code states that "a watermaster shall not begin work until called upon by one (1) or more owners or managers of ditches or persons controlling ditches or other diversion facilities, in the district, by application in writing to the department of water resources". It used to take 3 signatures on the petition to get a watermaster appointed, but this was changed several years ago. Call-on petitions are required for seasonal watermasters but not for those with a year-around term of service. Since your watermater is seasonal, I will issue his certificate of appointment as soon as the signed petition is received in this office.

I am a little confused about your address - do you have a post office box, or a route and box address?

Regards,

James E. Stanton
Sr. Water Resource Agent

BUSINESS:

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Southern Region

1. DATE: MARCH 1, 1997
2. PLACE: RAFT RIVER ELECTRIC BOARD ROOM--MALTA, IDAHO
3. TIME: 10:00 A.M.
4. VISITORS: NONE PRESENT
5. SELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY/TREASURER:
CHAIRMAN--STAN LLOYD WAS NOMINATED BY JAY COTTLE. THE NOMINATION WAS
SECONDED BY ART WHITAKER. VOTING WAS UNANIMOUS.

SECRETARY/TREASURER--MAXEEN WARD WAS NOMINATED BY KENNY HUTCHISON AND THE
NOMINATION WAS SECONDED BY JAY COTTLE. VOTING WAS UNANIMOUS.

6. APPOINTMENT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:
IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE FROM 1996 BE RE-APPOINTED.
THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE FOR 1997 WILL BE ALVIN NEDDO, BILL WICKEL AND
TOM OTTLEY.

7. READING OF THE MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT:

SECRETARY/TREASURER MAXEEN WARD READ THE MINUTES FROM LAST YEAR'S MEETING AND
THEY WERE APPROVED AS READ.

8. FIX COMPENSATION FOR THE WATERMASTER:
LAST YEAR'S BUDGET ALLOWED \$50.00 PER DAY FOR THE WATERMASTER. PAUL WARD
MADE A MOTION THAT THE WATERMASTER COMPENSATION REMAIN THE SAME. IT WAS
VOTED ON AND THE VOTING WAS UNANIMOUS.

9. ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET:
STAN READ THE FOLLOWING AS A PROPOSED BUDGET. THIS BUDGET WAS PREPARED USING
AMOUNTS FROM LAST YEAR. THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

WATERMASTER COMPENSATION:	\$10,700.00
SECRETARY COMPENSATION:	1,200.00
WOMEN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE:	900.00
CHANNEL & DIVERSION POINT WORK:	500.00
TOTAL BUDGET:	\$13,300.00

IT WAS ASKED WHERE THE MONEY TO DITCH WORK CAME FROM. THAT MONEY IS APPROPRIATED
FROM THE BUDGET. ANY MOANEY NOT USED IN THE BUDGET YEAR IS PUT IN A
SAVINGS ACCOUNT AT THE END OF THE WATER USE PERIOD. ALVIN NEDDO MADE A MOTION THAT
WE ADOPT THE BUDGET AS PROPOSED. CHARLIE WARD SECONDED THE MOTION AND THE
VOTING WAS UNANIMOUS.

10. ELECTION OF THE WATERMASTER:
STAN INTRODUCED THOSE INTERESTED IN THE WATERMASTER POSITION. THEY WERE DONN BERRIER
MARVIN WARD AND TOM HUTCHISON. BALLOTS WERE PASSED OUT. THOSE WHO DIDN'T KNOW
THE NUMBER OF VOTES THEY HAD WERE TOLD AND THE VOTING TOOK PLACE. BALLOTS
WERE GATHERED AND THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE RETIRED TO TALLY THEM. WHEN THEY
RETURNED IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT TOM HUTCHISON WAS THE WATERMASTER FOR 1997.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

KEN JAFEK ASKED WHO IS IN CHARGE OF FLOOD CONTROL SHOULD THERE BE AN EMERGENCY. PAUL WARD SAID THERE WAS A MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THE EAST CASSIA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION FOR TUESDAY THE 4TH OF MARCH AT 10:00 A.M. IT WAS ALSO STATED THAT RAFT RIVER FLOOD CONTROL GOVERNS EMERGENCY FLOOD CONTROL AS OUTLINED BY THE STATE. IT WAS DISCUSSED ABOUT A CHANNEL TO DIVERT FLOOD WATER INTO THE DESERT. IT WAS MENTIONED THAT THEY HAVE NO FLOOD CONTROL FOR CASSIA CREEK BECAUSE WATER RESOURCES HAS DECLARED IT A PRISTINE STREAM.

IT WAS BROUGHT BY TOM HUTCHISON THAT THE HEADGATE ABOVE JAY COTTLE'S WAS MISSING SOME BOARDS AT THE BOTTOM AND THAT NOW WAS THE TIME TO GET IT FIXED BEFORE THE WATER STARTS RUNNING. TOM SAID THAT HE COULD MEET WITH THE ADVISORY BOARD AND DETERMINE WHAT NEEDED TO BE DONE.

IT WAS ALSO DISCUSSED WHEN AND HOW THE WATERMASTER IS CALLED ON. THE FORM THE SECRETARY HAS CALLS FOR ONLY ONE SIGNATURE WHERE IN THE PAST THE FORM HAS REQUIRED THREE SIGNATURES. THE SECRETARY WILL CHECK WITH OFFICE IN TWIN FALLS. NOTICE THAT THE WATERMASTER HAS BEEN CALLED WILL BE POSTED IN THE POST OFFICE IN MALTA AND THE STORE AT CONNOR CREEK..

IT WAS DISCUSSED HAVING THE MEETING EARLIER IN THE YEAR NEXT YEAR SO THE SECRETARY HAS MORE TIME TO GET THE REPORTS DONE AND THE BUDGET TURNED IN SO THE BILLS CAN BE SENT. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT WE TRY FOR THE LAST SATURDAY IN JANUARY.

12. OLD BUSINESS; NONE

13. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AND COLLECTION OF BUDGET:

"THAT NO DITCH OR CANAL COMPANY OR OTHER WATER USER SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO DEMAND AND RECEIVE WATER AND THE WATERMASTER SHALL NOT DELIVER TO SUCH PERSON UNTIL THE AMOUNT DUE AND PAYABLE FROM SUCH AS FIXED BY THE BUDGET HAS BEEN APID. SAID AMOUNTS SHALL BECOME DUE AND PAYABLE 15 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF WATER BILLS AND SAID AMOUNTS, IF NOT PAID, SHALL BEAR INTEREST AT THE RATE OF 8% PER ANNUM. ALSO, THE WATER USER MUST PRESENT TO THE WATERMASTER HIS PAID RECEIPT OR OTHER PROOF THAT HIS BUDGET HAS BEEN PAID BEFORE HE CAN DEMAND WATER."

14. APPOINTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

THOSE APPOINTED WERE THE SAME THAT SERVED IN 1996. THEY ARE LARRY KINCADE, ALVIN CARPENTER, TED HIGLEY AND JACK WIGHT.

15. ADJOURNMENT WAS AT 11:40 A.M.


CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY/TREASURER