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Gary Jones
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Water District: 43-D, Almo Creek

Dear Mr. Jones;

We have received the minutes of this year's water meeting, your 1997 adopted budget, and your oath of office as treasurer of Water District 43-D. Your certificate of appointment is enclosed.

Regards,

James E. Stanton
Sr. Water Resource Agent

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Southern Region

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of District 43-D
Almo, Idaho

Meeting was held at the Almo Store on March 3, 1997 commencing at 1:00 p.m. Present were Gary Jones, Brent Jones, Cordell Sheridan, Doug Ward, Ted Tracy, Frank Hitchcock and Georgia.

The 1996 minutes were read and approved. It was brought to attention That Jim Stanton of the Twin Falls Office is in charge of the Water District and the Water Master.

There was a discussion on Workers' Comp. Gary will look further into this matter.

It was moved by Brent Jones and seconded by Gary Jones to hire Buddy Ward as water master.

It was moved by Gary Jones and seconded by Brent Jones that the water master be hired under contract labor at a rate of \$35.00 per day and pay his own insurance and taxes.

Board of Directors were elected and are as follows, President Brent Jones, Secretary/Treasurer Gary Jones, Arley Cahoon Jr., Richard Jones and Doug Ward as Directors.

There was a discussion on water control on the County Roads.

Frank Hitchcock reported on the progress of the adjudication.

It was moved and seconded that the water masters budget of \$2000.00 be accepted and be paid by June 1, 1997. Motion carried.

The annual meeting of District 43-D was then adjourned.

FROM: FH
TO: JIM
DATE: 03-05-1997
SUBJ: 43-D WATER DISTRICT MEETING AT ALMO-ALMO CREEK

They asked about responsibility/liability assignment for water running over a culvert under the county road and removal of debris from channel/ditches.

I suggested that any question regarding stream alteration issues should be directed to Terry Blau of this office to be certain that the response was correct due to the downside of any costs much less any liability. They said they would contact him if they have any such situation develop during runoff this spring. Apparently there is already some finger waving locally by the county highway district.

They went through the minutes reading of last year and adopted a budget including the same salary for the watermaster. There was mention of the \$300 quoted by an insurance agent for workers compensation but I can't say exactly that it was included in the budget for the coming season.

I was asked several general questions about the presumption statutes and the status of the SRBA as it would relate to them and my coming down to review the rights for Almo Creek. They also asked about the measurement program and the groundwater districts.

As I mentioned to you I gave them several of the booklets and then gave the rest to the watermaster at the 45-F meeting later in the afternoon at Albion.