

MEMO

FROM: Vikie Hancock
RE: Water District 43-D Annual meeting
March 7th, 2001 at 12:00 noon
Outpost restaurant, Almo, Idaho

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ned Jackson, Idaho State Park Service
Cordell Sheridan
Gary Jones
Rod Jones
Brent Jones
Doug Ward, President Almo Water Company
Vikie Hancock, representing IDWR

- The minutes of last year's meeting were read by Gary Jones and approved with no corrections.
- Buddy Ward was elected water master for the 2001 irrigation season
- The budget was discussed. There was an outstanding amount owed to last year's water master - Curt Durfee. The budget was set at \$2999.00 for 2001 which would be sufficient to cover the outstanding debt and the current year's anticipated bills. The water master pay was agreed to be \$35.00 per day and he paid his own insurance and taxes.
- Gary Jones requested that I fax him the budget papers he needed as Jim would not do it until he had received this years minutes. He also requested the address of Max and Deanna Cole who had purchased property with water rights in the district. (Decree 43-375).
- The 2001 Board of Directors was elected to be the same as last year:
President - Brent Jones, Sec/Treas - Gary Jones, Directors - Doug Ward and Richard Jones.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The extent of the district was discussed. Rod Jones asked whether or not it included the Adjudication claim filed by him and his father Bill Jones on Almo Creek. Their beneficial use claim is downstream from the last decreed right on Almo Creek, which is the Sylvia Knight property. Rod commented that they had found documents that Almo Creek had been used by their predecessor relatives since the late 1800s, but that for some reason they had not been issued a decree. The users discussed that. I remarked that two decrees had been issued on Almo Creek and that the Bill Jones relatives were not included as decree holders on Almo Creek in either one. (They were enjoined as right holders on Raft River). Rod mentioned that their claim was on Almo Creek laterals and Gary Jones remarked that that would be

wastewater. I explained that the SRBA decrees would supercede the Jobe Adams decrees, and that they may want to consider administering the new beneficial use right.

- There was a discussion of Roscoe Ward's diversion works from Raft River attached to a bridge that was condemned and scheduled for replacement. This is outside the 43D district and is administered by 43B. I informed the members, some of whom are involved with the county highway district, that the removal and/or replacement of Roscoe's diversion works would best be handled between the parties, and may involve Dave Sundburg, watermaster for the upper Raft River. I said that IDWR would require a transfer of POD only if the POD was moved from the current 40-acre tract. Ned Jackson said they were considering replacing the bridge with a culvert.
- The members of Almo Water Company had a discussion about replacing old headgates.
- The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:30 PM.