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April 14, 2008

Cindy Smyer  
P.O. Box 53  
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**RE: Water District No. 34**

Dear Cindy:

We acknowledge receipt of the Minutes of the Annual Watermaster's Election Meeting held in your district. The Watermaster Certificate will be sent under separate cover.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dennis Dunn  
Senior Water Right Agent

DD:jj

**Water District #34**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**Agenda**  
**March 3, 2008**

Agenda for regular annual meeting for the adoption of a budget and the election of a Watermaster for Water District #34, Big Lost River, held at the Mackay High School Auditorium, Mackay, Idaho at 2:00 p.m. on Monday March 3, 2008.

Chairman Loy Pehrson to Call Meeting to Order

Minutes from the 2007 Annual Meeting

Snow Report - Alvin Crawford

Recharge Report – Mitch Sorenson

Whitefish Report – Jim Gregory

<http://www.fishandgame.idaho.gov/fish/programs/whitefish.pdf>

**Watermaster Report**

- a. Total surface water delivered in 2007 was 66,298 cfs
- b. Total groundwater delivered in 2007 was 42,018 cfs
- c. Total surface water and groundwater delivered in 2007 was 108,316 cfs
- d. 2B heading is at 82 cfs as of 01-30-08  
Dam is at 21,690 AF and 50% full as of 01-30-08  
Arco Gauge reading is at 0 cfs as of 01-30-08

**Other Business:**

1. Resolution from the floor to vote by dollars or hands
2. Motion is requested as follows:
  1. The date for payment of water taxes shall be April 15, 2008. All taxes not paid on That date shall be assessed 10% per annum interest on the total amount due.
  2. In the event of non-use a tax in the amount of \$35 will be assessed for administration Expense.
  3. Per Idaho Code 42-608, The Watermaster's term of service may, by Resolution, Provide that the Watermaster shall serve throughout the year.
  4. No water shall be delivered until all water taxes due are paid.
3. Vote CFS expressed in dollars over 5 Yr. Avg. Per Idaho Code 42-605 (4)  
Shall be entitled to a number of votes equal to the average annual dollar amount and Any fraction thereof assessed for that person's qualifying water right for the previous Five (5) Years. \$35 Administrative assessment will not qualify a vote.

**Election of Changing Advisory Boards boundaries for Leslie & Antelope Areas**

4. Recommend purchasing a Portable Open Channel Flow Meter (Under \$4,000)

**Water Basin #34 Annual Meeting Minutes**  
**held at Mackay High School auditorium in Mackay, Id**  
**March 3, 2008**

2:10 pm called meeting to order by Loy Pehrson. Recognized from IDWR were Nick Miller (Boise) and Tom Bassista (Idaho Falls).

Eric Aikele nominated for annual meeting secretary by Bob Waddoups, seconded by Darrell McDonald, approved.

The minutes of the 2007 annual meeting were read by Eric Aikele and motion to accept by Dave Nelson, seconded by Jake Johnson, minutes approved.

\$35 minimum fee to be charged to all members, motion by Steve Teichert, seconded by Trilby McAfee.

Recharge report by Mitch Sorenson

2007 No Recharge; insufficient water flow

2008 snow pack @ 99% - need approx. 110% to get enough water in river for recharge to be available. Focusing efforts in the Leslie, Darlington area because that is where the river water is reaching.

Jim Gregory - White Fish report in basin June 2006 filed for listing of whitefish. After a filling on endangered species by Western water shed, The Fish & Wildlife choose to not list fish. Fish & Game completed management plan. Divided Basin into above dam and below, for management plans.

Above: Chile to North Fork; have 5,000 fish -

Below: Blaine diversion to Moore diversion or upper Antelope- establish viable population, 5,000 only where there is water-available.

Ladders completed: Chili, Darlington, Proposed ladders: Blaine, 6X, Burnett, Antelope, Antelope splitter - Swauger

Working plans help to demonstrate local habitat efforts & keep detractors away.

Fish population on the increase - Good. Water practices (flood to sprinkler) have affected flows & fish, Last year was a good water year.

Watermaster Report by Bob Shaffer: 2007

66,910 cfs Surface Delivered

37,514 cfs Ground Delivered

104,424 cfs total Delivered

2B heading @ 89 cfs

Arco Gage 0 cfs

Resolutions:

Issue #1

- 1) Date of payment of water taxes 4/15/2008 10% if not
- 2) Idaho Code 42-608 water master to serve thru the year
- 3) No water delivered until all water taxes paid

Moved by Shane Rosenkrance seconded Walt Johnson

Voted by dollars / **Passed**

No = 428 / Yes = 860 plus

Issue #2

Change budget to allocate on last year water usage and not 5 yr. Average.

Motion Steve Teichert, seconded Josh Pehrson

Voted by Dollars / **Passed**

No = 364 / Yes = 1,183 plus

Issue #3

Budget: Flow Meter

Advisory Committee recommend purchase of portable flow meter.

Moved by Mike Dotzenrod, Seconded by Walt Johnson

Voted by Dollars / **Passed**

No = 2,686 / Yes = 3,108 plus

Issue #4

Budget: Training & computer program

\$4,000 for better record keeping & training from IDWR.

Motion by Dave Nelson, Seconded by Mike Dotzenrod

Voted by Dollars / **Passed**

No = 4,585 / Yes = 12,128 plus

Issue #5

Budget & Recharge Committee:

Want to spend \$3,000 to salvage cement drop in Terry Smith's place (Old Butcher Place).

Participate with other entities & grant money.

Discussion of liability & Benefit to water district #34 Recharge.

Benefit to district #34. (1) Liability-wash out Mr. Smiths farm. (2) Loose Recharge Area.

(3) Loss of flood control.

Motion by Walt Johnson to Spend \$3,000 only if the grants approved. Money will stay in water district #34 account if grant not approved. Seconded Lewene Clark.

Voted by Dollars / **Passed**

No = 7,984 / Yes = 11,315 plus

Issue #6

Budget Cost Factor: \$.8293 Last year usage of cfs water use. (Passed)

Vs. . \$.8707 5 year avg. usage of cfs water use. (Didn't pass)

Motion by Dave Nelson, Seconded by Jake Johnson

Voted by Dollars/ **Passed**

**(Last Year usage of cfs, Zero out debit & credits)**

No = 364 / Yes = 993 plus

**Voting of advisory Board Members**

Antelope area: David Keele, no other nominations

Motion by Laura Waddoups, seconded Trilby McAfee

David Keele Elected

Era Flat: Eric Aikele, no other nominations

Nominated by Mitch Sorenson / Elects only 2 present

Eric Aikele Elected

Moore: Larry Jensen, no other nominations

Moved by James Babcock, seconded by Zip Zedeker

Larry Jensen Elected

Chili: Vernon Roche, no other nominations

Moved by Dan Mulick, seconded by Roger Sorenson

Vernon Roche Elected

Lost River: Jay V. Jensen, no other nominations

Moved Bob Waddoups, seconded Jay Anderson

Jay V. Jensen Elected

**Water Master**

Bob Shaffer

Moved by Shane Rosenkrance, seconded Randy Purser

Motion to cease by Bob Waddoups

Elected by hand

**Chairman**

Loy Pehrson

Moved by Shane Rosenkrance, seconded Walt Johnson

Keith Hill moved to cease nominations

Loy Pehrson Elected

Larry Quist: Questioned the election of the credential committee. Moved to leave all as is. Credential Committee is Appointed by Advisory Committee

**BLRID: Jim Rindfleisch**

Need to have measuring device to get water delivered.

Need to call for rotation credit if you want it.

Dave Nelson

Overdrafts in BLRID? - Jim Rindfleisch address miscalculations and errors in readings & bookkeeping errors. If anyone has questions - come to office & visit w/Jim & staff to resolve problem.

Tom Bassista IDWR- working on stream bank erosion.

**Adjourn:** 3:50 pm

Moved by Doug Rosenkrance, seconded by Jim Gregory