

Minutes of the annual watermaster election for Water District #37N held February 4, 2003, at the Carey City Hall at 1:00 p.m. Present were board members, Dick Payne, Jack Barton, Milo Mecham, Jim Peterson, and Keith Patterson. Other waterusers present were Dennis Stewart, Creg Hansen, Jerry Cenarrusa, Keith Hunt, Boyd Stocking Merrill Taylor, Greg Mann, Dennis Patterson, Ray Baird, Terry Gregory, Aaron Andrews, Jim Peterson Sr., Ken Bailey, John Peavey, and Larry Peterson. Representing the NRCS were Maureen Maugher, Kevin Davidson, Gary Pfieffe, John Kendrick, Vin Honn, and Ron Gill. Others were Charlie Barnes from Mike Simpson's office and Jack Straubar from Banyon Technologies.

Dick Payne called the meeting to order and opened nominations for a meeting chairman. Milo nominated Dick, and Jack seconded. Voting was unanimous. Nominations were then open for a meeting secretary. Jack nominated Kathi to serve as the secretary, Keith Hunt seconded, voting was unanimous.

Bob Simpson presented the 2003 budget which represented a 1.5% increase over last year. This comes to about \$500. Keith Patterson made a motion to accept the budget as presented, with Jack seconding. Voting was unanimous.

Nominations were then opened for watermaster. Jerry nominated Bob Simpson, Keith Hunt seconded. There were no other nominations. Voting was unanimous for Bob Simpson to serve as the watermaster again this year.

Bob presented a current water forecast and weather outlook for the Little Wood drainage and most of Idaho. He reported that there is currently 10,400 a/f in the Little Wood dam. Little Wood is one of the few drainages in the state over 100% in water content.

The time was then turned over to Maureen Maugher for an update on the progress of the Environmental Impact Study currently being compiled by the NRCS. This study will be complete April 1st. Maps of the proposed pipeline were available on the walls for waterusers to inspect. Everyone seemed very favorable to the project and the progress of the initial study.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.



Kathi Peck, Secretary

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