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**ANNUAL WATER DISTRICT #41 MEETING
MARCH 1, 1999
MINUTES**

The annual water meeting was held at the Rockland School March 1, 1999 and was called to order by chairman, Brent Walker at 1pm. Chairman Walker asked for the minutes of the previous meeting to be read. These were approved by motion of Dan Ralphs and seconded by Bonnie Anderson. Chairman Walker asked for a motion to elect a Chairman and a Secretary/Treasurer for the next year. Motion to retain Brent Walker as chairman was made by James Robinson and seconded by Evelyn Roper. Motion to retain Alan Permann as Sec./Tres. was made by James Robinson then seconded by Evelyn Roper. Voting was unanimous.

Watermaster, Robinson reported that 1998 was a good water year. Water was plentiful and abundant all year long. Most ditches ran at 6 plus inches during the year. Snow pack looks good and prospects for 1999 are good. Timely rains helped alot during the year. No problems were reported by the advisory committee.

Motion was made to set Watermaster salary at \$4,500.00 a year by Bonnie Anderson and seconded by Dick Nelson. Application for Watermaster was made by James Robinson. Motion to accept his application was made by Dick Nelson and seconded by Steve May. Voting was unanimous.

The 1999 budget was presented by Secretary Permann as follows:

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| Watermaster | 4,500.00 |
| Secretary/Tres. | 450.00 |
| Social Security | 500.00 |
| Audit | 250.00 |
| Workmans Comp. Ins. | 300.00 |
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| | 6,000.00 |

There was mention of an audit needing to be made. Secretary Permann stated that he will solicit an accountant to do this during the coming year.

Motion was made by Dick Nelson to accept this budget and authorize the collection of assessments. This was seconded by Dan Ralphs. Voting was unanimous.

Steve Clelin was present from the Dept. of Water Resources and spoke about the SRBA. Focus has been on domestic water rights and is complete at this time. Ground and surface irrigation are next up. He needs to get preliminary recommendations in by

May 30th. After which a 60 day notice of error to correct mistakes will take place before being delivered to the judge. Final report will be made July 31st. Six months later it will be a decreed water right and that will be the final stage. Steve mentioned that the process has been unbelievably smooth.

Some discussion followed about weir measurement versus sluice boxes. Dick Nelson mentioned that the "Old Timers" said that, "Water was insufficient using weir measurement so they stayed with sluice boxes." Juan Spillet said, "Sluice boxes were forced on them in the 50's. Where before dry dam ditches were the "norm"". Dan Ralphs asked if water in the city ditch belongs to the city or the individuals after years of use. Steve Clelin said it belongs to the city but, individuals may challenge this if they want to in the SRBA court. He said they may have some claim to waste water.

Dan Ralphs also asked what the basis for the Watermaster salary was and how many hours were involved? He was told that this was determined on a bid basis and the number of hours depended on the amount of water available during the water year.

A motion was then made that the Advisory Committee remain the same for 1999. The motion for this was made by Bonnie Anderson and seconded by James Robinson. The Advisory Committee consists of the following individuals: Jim Woodworth, Curtis Munk and Lance Roper. Voting was unanimous.

At 1:50pm Steve May made the motion that the meeting be adjourned and this was seconded by Dick Nelson. Voting was unanimous. The meeting was then adjourned.

Signed,

Brent Walker, Chrm.

Alan Permann, Sec.