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March 27, 1998

Kathi L Peck  
PO Box 26  
Carey, ID  
83320

Water District: 37-N, Upper Little Wood River

Dear Mrs. Peck;

We have received the minutes of this year's water meeting. Although no mention was made of electing a treasurer for, I presume that you still hold that office. Therefore, an oath of office is enclosed. Once we receive your notarized oath, a certificate of appointment will be issued. Two adopted-budget forms are enclosed for your use, although these may not be needed if district expenses will be paid from power-plant revenues. If you decide not to file an adopted budget, let me know so that I can annotate my records.

Regards,

James E. Stanton  
Sr. Water Resource Agent

WD 374-1998

Upper Big Wood annual meeting March 2, 1998, Poley, ID

By [unclear]

Proposed budget @ 27,122.5

5% increase over last yr

No raise last yr for water master.

Amounts to about \$1200/mo salary for water

Est. Expenses WM.

Canal board as advisory board.

710-715,000 revenue from power gen.

new gates installed in steel \$100,000

35000 in maintenance

Hydropower revenue depends on time of year.

RATE

Dec Jan Feb High rate on hydropower .07851

Mar Apr May Low rate .05237

Attny John Colman

Dan and Jessa discussed the water management district, statutory exchange portions. We advised district to do as possible. Also to examine the state the water district as a business entity.



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Robert L Simpson  
PO Box 232  
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Water District: 37-N, Upper Little Wood River

Dear Mr. Simpson;

As you have again been elected as watermaster of your district, an oath of office is enclosed. Once we receive your notarized oath, a certificate of appointment will be issued. I still have not received your corrected watermaster's report from 1997; please get this to me as soon as possible so that I can approve the report. Also, please turn in whatever daily delivery records you kept last year. We have books for this purpose, available upon request, or you can use whatever other method suits your needs. Either way, IDWR is the final repository for these records.

Regards,

James E. Stanton  
Sr. Water Resource Agent

Minutes of the annual meeting of Watermaster District #37N held March 2, 1998, at the Carey School at 2:00 p.m. Present were Lee Eldredge, De Farnworth, Mike Bright, Boyd Stocking, Bob Simpson, Dar Parke, Milo Mecham, Dennis Stewart, Dan Nelson and Scott King from the Dept of Water Resources, Terry Gregory from the Fish and Game, Rick Mecham, Mike from Clearwater Nursery, and Kathi Peck.

Dar Parke took charge of the meeting and asked for nominations for a chairman of the meeting. Rick nominated Dar to be that chairman, Mike seconded, and voting was unanimous. Dennis then nominated Kathi Peck to serve as secretary for the meeting, which was seconded by Rick and the voting was unanimous.

The 1998 budget was presented which included a 5% raise in salary for the watermaster. It was noted that there had been no raise in the last two years. Rick Mecham made a motion to accept the proposed budget, De Farnworth seconded it, and the voting was unanimous.

Nominations for watermaster were then opened. Milo Mecham nominated Bob Simpson, De seconded, Rick moved that nominations cease, and the voting was unanimous in favor of Bob. Lee Eldredge then moved that the canal board serve as the advisory board for the watermaster, it was seconded by Dennis and voting was unanimous.

In other matters, the operation of hydro plant was discussed. It produced a record amount of power last year for a total revenue of \$712,000. It has run for 10 days in February to lower the dam somewhat. Currently, the dam is at 19,000 acre/feet. The snow survey for the first of March is much improved over that of February's. We are nearly at 100% everywhere.

Dar asked for input from the waterusers on the issue of whether or not to pay the watermaster salary from hydro revenue. This would eliminate assessments to the waterusers and the irrigation district would write one check for the total budget to be put into the watermaster account and dispersed from there. There were many favorable comments and the general consensus was that this should be done. The board will formally rule on it at their next board meeting on February 11. Our attorney, John Coleman, will also attend the next meeting.

Bob Simpson recently attended a workshop in Denver sponsored by the Bureau of Reclamation. He mentioned a few issues that will be affecting our district as well as the ongoing ones like the adjudication and water quality.

Dan Nelson, who is in charge of the measurement district for the local wells, mentioned the possibility of the water district adopting the wells into our district and taking over their measurement. Bob is already doing much of the work anyway, and this would eliminate the charges paid by the well owners. We would need to submit a plan to the state for our own measurement district. Dan said that he would be glad to come to a board meeting in the future to help us with this. The well owners present were very interested.

Terry Gregory of the Fish and Game, asked about the obligation of other waterusers along their diversion ditch to help share in the cost of maintenance of the ditch. About ten other people use that ditch but for years the Fish and Game has done all the maintenance. Boyd suggested that they get together with the other waterusers and discuss this and encourage them to pay their fair share.

Milo made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dennis seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

*Kathi Peck*

Kathi Peck, Secretary

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