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Water District 74-C Annual Meeting

The meeting of Water district 74-C was called to order by Chairman Dale Jolly at 2:00 pm on March 7, 2005. Members present were Dale Jolly, Mike Kossler from Eagle Valley Ranch and John Tracy. Minutes of 2003 meeting were read and approved.

Elections of Officer were held and Dale Jolly will remain as water chairman. Mike Kossler will be the new secretary for 2005 water year.

The treasure's report was read and shows a balance of \$341.60 in the checking account. The water master, John Tracy, was paid in full at the end of irrigation season in 2004. It was noted that the signature card at Bank of America will have to be changed so the new secretary can write checks.

The water master election was held. Dale Jolly made a motion to elect John Tracy as the water master for the water year of 2005. The motion was seconded by Mike Kossler and passed.

The budget for 2005 was discussed and it was decided to implement the same budget as 2004 of \$800.00. It was decided to use \$200 from the remaining balance in the account and access the water users \$600.00 to pay the water master. This will leave a balance of \$141.60. A motion was made by Dale Jolly for the budget as it was discussed and it was seconded by Mike Kossler. The motion passed.

The Credential Committee was discussed and Dale Jolly made a motion that all water use members of Water District 74-C be the board of the Credentials Committee. The motion was seconded by Mike Kossler and passed.

In new business, representatives of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and Department of Reclamation and Model Water Shed were present to discuss the Appraisal Study by the Department of Reclamation on Bohannon Creek. This study has six alternatives for maintaining minimum stream flow for fish from C3, C4, and C6 diversions on Bohannon Creek. Idaho Department of Fish and Game indicated that the C3 diversion was the main concern because it has the largest water right and there is not minimum stream flow below this diversion after the high water flows are gone. When all of the alternatives were discussed, the proposal of letting water go by diversion C3 to the Lemhi river and recapturing it in L8 Diversion and then pumping it back up to the ditch for C3 diversion seemed the most feasible. Dale Jolly's main concern was the head gate and ditch coming out of Bohannon Creek for C3 stay intact so in the event of pump failure water can be restored and not disrupt irrigation water for crops. Mr. Jolly made a suggestion that he would be agreeable to a trial of letting C3 diversion water go by into the Lemhi River this summer. He would pump this water out of L8 with the pump that he uses now to pump Lemhi River water. Dale also said that he would not stand the cost of pumping, maintenance, or any legal fees that might be incurred with this experiment. None of the agencies present could tell the board if this would be approved by the

Department of Water Recourses (IDWR) and how it could be done legally. They all agreed that this would have to be looked at and the IDWR would need a study to see if this could be done on a trial bases. Mr. Jolly stated that he is interested in helping fish passage, but wants to keep his present ditch in good condition to deliver water as it has always been used. All of the agencies present thanked the board for the time to present the Department of Reclamation Alternatives. They would give the board information as soon as it can be studied. The Department of Idaho and Fish and Game also told the board that fish screens and head gates will be installed in Diversions LBC03, LBC04, and LBC05 in the spring of 2005. Fish screens on Diversion LB06 will be done in the fall of 2005. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm. The next meeting will be March 6, 2006 at 2 pm at the Dale Jolley residence.

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