

**WATER DISTRICT 74  
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING  
MARCH 6, 1995**

Call to order at 7:34 p.m. by R.J. Smith, Chairman. R.J. asked for the minutes of the 1994 meeting to be read. Minutes were read by Donna Barsalou, acting secretary. Minutes were approved as read.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Donna read the Treasurer's report:

State Insurance Fund	\$1501.91
Postage	\$95.00
Hardware	\$7.44
Recorder Herald	\$13.46
Mileage	\$2,857.00
Wages and Taxes	\$24,874.74

Balance in checking as of December 31, 1994 \$6673.05

**OLD BUSINESS**

R.J. reported on the fish flush held last summer. He thought it was a great success. Everyone was surprised at how much water there was in the river. The irrigators did a great job and showed that State what we can accomplish when we all pull together.

**NEW BUSINESS**

R.J. reported that the 1995 Proposed Budget of \$19,548.80 had been approved by the Directors at the February 28, 1995 meeting. There is currently a \$6,300.00 balance in the checking account. At the directors meeting it was agreed that there is no reason to leave that much money on the books. It was agreed to take \$4,000.00 from the checking account and use that for the 1995 assessment. Irrigators would have been assessed \$26 per cfs, with the added money from checking the assessment dropped to \$20.43 per cfs. Irrigators will only be assessed for \$14,500.00 of the 1995 \$19,548.80 budget. This will leave a \$2,000.00 buffer in the checking account to purchase equipment, etc. if necessary. Ed Gibson questioned if the Water District had the right to increase the assessment by more than 5% in 1996, which may be necessary to make the 1996 Budget amount. Next year the Irrigators may be assessed more than \$20 per cfs.

Motion (floor-floor) that for the year 1995, a charge of \$5.00 shall be assessed each user named in the adopted budget of this district.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the amounts payable by each ditch, canal company, or other water user, as shown by the approved budget, shall become due and payable on May 1, 1995, and said amounts, if not so paid shall bear interest from that date until paid at a rate of 1% per month.

BE IT RESOLVED: That for the year 1995, the watermaster, after beginning his term of service shall continue in service until Dec. 31, 1995.

Motion (Ellsworth - Gibson): That for the year 1995, Rick Sager, shall serve as Watermaster for Water District 74. Motion carried.

Jim Skinner asked if the Water Master shouldn't get a little raise for 1995. R.J. explained how Rick is paid. The Watermaster is paid seven months out of the year by Water District 74 (wage is \$12,000.00 per year). From November 1 through March 31, Rick is paid by the Bureau of Reclamation (wage is \$1,700.00 per month). The B.O.R. contract is expected to last only one more year. It is apparent that Rick cannot live on \$12,000.00 paid by the Water District. Motion: (Skinner) that the Watermaster be given a raise. Bob Thomas said Rick does a great job, he know the river, diversions and the people and he would hate to loose him. Galen Kossler said Rick had done a fantastic job while the District was under regulation last summer. There were no fights or disputes over the water and it was all because of how Rick handled the situation. question from the floor, will the 1995 budget need to be increased to accommodate the Watermaster wage increase? R.J. affirmed, yes it would. Motion: (S. Herbst) that the watermaster wages remain the same for 1995 and be increased in 1996. Carl Ellsworth asked if it was normal procedure to handle the wage increase the way it had been discussed, there was a motion to give the watermaster a raise on the floor, then a motion to keep the wage the same. R.J. yes, normal. Paul Fisher seconded the motion that the wage remain the same for 1995, when the B.O.R. contract ends that the wage should be increased. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion (Mulkey - Thomas): That for the year 1995, Donna Barsalou be hired as Secretary of Water District 74. Motion carried.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Galen Kossler asked what has happened with the Indian Filings. R.J. Said there is still a moratorium. Question from the floor: Any indication when the moratorium will end? R.J. said he thought that there had been a problem with funding and personnel and that the project was basically back to square one. Question from the floor: What is the snow pack? Bob Foster, local agent for the Department of Water Resources gave a quick report. As of February 1, 1995, snow pack on the Lemhi was 174% of average. The Salmon River, up the Salmon was 236% of average. On the adjudication, one million seven hundred thousand was asked for to finance the project. A stay on the proceeding was in effect as of December 1994. Bruce Mulkey said he had heard as of March 1, 1995 that the snow pack on the Lemhi was 100 to 110% of the 10 year average. R.J. thought the whole area was a little above the 10 year average and a little below the 20 year average.

### **ELECTION OF ADVISORY BOARD**

Advisory Board: Three terms to expire; Paul Fisher, Bob Thomas and R.J. Smith. Motion: (Mulkey - second from the floor) That the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the current board members. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the annual meeting of Water District 74 was adjourned by Chairman Smith at 8:04 p.m.

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R.J. Smith, Chairman

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Donna L. Barsalou, Secretary

**WATER DISTRICT 74  
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 6, 1995**

**PRESENT**

R.J. Smith, Chairman, 95  
Bob Thomas, 95  
Lynn Herbst, 96  
Paul Fisher, 95  
Bruce Mulkey, 97  
Bill Snyder, 97  
Donna Barsalou, Secretary

**ABSENT**

Don Olson, 96

The meeting was called to order immediately following the Annual Meeting of District 74 for the purpose of re-organizing the Board.

Motion: (Fisher - Herbst) that R.J. Smith be retained as chairman. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Submitted by Donna L. Barsalou, Secretary.