

WATER DISTRICT 74
ANNUAL MEETING
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ORDER

The 1997 annual meeting of Water District 74 was called to order by RJ Smith, Chairman at 7:07 p.m. at the Lemhi County Commissioners Annex.

MINUTES

Minutes of the 1996 annual meeting of Water District 74 were read by Secretary, Donna L. Barsalou. Minutes were corrected as read to say: (section on adjudication) If the case is decided in favor of the Grazing Assoc. The (Fish and Game) changed to BLM does not stand a chance. No other changes made to minutes, approved as corrected.

TREASURES REPORT

The treasurers report was read by Donna L. Barsalou, secretary. Total income for 1996 \$17,238.40. Total expenses were \$17,937.48 (see attached report).

Rick Sager reported on the money owed to the IRS. There are three delinquent 941 claims from 1993 and 1994 that are due in the amount of \$1,216.92. These claims have been researched and there is no evidence that we have paid them. It was approved at the Directors meeting to pay the outstanding amount.

OLD BUSINESS

Rick reported on the domestic wells. There are 86 that he has been keeping data on, getting at least two readings a month on most of them. All the information from these readings go to BOR in Yakama, WA. Surface flows from ditches each month show a negative amount. USGS and BOR will walk the Lemhi in July to guesstimate the inflows increase after high water. The BOR will fund the project for one more year. Rick talked about the handbook that he passed out in 1996 to collect data on headgate activities. This year a can will be attached to each headgate with the book inside, so the users can record activities easier. RJ commented that BOR and BPA have been paying Rick in the off season, this helps Water District 74 keep Rick on as water master. In a year or two when the studies end, the Water District needs to look at increasing Rick's wages to keep him on as water master.

BOB THOMAS

RJ reported on how Bob Thomas was doing in Arizona after having undergone open heart surgery. Apparently he is doing well and will be headed home soon.

ADJUDICATION

RJ reported that the judge ruled in our favor on the Public Water 107, did not have a right to own stock water on federal ground. Issue 5A (basin wide) Reynolds Creek Owyhee County and Basin 57. Environmental groups have filed and objection, will be heard on 1/15/97, no ruling as yet from Supreme Court. RJ has talked with Clive Strong and he is optimistic.

INDIAN FILINGS

Water caucuses in Lemhi County have regular conference calls with Clive Strong. There will be a call on 3/7/97. Members of the caucus are, Bob Loucks, RJ Smith, Don Olson, and Dave McFarland. The Forest Service has reduced their claims from 3600 to 71 to include National Recreation areas, Multiple Use and Wild and Scenic Rivers. The only one with specified water right is Wild and Scenic Rivers, they will probably get a stream flow for Salmon River. priority date will be date bills passed. Will not affect many of the older users.

Nez Perce tribe has filed on water for the reservation. There is plenty of water to satisfy their claims. Sho Bans have given up their claim to water in the Lemhi Basin. RJ does not think it will impact us, he thinks most of these will be finalized before they go into litigation.

NEW BUSINESS

Rick Sager went over the proposed budget for 1997. \$27.81 per cfs is proposed for 1997, this is up \$1.50 from 1996 (see attached proposed budget). There were no questions regarding the budget. Motion (Herbst - Olson) to approve budget as proposed. All in favor motion carried.

ELECTIONS

Water Master - Motion (Skinner - Herbst) that Rick Sager remain the Water Master for 1997. Bill Snyder moved that nominations cease. Unanimous vote for Rick Sager.

Directors - Directors up for reelection are Bill Snyder and Bruce Mulkey. Jim Skinner asked if Bill Snyder would like to be re-elected, Bill, yes. Motion (Herbst - Kauer) that Bill be re-elected. All in favor, motion carried. Motion (Herbst - Skinner) that Blair Kauer fill Bruce Mulkey's position. Move that nominations cease, all in favor of Blair Kauer, motion carried.

Secretary - Motion (Olson - Skinner) that Donna Barsalou be re-elected as Secretary. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion (B. Sager - Don Olson) that meeting be adjourned. No further business meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m. Respectfully submitted by Donna L. Barsalou, Secretary.