

**Minutes of Water District 74 Annual Meeting
Monday, March 6, 2000**

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ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Chairman RJ Smith.

MINUTES OF 1999 MEETING

The minutes of the 1999 Water District 74 Annual Meeting were read by Secretary, Donna L. Barsalou. There were no changes. Minutes were approved as read.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Secretary, Donna Barsalou, read the financial report. The financial report was approved as read.

ADJUDICATION

RJ reported on the adjudication process. The Lemhi is scheduled for 2004. Each water user on the district will be receiving a map with their diversion. RJ pointed out that users should pay close attention and make sure that the amount, use, place, are all correct. Bob Foster stated again that users pay close attention to the maps when they arrive. The Lemhi may get close scrutiny by the adjudication committee because of recent activities. For the most part Bob felt that it should go very smooth. He predicts that the map mailings will go out sometime in mid to late 2003.

WELL MORATORIUM

Bob Foster from the Department of Water Resources reported on the well moratorium. He stated that there is none in this area. He feels that information may have gotten construed concerning the moratorium on irrigation wells. There is a moratorium on irrigation wells, but not domestic or surface water use. This has been in place since 1972. The limit for stock water use is 13,000 gallons per day.

GENERAL

Gary Jenson asked about a spring located on his place. Is an agreement valid if the user is not the property owner? Allen Probst stated that the ruling on agreements had been revisited in February of this year. RJ stated that there is a position open on Supreme Court that may affect the District. Mark McKinney asked about the Indian Filings. Bob Foster reported that he hasn't heard much action there. RJ said that the Judge, Judge Woods who sits on that board may have a conflict of interest because he owns a small water right. Wood ruled against the Indian Filings. It has currently in appeal.

ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Snyder Seat – Bill Snyder nominated Mark McKinney, Mark declined the nomination. Mark nominated Bill Snyder. Bruce Mulkey moved that nominations cease. Carl Ellsworth seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Kauer Seat – Bruce Mulkey nominated Blair. Galen Kossler moved that nominations cease. Bob Thomas Seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Secretary – Sam McKinney nominated Donna Barsalou. Bill Snyder moved that nominations cease. Bruce Mulkey seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Water Master – There was a discussion whether they want a full time water master or a part time one. Motion: (Bruce Mulkey – Jerry Miller) that we maintain a full time water master. One opposed. Motion carried. All in favor but one. Allan Probst nominated Rick Sager. Bruce Mulkey seconded. Move that nominations cease. Mulkey seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

BUDGET

RJ explained that in 1999 at the annual meeting, \$39.50/cfs was approved. Carl Ellsworth commented that the water master job sounded like the best paying job in the valley, and wondered how we figure out the hours per week. Rick explained what his duties were. Galen Kossler asked Carl Ellsworth what his ranch was worth without its water. Gary Jenson had several budget questions. Carl said the point he was trying to make was we are getting a lot more for our money than just a guy to measure water. He felt that Rick is very knowledgeable about the Lemhi and its tributaries. There was an extended discussion on Rick's job duties and his salary. Delos Olson commented that the records and data that Rick is archiving are going to help the adjudication and to keep our water in our valley down the road. Bruce Mulkey commented that he had received a letter just today that he feels should concern all the water users. Jerry Miller and a question on the wording on the adjudication, "Once and for all, are we going to have to start over in 2004 or 2005? We better be prepared, Rick's records will assist us there." Bob Foster stated that the more historical data that we have only helps the water users. In the future all districts will have a full time Water Master. Blair Kauer had a question to Rick about his mileage. Rick explained he is paid \$.25/mile, during summer the miles vary, in winter he generally goes to Leadore about once a month to measure wells. Jim Skinner stated he felt \$.25 a mile was not enough. Motion: (Carl Ellsworth – Quinton Snook) to approve proposed budget for 2000. All in favor. Motion carried. The approved budget is for \$36.75/cfs.

SNOW PACK

Mark McKinney had a question about the snow pack and where it is historically.

No further business, meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. Respectfully submitted by Donna L. Barsalou, Secretary.