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MARCH 12, 2003

DONNA BARSALOU
PO BOX 744
SALMON ID 83467

RE: Water District No. #74

Dear Mrs. Barsalou:

We acknowledge receipt of the Minutes of the Annual Watermaster's Election Meeting held in your district. We still need to receive the Adopted Budget to complete the certification process in your water district.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Harold W. Jones
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Water Rights Supervisor

HWJ:dn

Minutes of Annual Meeting
Water District 74
Monday, March 3, 2003

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Water District 74

PRESENT

RJ Smith, Chairman
Bob Thomas, Director
Paul Fisher, Director
Bill Snyder, Director
Ed Snook, Director
Bill Loudy, Director
Rick Sager, Water Master
Donna L. Barsalou, Secretary

ABSENT

Blair Kauer, Director

Open: Chairman, RJ Smith opened the annual meeting at 7:04 p.m.

MINUTES

Minutes from the 2002 annual meeting were read by Secretary Barsalou. Motion: (Ellsworth - Gibson) to approve minutes as read. All in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report was read by Secretary Barsalou. Report was approved as read.

OLD BUSINESS

The L-6 and S-14 transfer is still in limbo. Salmon River Properties is the current hold up. The owners are both elderly and are not well. Until things improve, the transfer is on hold. RJ reported there could be potential problems with BPA.

WATER RENTAL

In 2002 there were 25 cfs leased at L-6. Negotiations have not started for the 2003 season, but it is expected that at least 25 cfs will be asked for again. 27.16 cfs has been "collected" in applications to lease. RJ has an idea that they will settle at 25 cfs with the same money being paid per acre as last year. The amount was \$220/acre. The agreement with NMFS is in place for 2003. RJ reported that they are working on a long term plan. The goal is a twenty year plan, instead of renegotiating annually.

TURN ON AGREEMENT

Rick Sager, Water master, asked users to again contact him prior to turning on in the spring. The purpose for this is to avoid the "dry up" that has historically happened in May when most users turn on. Rick feels that by notifying him and the Fish and Game the "dry up" can be

avoided, and Fish Screens at diversions will be operational.

NEW BUSINESS

Adjudication - the Lemhi and Basin 74 is to be adjudicated this year. RJ advises all water users to make sure if they have transferred ownership, etc. to update their filings. He also reported that we have been advised by Idaho Department of Water Resources to file on high water rights. Lemhi Irrigation District will file these claims for the district as a whole. At the Lemhi Irrigation District annual meeting it was voted to have the district pay to file (RJ reported he was going to check on that "motion").

Bob Loucks talked about the side tributaries and where they stand in the high water filings. Bob said that if the side tributaries have their high water documented, the filings would be easier.

Don Olson asked who would actually hold the right? Meaning, who would have "ownership" of the high water rights. Bob explained they would belong to the Irrigation District as a whole, he used the Pope Ditch as an example. Carl Ellsworth stated that it was his understanding that each user can file individual applications. RJ reaffirmed that we need to file on ALL the water we turn out. All high water claims will be filed and processed this summer, prior to the completion of the adjudication. Bob Foster, from the IDWR stated that all should be aware that a high water filing is only good AFTER all rights on a ditch/diversion have been fulfilled. Bob Loucks informed that there will be one filing for each diversion. One for each side trib. High water filings are in effect from April 1 to November 15 of each irrigation season. Clyde Nelson stated that the fish screen at each diversion would determine how much "high water" each ditch would divert (carry). Bob agreed. That each fish screen has a maximum design flow. Carl Ellsworth asked if there was a sixty day deadline. He also stated he would like to get the side creeks to meet with Roxanne from the IDWR.

BUDGET

RJ read through the proposed 2003 budget prepared by Rick Sager. There were several comments about the current fuel prices. Users wondered if there was enough money set aside in the budget to account for the increase. Motion: (Dallas Olson - Carl Ellsworth) to approve the proposed budget of \$46/cfs. Majority in favor, one opposed. Motion carried.

ELECTIONS

Water Master - Motion: (Don Olson - Bruce Mulkey) to appoint Rick Sager as water master. Dallas Olson moved to have a unanimous ballot cast for Rick Sager. All in favor. Motion carried. Rick Sager was appointed to the water master position.

Secretary - Motion: (Don Olson - Steve Herbst) to appoint Donna Barsalou secretary. Ed Gibson moved to have a unanimous ballot cast for Donna Barsalou. All in favor. Motion carried.

Donna was appointed as secretary.

Directors: Bill Snyder and Blair Kauer seats terminated in 2003. Motions: (Bruce Mulkey - Dallas Olson) to nominate Carl Ellsworth. Gibson - Don Olson voted that nominations cease.

Motion: (Don Olson - Bob Thomas) for Dean Shiner to fill Kauer seat.

Motion: (Steve Herbst - Mark McKinney) for Stephen Shiner to fill Kauer seat.

Motion: (Gibson - Olson) that nominations cease. Users voted for Carl, Dean or Stephen. Carl Ellsworth and Stephen Shiner received the majority of the votes. They were appointed the director seats.

MISC.

Bob Loucks reported on sno-pack. With the last snowfall we were at 90% on most of the district.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Respectfully submitted by Donna L. Barsalou, secretary.