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**MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
WATER DISTRICT #74
MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2005**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman, Carl Ellsworth, called the annual meeting of Water District #74 to order at 7:14 p.m. on Monday, March 7, 2005.

MINUTES OF 2004 MEETING

Secretary, Vicki Armstrong, read the minutes from the 2004 annual meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Secretary, Vicki Armstrong reported the bank balance to date is \$3,386.07 which includes the \$4000.00 from the Rental Committee. The expenses to date show only March payroll still outstanding. Chairman Ellsworth explained that some of the payroll reports from 1999 to 2004 were filed in 2004 and that the IRS had levied the account for \$4,319.74 for back taxes. The Rental Committee had agreed to give the Water District \$4000.00 to cover the rest of this fiscal years payroll but any refunds should go back to the Rental Committee. The financial report was approved as read.

OLD BUSINESS

ADJUDICATION – Roxann Brown reported that most of the 21,000 claims filed have been accepted and that the directors' report has been court ordered to be delivered this year. She explained how the survey process works. She also stated that it's not too late to file high water claims. Bob Louckes explained that Water Master Rick Sager filed claims on every point of diversion on the Lemhi Irrigation District except where there was no ditch.

Bob Louckes also stated that he filed for a grant to replace the original 4 gauge stations and the 25% cost share will come from NRCS for installation.

LEMHI AGREEMENT – RJ Smith reported that negotiations are continuing with the Lemhi Agreement and the Nez Pierce agreement has almost been reached. As soon as the agreement is completed it will be presented at a meeting at the Lemhi Grange for a vote.

TURN ON AGREEMENT – Water Master Rick Sager asked that every water user notify him and Fish & Game 24 to 48 hours prior to turn on and that no one is to turn on before March 15th.

NEW BUSINESS

ELECTIONS – Water Master – A motion (Thomas-Lile) was made to retain Rick Sager as water master. With no other nominations a verbal vote was cast. All "aye". Motion carried and Rick accepted the position as Lemhi River Water Master. **Secretary** – A motion (Smith-Thomas) was made to retain Vicki Armstrong as secretary. With no other nominations a verbal vote was cast. All "aye". Motion carried and Vicki accepted the position.

BUDGET – Water master Rick Sager presented the proposed budget based on actual expenses from 2004-05 with the exception of Workman's Comp and mileage. He explained that \$2065.00 is the amount that has been billed by the State Insurance Fund for this past year. He also explained that most of his mileage allowance was used up early in the season. Using 690cfs the assessed rate should be \$52.35 per cfs. Questions – should more be budgeted for more unforeseen payroll taxes, and is Rick comfortable with \$.37 per mile with gas prices probably going up. A motion (Gibson-Thomas) was made and to accept the budget as proposed with the exception of mileage raised to \$.405 per mile. All "aye". The motion was approved. The new rate is \$52.80 per cfs.


CLOUD SEEDING – Chairman Ellsworth questioned the IDWR rep's if it was an option, could the Water District budget for the expense for cloud seeding? Bob Foster stated that it would be with a resolution. It was explained that to rent a machine it would cost \$24.00 per hour it covered a 10 mile radius, and that the chemical is the expensive factor. Idaho Power is spending our money to conduct studies and maybe we need to look into this possibility.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS – Directors Bill Loudy and Ed Snook, whose term is up, has agreed to serve again. A motion (Gibson) to elect by acclamation was made. All "aye". They will serve for another three-year term.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. Respectfully submitted by, Vicki Armstrong, Secretary.



Carl Ellsworth, Chairman



Vicki Armstrong, Secretary