

July 8, 1996

JIMMIE L DOWTON, Secretary
HC 62 BOX 2320
MAY ID 83253

RE: Water District No. 73

Dear Jimmie:

We acknowledge receipt of the Minutes of the Annual Watermaster's Election Meeting held in your district.

Now we need the Oath of Office and the Petition for Watermaster Services forms before the watermaster can be officially certified in your district.

Sincerely,

Harold W Jones
Water Rights Supervisor

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MINUTES OF ANNUAL WATER MEETING
WATER DISTRICT # 73
PAHSIMEROI RIVER- CUSTER & LEMHI COUNTIES
MARCH 4, 1996

The annual water meeting of Water District #73 was held at the May Grange Hall at May, Id on March 4, 1996, at 1:10 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ralph Hatch. Jim Dowton, Secretary, read the minutes of the 1995 meeting. A motion was made by Roy Ellis to approve the minutes as read. Seconded by Jack Whitworth. All approved.

There were 18 in attendance, with several women from the P.T.A. at the meeting.

Business discussed- The filings on water rights by the Indian Tribes. It was the consensus of the water users that there is to be no negotiations, and Jim Martiny stated that the district should not acknowledge the Indian Filings. Moved by Jim Martiny. Seconded by Emerson Latimier. (Listed as Resolution #9)

Business Discussed: Resolutions #1-#2-#3-#4-#5-#6 from the 1995 meeting. These are also enclosed on the Resolution Page.

RESOLUTIONS FOR 1996

#1- (#1-from 1995 resolutions) That the watermaster shall be elected at said meeting, and that the district will also appoint him with authority on down the ditches to be ditch rider. The watermaster will do his own billings for ditch rider and fees set by him and the ditch users. The users on the individual ditches will be the only ones charge if the ditch rider is called on down the ditch. The bill will be divided evenly among ditch users that call for the ditch rider. If the ditch rider cannot collect bills during the water season he will turn them over to Water District #73 for collection. Water users with unpaid bills shall not have the right to demand and receive any water for the coming season and the watermaster shall not deliver water to any user until the amount has been paid. Motion to adopt this resolution was made by Roy Ellis and seconded by George Miller. All voted in favor. **NOTE- Watermasters authority to the point of diversion. Ditch Rider from there on down the ditch.

#2- (#2 from 1995 resolutions)-That Water District #73 shall do own billing and collections. Payable or due May 1 or before water use. There will be a charge of 8% interest annually from said date until paid. Resolved: That no water user shall have the right to demand and receive water, and the watermaster shall not deliver to such user until the amount due and payable from such user, as fixed by the budget, has been paid. Resolution made by Emerson Latimer, seconded by Rich Dinges. All voted in favor.

#3- (#3-1995 Resolutions)- Resolution to combine Credentials and Advisory Board.

Appointed by Chairman Ralph Hatch-made motion to appoint the following to serve on the Credentials and Advisory Board. George Miller made the motion to accept the chairman's suggestion of those to serve on the board. Seconded by Jack Whitworth All approved.

BOARD SELECTION:

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| 1. Larry Whittier | 4. Ted O'Neal |
| 2. Roy Ellis | 5. Duane Moen |
| 3. Ferd Zollinger | |

Advisory Board can act for District for the season, but Watermaster can council with advisory board if needed. This board will draw no salary, nor would it have any legal authority. Watermaster has final say. Its duty would be to work for peace and harmony among the water users.

#4- (#4-1995 Water Meeting) Request by watermaster for weirs and proper measuring devices be upgraded or put in by the individual users, starting with areas needing them most. Continue to work on this. Motion made by Roy Ellis, seconded by Doug Parkinson. All approved.

#5- (#5-1995 Water Meeting) Proposal from Water Clerk & Treasurer that the Water District adopt a resolution that the Clerk-Treas. salary portion that is paid by the water master should be included in the District's budget because most of the time the Watermaster does not know that they have to pay half of the clerk's salary and they have not included it in their bid. Motion was made by Roy Ellis to adopt resolution. Seconded by George Miller. All approved.

#6- Proposed Budget for 1996-----\$2400.00

(Secretary, -----\$250.00

Clerk/Treasurer-----\$800.00

Other Expenses-(rent-postage
billing supplies- and other
costs incurred by water master & DIST.)

PLUS WATERMASTER BID-

\$1400.00/MONTH/5 MO.+ \$326.62 7 DAYS OCT.

WATERMASTER- \$7326.62

(If called out earlier than May 1-
watermaster will be compensated for
days called out at the rate of -\$46.66 a day)
Budgeted for 5 months + 7 days for October-

BUDGET TOTAL--\$9726.62

(With adjustments for debits and credits
from the 1995 Report) Resolution to adopt budget was made
by George Miller, seconded by Roy Ellis. Passed unanimously.

**NEW BUDGET ITEM-NEGOTIATIONS OVER THE WATER FILINGS MADE BY THE
INDIANS- COUNTY AGENT JIM HAWKINS REQUESTED EACH WATER DIST. TO
ASSESS WATER DISTRICTS \$500.00 TO BE USED FOR COSTS INVOLVED WITH
THE ADJUDICATION AND INDIAN FILING COSTS. THESE FUNDS ARE TO BE
KEPT BY THE DISTRICT FOR COSTS RELATED TO THIS. Jim Martiny moved,
and seconded by Larry Whittier. All approved.

#7-Opening of Watermaster Bids-

Call for bids from the floor, there were none.

Opened Watermaster Bid from

Troy Ziegler-\$1400.00 a month for 5 months + 7 days Oct.
regardless of miles called out.

There being only one bid a motion was made by Jim Martiny and seconded by
Emerson Latimer to accept Troy Zieglers bid for watermaster for 1995.
Motion passed.

#8-

ELECTION OF OFFICERS--George Miller made motion to keep all the same
officers as last year. Roy Ellis seconded. Motion passed.

Officers for 1996

Chairman-----Ralph Hatch

Secretary-----Jimmie L. Dowton

Clerk/Treasurer-----Maria Elena Dowton

OTHER BUSINESS-Nomination of Water User to represent District # 73 on the
UPPER SALMON RIVER WATER CAUCUS WITH THE STATE OF IDAHO ATTORNEY GENERALS
OFFICE.

Jim Martiny nominated Jimmie L. Dowton to represent the DIST. Seconded by
Emerson Latimer. All in favor. Resolution #10- for 1996

Stanley Dowton made the request that he would like the watermaster to
record his water usage so it will be on record.

RESOLUTION # 11- Doug Parkinson made motion that watermaster would record
water usage for those that request him to do so and they will be billed for
1996 and all water users in the valley will receive notice of meeting for
1997 and request they will be billed in 1997. Seconded by George Miller.
all in favor.

RESOLUTION # 12- George Miller moved to compensate Watermaster for
additional calls @ \$46.66 to record water for 1996 only until new water
users can be put on books. Seconded by Rich Dinges. All approved.

Jack Witworth made the motion to adjoin.

Seconded by Larry Whittier.

Passed.

Time- 2:25 p.m.

JIMMIE L. DOWTON , SEC.-----*Jimmie L. Dowton Sec.*

RALPH HATCH, CHAIRMAN-----