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Minutes of Morgan Cr. Water Dist. (#72F)

February 16, 2005

An organizational meeting of the Morgan Cr. Water District was held at the home of Pat and Jerry Hawkins, Wednesday evening. It was convened at 7:00 P.M. by Jerry Hawkins. Those in attendance were Pat and Jerry Hawkins, Nyle Thornock, Delbert Hughes, Jim and Tina Hawkins, Ward and Linda Jones, Paula Hays, and Clay Jones.

Due to the loss of records from the old Water Dist. #72F, another district must be set up to comply with Idaho water laws. We are required to be under a "water master" by Idaho code section 42-604. The consensus of our group was that we would like to have a Morgan Cr. Water Dist. and water master, rather than be lumped into the Challis/Garden Cr. Irrigation Dist.

Pat Hawkins moved to set the voting method at "one vote per man/irrigation". Clay Jones seconded the motion, which then passed unanimously. It was discussed, that should a parcel of property, that is now under one irrigation be divided in the future, it will still be one water district vote.

The first order of business was to elect a District Chairman. Nyle Thornock nominated Jim Hawkins for Chairman, and Pat Hawkins seconded. Jim was seated unanimously. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer were combined. Pat Hawkins nominated Tina Hawkins as Sec/Treas., and Jerry seconded, she was also seated unanimously.

Jim Hawkins moved that the district funding assessments be based on inches of decreed water. Clay Jones seconded and this motion passed unanimously. The proposed budget amount will be divided by the total number of decreed inches of water. (Example: \$2,000.00 divided by 50 inches decreed water = \$40.00 per inch). A budget will need to be set. One of the state requirements is to provide Workman Compensation Insurance for the water master. It was discussed to pay a mileage reimbursement to the water master. \$1.50 per mile was suggested. The total mileage of the irrigation circuit is estimated at 50 miles per loop. $50 \times 1.50 = \$75.00$. Actual figures will be established when possible, as well as the recommended/required numbers of trips per month/year. Postage and office supplies will also be included in the budget. The actual hours involved in the jobs of Chairman, Water Master, and Sec/Tres, will be unpaid volunteer work. A sample budget will be worked up by Tina, and available for discussion at the next regular meeting.

The neighboring water users that divert their water from the Salmon River were brought up. It was suggested that we invite them to join our Morgan Cr. Water Dist. Those invited will be in the section of Salmon River from McNabs Point to Watts Bridge, including Lyle Hutchison, Clair Casey, George Santee, and Clive Dunfee, as well as Delbert Hughes and Nyle Thornock that are already members. The secretary will send them an invitation to attend our next regular meeting and consider joining our district.

Chairman, Jim Hawkins will look into a set of By-Laws, and the budget requirements. He will check into the Idaho State and Custer Co. requirements for a Water District. The requirements, and duties of the water master will be researched, so a water master can be informed and chosen at the next regular meeting. A copy of these minutes will be sent to all the Morgan Cr. irrigators. **The next meeting of the Morgan Cr. Irrigation Dist. will be a "problem solving meeting", held March 1st at 1:00 P.M. in the Commissioners Room at the Court House.** Bill Gramh of the Idaho Dept of Water Resources and Roxanne Brown of the Adjudication Court will be there, to help us find solutions to our problems.

The next regular meeting of the Water District will be March 9th, 7:00 P.M. at the home of Pat & Jerry Hawkins. Our proposed expansion, by-laws, budget and water master will be items of attention.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00.

Tina Hawkins
Secretary/Tres.

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WATER RESOURCES**Morgan Cr. Water Dist. #72F - Meeting Minutes****March 9, 2005**

The second meeting of the Morgan Cr. Water District was called to order at 7:00 P.M. at the home of Pat and Jerry Hawkins by Chairman Jim Hawkins. Those in attendance were Bob Foster and Roxanne Brown of the Idaho Dept. of Water Resources, Nyle and Ann Thornock, Pat and Jerry Hawkins, Jim and Tina Hawkins, Lyle Hutchison, and Clair Casey. The minutes of our first meeting were approved as mailed.

Bob Foster clarified the official meeting date for water districts of the 1st Monday in March. To be official a district must petition the IDWR director for a different meeting date. After a discussion among those present, Jerry moved and Tina seconded that for 2006 our budget meeting date is set for the last Monday in February 2006, so all could attend. The date of February 20, 2006 was chosen with no dissenting votes. The secretary will petition the IDWR for this date for our 2006 budget meeting.

The next order of business was the desire of our neighboring river irrigators to be in a water district. Clair and Lyle both expressed the desire to be part of the Morgan Cr. Water District rather than, becoming part of the Challis Cr., or Garden Cr. districts. Prime considerations were, the compatibility with their neighbors, and the close proximity. George Santee had contacted Tina via the telephone, and expressed a similar desire, once the budget amounts were known. Roxanne Brown explained that for an irrigation to be in a water district, their water must be decreed. At this point the Salmon River water has only a partial decree, and until the Snake River Basin Adjudication is complete, it will remain so. Bob Foster pointed out that only the IDWR Director could change a water district, and he must be petitioned for any such changes. Chairman Jim Hawkins will begin this petition process, at the wish of the river irrigators present, (Nyle Thornock, Ryan Hughes, Lyle Hutchison and Clair Casey)

The "high water" or recharge water rights were then discussed, with many questions being directed to Bob and Roxanne. Early irrigation by those in the head of Morgan Cr., benefits all the diversions lower on the stream, extending the irrigation season stream flows. Optional ways of assuring this "stream re-charge" were discussed. It can be on an individual claim basis, or through a Recharge District. Chairman Hawkins will look into these processes.

The 2005 Budget was the next order of business. Treasurer Tina Hawkins has worked up a budget of \$2,026.00 that includes workmen compensation insurance and mileage reimbursement for the water master. Nyle Thornock moved, and Jerry Hawkins seconded, that we accept the suggested budget for 2005. The motion carried unanimously. Assessments bills of \$40.00 per decreed cfs will be sent to the members.

Duties of the water master were then discussed. Volunteers were asked for by the Chairman. Pat Hawkins stepped forward. Ryan Hughes moved and Nyle Thornock seconded that we appoint Pat as our water master. The motion carried unanimously. She will be reimbursed for her mileage at \$1.50 per mile and Workmen compensation insurance will be provided.

Those irrigation diversions that do not have a measuring device will need to get one installed for this years irrigation season (Before April 1st). Roxanne Brown stressed that an accurate water measurement will be very important. The Nu Way Flume style device was mentioned as being a good choice. Handbooks of the different types of water measuring devices are available for anyone that would like one. Jerry Hawkins has some staff gauges available.

Nyle Thornock moved to adjourn the meeting, Tina Hawkins seconded and the meeting was closed at 9:00 P.M.

Tina Hawkins
Sec/Tres.

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