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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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March 19, 1998

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GOVERNOR

KARL J. DREHER
DIRECTOR

CAROL HOOPES, Secretary
PO BOX 65
DUBOIS ID 83423

RE: Water District No. 32-D

Dear Ms. Hoopes:

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 Petition for Watermaster Services before the watermaster can be officially certified in your district.

Sincerely,

Harold W Jones
Water Rights Supervisor

HWJ:sc



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CLARK COUNTY AUDITOR AND RECORDER
CLARK COUNTY COURTHOUSE
DUBOIS ID 83423

RE: Water District No. 32-D

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed please find copies of the Adopted Budget and Minutes of Water District #32-D. They have been read and approved by this office.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact this office.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harold W. Jones".

HAROLD W. JONES
Water Rights Supervisor

Enclosure

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WATER DISTRICT INFORMATION SHEET

1998

Year

Water District #32-C Birch Creek

Water District #/Stream Name

Don Shenton

Watermaster Name

PO Box 33 Dubois, ID 83423

Address

208-374-5230

Phone Number

Greg Shenton

Assistant Watermaster Name

PO Box 33 Dubois, ID 83423

Address

208-374-5274

Phone Number

Carol Hoopes

Secretary Name

PO Box 65 Dubois, ID 83423

Address

208-374-5405

Phone Number

Please fill in the blank information above and return it to the Idaho Department of Water Resources. Your cooperation on this matter would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Sharla Cox
Water Rights Secretary

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**ANNUAL WATER USERS MEETING
BIRCH CREEK WATER DISTRICT #32-D**

March 9, 1998

The annual water meeting was held at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Room at the Clark County Courthouse.

Those attending were: Don Shenton, Watermaster; Greg Shenton, Deputy Watermaster; Mac Wagoner; Betty Wagoner; LaVar Newman; Lewis Newman; Lane Newman; Ted Sorenson; Jim DeMordaunt; Nate Bridges and Brandi Terry.

Chairman Mac Wagoner called the meeting to order by having Secretary Carol Hoopes read the minutes of the 1997 water meeting. Greg Shenton moved the minutes be corrected to read USGS measurements instead of weir measurements. Mac Wagoner moved the minutes be accepted with the change as stated.

Chairman Mac Wagoner asked for nomination for Chairman and Secretary for the water district. LaVar Newman made a motion that Mac Wagoner continue as chairman and Carol Hoopes continue as Secretary. Ted Sorenson, seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chairman Mac Wagoner appointed Mark Orchard, LaVar Newman and Ted Sorenson to serve on the credentials committee this year.

Watermaster, Don Shenton presented his watermaster's report for 1997. Don discussed each page of the report and asked if anyone had any questions or concerns with the report. Don asked the water users if they wanted to continue with the USGS measurements, and they all agreed that they did.

After a discussion of the problem of wrongful diversion of water on Birch Creek this past year, Jim DeMordaunt said that the D&D Ranch has the potential to have the same problem that the Newman Ranch had experienced this past winter, with there irrigation system, when water is turned in, filling the sprinkler lines with ice, this could cause thousands of dollars in damage. LaVar Newman made a motion, seconded by Jim DeMordaunt, that all water users should padlock their head gates at the end of the irrigation season. Motion passed.

Jim DeMordaunt moved that the district accept Don's watermasters report, also his proposed budget for the year:

ADOPTED BUDGET FOR 1998

Water Masters Salary	\$ 4,400.00
Deputy Watermaster's Mileage	2,200.00
Secretary Salary	200.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	3,075.00
TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 9,875.00

LaVar Newman, seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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Jim DeMordaunt moved that we maintain the same Watermaster, Don Shenton, and the same Deputy Watermaster, Greg Shenton, as before. LaVar Newman, seconded the motion. Motion passed.

LaVar Newman made a motion that the Water District adopt the following resolutions:

COLLECTION OF WATER ASSESSMENT

No ditch, canal, or other water user shall have the right to demand and receive water until full payment due is paid. Payment shall become due April 1, and shall become delinquent May 1, and if not paid by May 1, the payment shall bear interest from April 1, at the rate of eight percent (8%) per annum.

The Watermaster shall not deliver any water until full payment due is paid.

WATERMASTER TERM OF SERVICE

The Watermaster shall be elected for a term of one full year. The purpose is so the Watermaster can serve in the legal capacity to do official business for the district in the event of emergencies, legislative actions, hearings, disputes or other water related or job related activities.

The Watermaster cannot be required to make deliveries before April 1, or after November 1, (the normal irrigation season) unless an emergency exists. The Watermaster shall not be paid before April 15, or after November 1, from the Water District budgeted regular funds.

HEADGATES & WEIRS

All control devices and measuring devices shall be in good working order before water can be demanded or delivered. The Watermaster shall not deliver any water unless such devices are in good working order.

Jim DeMordaunt, seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chairman Mac Wagoner appointed the following advisory board to serve this year. They are Lewis Newman, Mark Orchard, Andy Wagoner and Ted Sorenson.

A resolution by Ted Sorenson, seconded by Jim DeMordaunt to allow Nate Bridges to receive water to care for his lawn at the Lone Pine for the coming year. Motion passed.

There was no report from the Idaho Department of Water Resources.

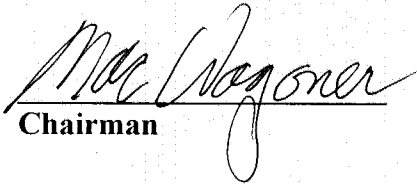
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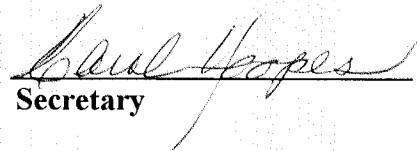
LaVar Newman asked about the 8 mile crossing problem. Chairman Mac Wagoner read the reply letter from BLM stating they didn't have funds available for a bridge there. After some discussion it was decided to keep on BLM about this problem.

Ted Sorenson ask about cloud seeding in the Birch Creek area. Greg Shenton advised him that one seeder had been in use several times this past winter. Some of the water users were wondering about adding another seeder in the Birch Creek area, but no one could decide where to put it, and how to come up with funding.

LaVar Newman, moved that the annual water meeting for next year be held March 8, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. at the Clark County Courthouse. Ted Sorenson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

La Var Newman moved the meeting adjourn, Ted Sorenson seconded the motion. Motion passed. The meeting closed about 11:20 a.m.


Chairman


Secretary

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