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Tina Hawkins  
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RE: Water District 72-F, Morgan Creek

Dear Mrs. Hawkins;

We have received the minutes of this year's water meeting, your 2006 Adopted Budget, and your notarized oath as treasurer of your district for 2006. Your certificate of appointment is enclosed.

Regards,

James E. Stanton  
Sr. Water Resource Agent

**Morgan Cr. Water Dist. #72F - Annual Meeting Minutes**

**February 14, 2006**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Hawkins at 7:00 PM, at the home of Jerry & Pat Hawkins. Those present were Delbert & Donna Hughes, Alma Bradberry, Nyle & Ann Thornock, Pat & Jerry Hawkins, Clay Jones, Jim & Tina Hawkins, and Stan Downton.

The minutes of our last two meetings were read by Sec. Tina, to bring all in attendance up to date. The minutes were moved approved as read. The Treasurers report was then given with a balance in the bank of \$1,040.73, and no outstanding bills at this time. Nyle moved and Pat seconded that the treasurers report be approved as given. Approval was unanimous.

Old business: Chairman Jim has looked into the requirements for forming a "recharge district" in Morgan Cr. and our water district does not meet the requirements.

Measuring devices were the next item of business. The hold up on installing measuring devices on the rest of the Morgan Cr. diversions, is the lack of Forest Service permits. The only property that has a right-of-way for such work is Mr. Frank Willeys Corral Cr. property. Jerry reported that he has had contact with Marylin, Mr. Willeys secretary, but we do not have Franks OK to help him with the installation of a measuring device and headgate. This matter needs to be addressed before the water can be turned on for 2006. Clay also has a USFS permitting problem. He is required to repair his main diversion point for the upper ranch, but they will not issue him a permit, to do the work needed. He is certain that the high water this year will make the problems much worse if the permit is not issued in time.

Chairman Jim then talked about the measuring device needed for any pump irrigation systems. The cost of these is prohibitive, and the water district is the one responsible for purchasing them. Currently we have no members that "pump" their irrigation water, but have been approached by George Santee to add his pivot sprinkler to our district. At the Salmon River Basin Steering Committee meetings that Jim has attended the IDWR is proposing to create a special "Pumpers Water Dist" for all the pumps in the Salmon River Basin. This would keep the necessity of purchasing special measuring devices to a minimum for all. Some of our members pump water from a ditch, but perhaps a measuring device could be placed in the ditch above the pumps. Jerry Hawkins told us about his efforts to get measuring devices, fish screens and headgates on all of Morgan Cr. irrigation ditches. At this time Brian Hamilton with the Bureau of Rec. has put Morgan Cr. as his #1 priority for measuring devices. As soon as snow conditions allow they will be installed this spring. They will be placed inside the private property line anywhere possible, to get around the lack of USFS work permits. The Custer Co. Soil Conservation Dist. has worked with Jerry on measuring devices, and has two designs for us to try. At this time the only two diversions that have a measuring device are Pat and Jerry Hawkins' ditch, and the upper diversion ditch of Jim and Tina Hawkins. Every effort is being made to get the rest installed as soon as possible. Bill Graham of IDWR is working with the USFS to get the permits expedited. The screen for Clay's Otter Cr. diversion is built and awaiting a USFS work permit for installation. A screen has been designed for the Cow Camp diversion, but it too is awaiting a permit. Delbert discussed the old laws that enabled an irrigator to maintain his ditch with a right-of-way. The new laws are now imposed over the top of the old laws, and they conflict.

Cow Camp ownership shares and voting methods were then discussed. Of the 7 owners, 3 are in attendance, representing 69.754% of the ownership. Alma Bradberry, Delbert Hughes, and Stan Downton. They asked the Tres. to bill the Cow Camp assessment by ownership shares for this year and in the future. Any policy matters will be voted by one man/decree equals one vote.

Alma, Stan and Delbert agreed to appoint Delbert as the Cow Camp voting representative in the water district.

All the district members then discussed our voting methods. Delbert moved that all policy matters should be voted with the one man/decree - one vote method, but the assessment/money matters should be voted by decreed CFS of water. Nyle seconded the motion and there were no dissenting votes. A vote of 53.753 CFS would be unanimous.

Methods of collection were then brought up. Clay pointed out the struggle it is to get water assessments paid in the spring, when their annual pay day is in the fall. Clay then moved that our assessments are not considered overdue until December 31<sup>st</sup>. Any unpaid accounts after this date will not have their water turned on for the next irrigation season until paid in full. Nyle seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Budgeting assessment method was our next item of discussion. Nyle moved that the budget be assessed on "our actual decree" until such time as measuring devices are installed on ALL diversions in our water district, and actual water delivered can be measured. Pat seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Water master Pat and Treas. Tina then presented the proposed 2006 Budget. The total amount is \$3,300.00, with mileage reimbursement of \$2,940.00 for our Water Master, State Ins. Fund cost of \$300.00, and office expenses of \$60.00. Nyle moved and Alma seconded, that the budget be approved as proposed, the motion carried unanimously.

The 2007 Annual Meeting date was then chosen. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in February was selected. Pat made the motion, Nyle seconded and it passed unanimously.

The district officers and water master were then selected. Everyone accepted their old jobs back. Jim Hawkins - Chairman, Tina Hawkins - Sec./Treas. and Pat Hawkins - Water Master. Nyle made the motion, Clay seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Sec. Tina brought the "Labor Law Poster" to everyone's attention. As we have no employees, only volunteers that are reimbursed for mileage, this demand will be thrown away along with any future notices.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.