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Director

April 22, 2009

Austin Moses
800 W. Judicial
Blackfoot, ID 83221

RE: Water District No. 11

Dear Austin:

We acknowledge receipt of the Minutes of the Annual Watermaster's Election Meeting held in your district. The Watermaster Certificate will be sent under separate cover.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dennis Dunn
Senior Water Right Agent

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WATER DISTRICT #11 BEAR RIVER

Minutes of Annual Meeting

February 3, 2009

Attending

Lee C Ream
Bill Robison

Mark Mathews
Dal Von Atkinson
Wyn Doney
Corbin Knowles
Liz Cresto
Connely Baldwin
Joe Larsen
Larry Pitcher
Don B. Harris
C Lu Nelson
Pete Petersen
Evan Skinner
Travis Windley
Dan Forsgren
Paul Keetch

Mark Harris
Rock Holbrook
Austin Moses

Representing

Ream Crockett
Black Otter Irrigation
Dingle Irrigation
Last Chance Canal Co.
Riverdale Preston Irrigation
Riverdale Irrigation Co.
IDWR
IDWR
Pacifcorp Energy
West Cache Irrigation
West Cache Irrigation
Gentile Valley Canal
Preston/Montpelier
Riverdale Upper
Dingle Irrigation
David B. Skabelund
Thatcher Irrigation
West Fork Irrigation
Peg-Leg Irrigation
8-Mile Ranch LLC
Water Master
Treasurer

Austin Moses opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. and asked for nominations for meeting chairman. Bill Robison moved to appoint Connely Baldwin as meeting chairman. Joe Larsen seconded. All approved.

Austin Moses read the minutes of the February 5, 2008 annual meeting and the special meeting held on May 20, 2008. Lee Ream moved to approve the minutes, Joe Larsen seconded. All approved.

Advisory Board Election. Lee Ream moved to approve the same board as last year with the replacement of Marc Gibbs by Mark Mathews. Mark Harris seconded. All approved. Joe Larsen moved to nominate Connely Baldwin as chairman of the Advisory Committee. Mark Mathews seconded. All approved.

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Water Master Election. Connely Baldwin commended Rock Holbrook on the job he did in 2008 and recommended he be reappointed to the position. Bill Robison also expressed support and moved to retain Rock in the position. Joe Larsen seconded. All Approved.

Treasurer Election. Joe Larsen moved to retain Austin Moses as treasurer. Lee Ream seconded. All approved.

Rock Holbrook presented the annual Water Master Report.

Liz Cresto presented the 2008 water report noting the following items: Spring and summer of 2008 was drier than normal. Snow pack in the Bear River drainage was at 89% of normal as of today. All water right accounting data is now on-line. IDWR is working to re-write the water right accounting model, which was last done in 1978. She noted that the model had changed considerably. Black Bear resort had a pre-hearing on their water right request, which showed several problems. These problems will be brought out at the full hearing. Their process will move forward with three permit requests. There was considerable discussion on this process by the members present, with Paul Keetch summarizing the concern of irrigators about movement of the water from the land to other uses and areas.

Connely Baldwin reported on the Bear Lake Storage forecast, stating that the minimum elevation in the past year was 5,907.63 ft. and the high was 5,910.55 ft. reached on July 1, 2008. At that level there was a 94% allocation. Distribution in 2008 was 110,000 acre feet from the Lake. The level on February 1, 2009 was 5,908.14 ft. The current outlook is if the Lake rises 1.5 ft. there will be an 80% allocation. If it rises 6 ft, the result will be a 97% allocation. Based on a 50% of normal runoff this year, the season will be o.k. but next year would be difficult. Soil moisture is presently at 48% capacity, the same as last year.

Corbin Knowles thanked Rock for his work during the past season. IDWR attempted during 2008 to look at small tributaries that are not actively being regulated. Ovid Creek area was inspected. Inventory process may result in regulation requests. There had been concern expressed over when measurement devices are required. Head works need to be in place this year. He reported that most irrigators are cooperative. In the Riverdale area, pump meters are on order. The Cub River pumps still need help in how to measure. Twin Lakes siphon and diversion will be studied this year if budget allows. IDWR is looking to improve accounting of the Bear River system. Corbin also described a new technology flow meter being tested. Larry Pitcher asked what type of pumps would be used to boost pressure off Bear River at Cub River.

Austin Moses presented the financial statements for the previous year. He also presented the proposed budget for the 2009 year. Bill Robison moved to approve the budget as presented and set assessments based upon it. Mark Mathews seconded. All approved. Austin also read a list of overdue assessments and requested help in contacting those not paying.

Connely Baldwin explained that the Advisory Committee was looking at future grant applications. He proposed a resolution authorizing the Committee to apply for the Challenge Grant Program for acquisition of telemetry equipment. This would require a 50% match, which would be provided on an in-kind basis with Rock's work. There was a discussion of the procedures to be followed, after which it was agreed to call a special meeting in order to review the grant application and assessment needs.

Lee Ream questioned the type of measurement device on the Dingle ditch. Rock replied that it has "Stevens Access" devices. He indicated that they are old but they work.

Bill Robison expressed thanks for the work Austin Moses had done.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:55 p.m.