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April 2, 2009

Ann Hamm
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RE: Water District No. 13-Q

Dear Ann:

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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Trout Creek Middle Fork Water District 13Q
Thatcher Williams Ward Church
Minutes of the meeting held March 16, 2009

Meeting called to order by Ronald Hamm, president, 1:00 p.m.

In attendance: Leon Anderson, Duane Bitton, Ross and Randy Elliott, Kent Clegg for Lyndon Evans, Ronald and Ann Hamm, Barbara Hansen, Lynn Rasmussen and Danny Rasmussen, Michael and Steve Tingey, and Michael Holliday from department of water resources (Idaho Falls).

A copy of last year's minutes was handed out to interested members in lieu of reading them.

1st order of business: Nomination and election of President.

Ron Hamm was nominated by Leon Anderson and elected by a show of hands.

2nd order of business: Nomination and election of Secretary.

Ann Hamm was nominated by Leon Anderson and elected by a show of hands.

3rd order of business: Selection of advisory committee.

Lynn Rasmussen made a motion to keep Ron Hamm, Todd Jensen and Robert Harris as Advisory Committee members. Motion approved by show of hands.

4th order of business: Fix compensations of water master and secretary.

There was discussion on amount of fees used to pay the secretary and water master. All of the fees collected are paid out to the secretary (\$100) and water master (\$616.89). Danny Rasmussen proposed doubling the fees. Motion was rejected. Michael Tingey suggested allowing for donations in addition to the water fee that can be allocated to the water master without formal tax forms. Ron Hamm pointed out that the problem is that Caribou County collects and disburses the funds. Lynn is required to attend a water meeting in Twin Falls at his own expense. Lynn said to keep the assessment as it is. Danny made a motion to check with county assessor about collecting additional funds for Lynn that are not included in the water fee. Ronald Hamm said he would talk with Diane Crawford about including a donation request in the billing.

5th order of business: Nomination and election of Water Master.

Ron Hamm nominated Mike Johnson per letter from Mr. Johnson saying he would accept the nomination. Michael Tingey nominated Lynn Rasmussen. Lynn Rasmussen was retained as water master by a show of hands.

6th order of business: Old business – discussion of water use

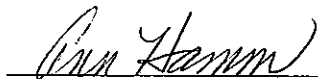
Duane Bitton asked about sharing his unused water with another who is on the same pipe line and point of diversion. Lynn said that priority water rights dictate who gets the water and it cannot be moved to other properties. Michael Holliday from water resources clarified that the delivery of water should go to senior rights first. The water master is responsible in seeing that the allocated water is turned into the canal/pipe from the point of diversion and that the senior water right holders get their water first.


7th order of business: New business

The chairman proposed to use the 2008 budget figures for the 2009 budget. Proposal accepted by a show of hands.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm by Ronald Hamm

Signed:


Ann Hamm: Secretary


Ronald Hamm: President