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February 4, 2010

Oakley Canal Co
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RE: Water District 45-K, Cottonwood Creek

Dear Sirs;

We have received the minutes of this year's water meeting showing that Rod King has been elected as watermaster and that Jared Mitton has been elected as treasurer. Oaths of office for your officers are enclosed, as is a call-on petition for watermaster services. Once we receive the notarized oaths and the petition signed by at least one water user in your district, certificates of appointment will be issued.

Regards,

James E. Stanton
Sr. Water Resource Agent

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SOUTHERN REGION

**BIG COTTONWOOD WATER USERS
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
January 14, 2010
10:00 a.m.
OAKLEY CANAL COMPANY**

PRESENT:

Mike Cranney
Jared Mitton
Shane Lierman
David Pickett
Ryan Cranney

Mike Todd
Marilyn Short
James Mullen
Rod King
Russell Patterson

NOT PRESENT:

Doug Cranney
Travis Patton

I. Mike Cranney, president, called the annual meeting of the Cottonwood Water Users to order at 10:00 a.m., on January 14, 2009. The meeting was held at the Oakley Canal Company Office located at 100 West Elm St. Oakley, Idaho.

II. **Appointment of Secretary:** Mike Cranney suggested retaining Marilyn Short as meeting secretary. He called for a vote and all approved.

III. **Minutes:** Jared Mitton read the minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting. Dave Pickett made the motion to approve the minutes. Russell Patterson seconded the motion. All approved.

IV. **Election of officers:** Mike Cranney announced he was stepping down as president and suggested Ryan Cranney as his replacement. Dave Pickett made a motion to nominate Ryan Cranney as President and Jared Mitton as Secretary Treasurer. Mike Todd seconded the motion. No further nominations were made and the voting was unanimous in favor of the motion. The new officers are: Ryan Cranney - President, Jared Mitton - Secretary/Treasurer.

Mike Cranney asked for approval of the appointment of the following board of advisors:

Mike Todd
Jared Mitton
David Pickett
Triple Ace

The voting was unanimous in favor of the appointments.

Mike Cranney provided Mike Todd with a brief history of the legal dealings of the district.

Mike Cranney asked the board to retain James Mullen as Watermaster. James Mullen requested that he step down as water master and that he be replaced by Rod King this season. After discussion, the board agreed that since Oakley Canal Company is contracted to provide a Watermaster for the district that James Mullen could appoint whom ever he chooses. A unanimous vote approved the change.

V. **Financial Report:** Marilyn Short was asked to discuss the financial reports. As of January 14, 2010, there was \$12,693.19 in the checking account. The Oakley Canal Company's 2010 assessment fee is \$5,000.00. James suggested possibly increasing the accounting fees, due to the new daily water recording system developed this past season. After discussion, Dave Pickett made a motion to raise the fee to \$300.00, Russell Patterson seconded the motion. All approved and motion carried.

Mike Cranney asked for a vote on raising the budget for 2010 to \$5500.00. The voting was unanimous in favor of the new budget. Jared Mitton was asked to change Resolutions A&B of the tax bill also.

VII. Watermasters Report: James Mullen gave the Watermasters report.

Snow pack level at Bostetter is 25" snow depth - 6.0 water equivalency

2009 was: 29" 8.1

Although we are a little behind last years figures James feels it will be a good water year.

VIII. Old Business:

1. James Mullen reported that there are several concrete projects that need to be done as soon as possible.
 1. The cement ditch from the lower diversion needs the bad spots repaired due to the large chunks of concrete broken.
This was done.
 2. The cement check above lower diversion needs repaired, on the south side. It needs cement work in the bottom of the check to shore it up.
This was done.
 3. Still need to replace cement diversion for 3 aces and Arden Cranney
James Mullen reported that this was not done in 2009

Shane Lierman suggested we coordinate all the concrete projects to be done on the same day, thus only having to order one truck load of concrete. James Mullen was asked to coordinate these projects. Cost of the projects would be pro-rated according to their water rights. The board of Cottonwood Water Users agreed to these projects and volunteered their equipment to help with the projects. They also suggested using local contractors to do the cement work.

James Mullen reported that these projects were not completed in 2009

2. Check board opening in east side of the main diversion needs modified. James Mullen suggested rebuilding the east check board opening to match the west side. Dave Pickett made a motion to have James design and build the gate. Jared seconded the motion. All approved

James Mullen reported that this was not done in 2009

3. James Mullen suggested taking the grader to shave the dirt and rocks off the north side of the cement ditch west of the box on Mountain Rd to the settling pond, to keep the debris from falling into the cement ditch. Doug Cranney mentioned he could do this job.

4. James Mullen suggested taking the excavator to the Arden Cranney-Russell Patterson diversion to clean the rocks out of the ditch to and from the diversion.

James Mullen reported that this was done and was very impressed at the way everyone worked together to do an excellent job.

IX. New Business

1. James Mullen reported that the flood channel pipe needs to be dug up and fixed
2. James Mullen explained the way we have been recording the water measurements in the main channel at the lower diversion. James asked Mike Cranney if he preferred the water to go into the injection wells or sink trenches. Mike suggested that we send the water to where it is needed at the time.
3. The ditch to Arden Cranney's pond needs work and cleaning. The Triple Ace and Arden Cranney diversion also needs cleaning

4. Dave Pickett reported on the cleaning assignment of the cement ditch to the flats. Cranney Farms will be responsible for cleaning the cement ditch from Jared Mitton's house to across the flats this year. Frank Bedke will be responsible for cleaning the ditch in 2011.
5. There is a 15' section of ditch across from Jared Mitton's house that needs to be repaired.
6. Mike Cranney suggested James work through the advisory committee concerning these projects.

The next meeting was scheduled for 10:00am, January 18, 2011. Here at the Canal office

Jared Mitton made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Dave Pickett seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.



President



Secretary/Treasurer