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February 17, 2009

Jared Mitton  
PO Box 205  
Oakley, ID 83346

**C. L. "BUTCH" OTTER**  
Governor

**DAVID R. TUTHILL, JR.**  
Director

RE: Water District 45-K, Cottonwood Creek

Dear Mr. Mitton;

We have received the minutes of this year's water meeting showing that you have been elected as treasurer of your district. An oath of office is enclosed for your signature. Once we receive your notarized oath, a certificate of appointment will be issued.

Regards,

James E. Stanton  
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February 13, 2009

Oakley Canal Co.  
ATTN: James Mullen  
PO Box 207  
Oakley, ID 83346

C. L. "BUTCH" OTTER  
Governor

DAVID R. TUTHILL, JR.  
Director

RE: Water District 45-K, Cottonwood Creek

Dear Jim;

We have received the minutes of this year's water meeting showing that you have again been elected as watermaster of your district. An oath of office and a call-on petition for watermaster services are enclosed for your signature. Once we receive your notarized oath and the petition signed by at least one water user in your district, a certificate of appointment will be issued.

Regards,

James E. Stanton  
Sr. Water Resource Agent

**BIG COTTONWOOD WATER USERS  
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES  
January 20, 2009  
10:00 a.m.  
OAKLEY CANAL COMPANY**

**RECEIVED  
FEB 13 2009  
DEPT. OF WATER RESOURCES  
SOUTHERN REGION**

**PRESENT:**

Doug Cranney  
Jared Mitton  
Shane Lierman  
David Pickett

Mike Todd  
Marilyn Short  
James Mullen

**NOT PRESENT:**

Ryan Cranney  
Mike Cranney  
Travis Patton

**I.** Doug Cranney, acting president, called the annual meeting of the Cottonwood Water Users to order at 10:05 a.m., on January 20, 2009. The meeting was held at the Oakley Canal Company Office located at 100 West Elm St. Oakley, Idaho.

**II. Appointment of Secretary:** Doug Cranney made a motion to appoint Marilyn Short as meeting secretary. Shane Lierman seconded it. All approved

**III. Minutes:** Doug Cranney read the minutes of the 2008 Annual Meeting. Dave Pickett made the motion to approve the minutes. Shane Lierman seconded the motion. All approved.

**IV. Reappointment of officers:** Dave Pickett made a motion to retain Mike Cranney as President and to elect Jared Mitton as Secretary Treasurer. Shane Lierman seconded the motion. All approved.

The officers are: Mike Cranney - President, Jared Mitton - Secretary/Treasurer.

Marilyn was asked to call the bank and get a signature card and add Jared Mitton's name to it.

Doug Cranney made a motion to retain James Mullen as Watermaster. David Pickett seconded the motion. All approved.

**V. Financial Report:** Marilyn Short was asked to discuss the financial reports. As of January 20, 2009, there was \$12,608.07 in the checking account. The Oakley Canal Company's 2009 assessment fee is \$5,000.00. James suggested possibly increasing the assessment fee to build up a reserve. After discussion, it was decided to leave it the same and deal with any expenses as needed. Jared Mitton made a motion to approve the fee, Shane seconded the motion. All approved. Secretary's fee will remain at \$150.00 per year. The financial report was approved.

**VII. Watermasters Report:** James Mullen gave the Watermasters report.  
Snow pack level is 29' Snow depth is 8.1 water equivalency

**VIII. Old Business:**

1. James Mullen discussed the need to replace the screen in the cement box next to Mountain Road, from the cement ditch, from the lower diversion. He offered some suggestions and it was suggested that he design a new screen for it, and that the water users, below that point of the ditch, would pay him for it. Doug Cranney made a motion to have James Mullen devise a new screen and install it. Jared Mitton seconded the motion. All approved.

2. James reported a leak in the pipe, from the cement box by mountain road, in the flood channel.

Doug Cranney urged James to find the leak and fix it soon.

3. There was discussion about the replacement of check boards at the upper diversion. It was suggested that James Mullen replace these boards and bill the Cottonwood water users.

4. James Mullen asked Mike Todd if the Fish and Game could do something about removing the willows in the West Canal ditch between the check and the parshell flume, off of the high line ditch, to the first delivery point to Fish and Game ground. Mike said he would check it out.

5. Shane Lierman expressed concern about the cement diversion for 3 Aces and Arden Cranney. It needs replacing. He agreed to fix it and split the cost with Arden Cranney

6. James Mullen mentioned that the measuring gauge at the main diversion needs to be fixed. Mike Todd informed him that it had been fixed.

#### IX. New 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.
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.
3. Still need to replace cement diversion for 3 aces and Arden Cranney

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.

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

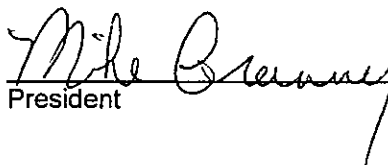
3. James Mullen suggested taking the grader to shave the dirt and rocks off the north side of the cement ditch west of the box on Mountain Rd to the settling pond, to keep the debris from falling into the cement ditch. Doug Cranney mentioned he could do this job.


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.

The next meeting was scheduled for 10:00am, January 19, 2010. 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 11:00 am.

  
President

  
Secretary/Treasurer

