

WD 140 Annual Meeting Minutes

Randy Brown calls the meeting to order.

Welcomes everyone.

Advisory meeting didn't happen.

Encourages the people to invite their respective committee members to come to the advisory meeting next year.

Introductions, IDWR- Cindy Yenter and Corbin Knowles in attendance.

Randy introduces himself, Mike Cranney is chairman but is not present.

Need to nominate the chairman for the meeting.

Nominations.

Grant nominated Randy brown. Seconded by Eugene Matthews. Passed.

Secretary nominated- Randy nominates Craig Searle, grant Wyatt seconded. Passed.

Don picket nominated for treasurer by Brent Funk, Craig Searle seconded, passed.

Election of advisory committee- Randy asks if we want to keep it the same.

Reading of the committee members:

Mike Cranney- SWID (Craig Searle Alternate),

Randy Brown-- SWID,

Steve Hepworth- Oakley Canal Co.,

Noland Crithcfield- GC,

Mark Newbomb- Basin 45 Non Subdistrict,

Gary Fowler- Basin 45 Non Subdistrict,

Russell Patterson- Golden Valley,

Brian Reiter- City of Burley (municipality),

Brent Stoker- Dairy users,

Dusty Galliher- Commercial water users,

Eugene Matthews- Basin Creek,

Shaun- Marsh Creek/ City of Albion

Grant motion that all the guys stay the same, except mike Cranney. Craig was an alternate for mike and he will stay alternate for Mike until he gets back. Kent Searle seconded, passed.

Craig Searle reads the minutes.

Changes in minutes of Dusty Ghallier in place of Rusty Ghallier and 2011 in place of one 2012 mistake etc, motion to pass minutes Dusty Ghallier, Grant Wyatt seconded, passed.

Time turned over to Brian.

Budget first from last year and outline of what Water master did.

Talked about what is outside of subdistricts.

Talked about potential violations and transfers, a few of those but they were taken care of.

Brian says that he doesn't have the power records for 2010 and calculations still need to be done, thus no total water usage for the year has been estimated.

Not sure how many hours and money it will take to finish the calculations.

Explanation of calculations, measured every three years and calculated total usage every year.

Explanation of what goes into calculations.

Corbin says the Idaho power stuff doesn't come until February yearly.

Grant asks where on the costs were the Magic Valley guys that are in WD 140.

Don Gunderson asks about the annual report forms sent out by WWC because he gets held up, has individuals who complain as to why they have to do it. He asks if there is anything we can give him that shows wells. Brian agrees to give him a list of wells.

Dusty asks if Brian sees any overtures in the budget. Brian says no, no matter what we won't charge more than the proposed budget even if it takes longer.

Cindy says that the money left over is money that's in the bank.

Brian shows list of unpaid assessments.

Cindy says they are curtailed if they don't pay, Cindy offers to make tax lots in GIS available.

State employees remark that the unpaid assessments is very low compared to other districts.

Brian goes over summary sheets and what they entail. WWC likes to send these to make sure that the farmers agree with the usage.

Albion says they would like the summary sheets and commercials would also like the summary sheets, everyone wants them.

Brian goes over mitigation activities, Southwest and Goose Creek did over sixty thousand acre feet of mitigation. Brian praises the mitigation efforts done by the districts.

Brian goes over the water levels due to mitigation efforts, first well is Cranney brothers well. Picket desert well has risen due to injection. Other picket well across from Wybenga's dairy also has risen.

Verification has to be done on the mitigation acres to the state.

Someone asks if kilowatts can be used to verify and Brian says yes in some cases.

Budget is proposed by Brian. Brian hates to increase price but to be consistent throughout the area he increased his hourly price by \$5.

Gunderson asks about the water right application fees raising and what would we have to do with it. Brian says watermaster has nothing to do with it and it doesn't affect watermaster duties.

Brent funk asks about meters and why if it doesn't save money should we do it. Time would be cut back if we have meters Corbin says because of less conditions.

Brian explains the problem with pcc and why meters would be beneficial, explains that when doing calculations he uses high numbers for acre feet pumped, or in other words makes sure that he uses the maximum possible water usage for each farmer.

Corbin says pcc is an estimate and was a compromise but we need to go to meters to make it more efficient and improve the data more.

Don gunderson says in marsh creek when a meter is installed, the water master has an easier time.

Brian finishes and we moved on.

Randy says that surface water guys have been measuring and want us to measure as well.

Not going to be a cost saver says Randy, but we will talk about meter stuff, reliability is an issue.

Someone asks if we have a working relationship with the power companies to get power records.

All the assessments are based on total diversion.

Electing water master, Grant nominates Brian, Dusty seconds, passes.

Resolutions, number six on the resolutions is budget and that changed due to price increase. Date of meeting set as first Thursday in February. Motion to keep resolutions except change in budget, Dusty first, Craig Searle seconded, passes.

Time turned over to IDWR.

Cindy on the legal updates. Water call update status, things are steady. No curtailments last year. Down here the problem is the critical groundwater areas.

The original order for SRF and blue lakes, were at the end of five years. Seasonal variability has not been upheld and found additional injury for the blue lakes and SRF from the transient model run. Not sure what will be the costs yet. Hoping 2011 will be a good year.

Randy asks about making people outside the districts cling onto the districts for mitigation costs. She's not sure what would happen with these people.

Craig asks how much we can charge for someone to come in the district. She doesn't know and they will have to talk about that at the state.

Randy says we are putting the Dille farm into SWID and it is good for SW.

Eugene Matthews is asking what everybody else is doing as far as mitigation efforts. Cindy says that the only thing they've done is soft conversions. They have cut back on the conversions and paid for the pristine springs.

Randy says our efforts are to save our water levels and then do mitigation.

Eugene asks if NRCS could get some money to help with putting the meters on. Cindy says no, but we could go look because there should be money out there.

Corbin comes forward to give an update on the meters. Says there is high failure rates on mechanical meters and that the systems aren't ready for mechanical meters.

Two different types of meters, one mag with one average velocity measurement and one with 4 mags, one on each side of the pipe that gives a better average.

Two reasons for full profile mags, ease of installation and accuracy.

Brian asks about sonar meters, Corbin says that he won't rule those out.

It's impossible to measure how much air is in the pipe if it pumps air. Brian says to cover the meters after installation because of sun and water damage. Two parts of mag meters, the tube and the electronics part.

Little bit of maintenance goes a long way as far as the meters go.

Randy asks if to install a meter we need someone there to accept the meter placement.

State doing measuring plan to help them know placement will meet the requirements.

Dusty says every ten years they have to be sent back to the factory for checking. They are verified and they have little handhelds to verify.

Corbin will work with us on the meters to get them in within an acceptable time period.

Which meter should we use? They don't know but they are trying to get the vendors to go through a series of tests and the IDWR will give a yea or nay on each meter according to its performance.

If you've got a mechanical in place you can use it if it checks out according to the standards.

Craig asks how we will get a hold of the lists of meters that pass the test. Corbin will make sure he gets it to us.

Craig asks about those places we'll put on the meter and hope to never use it as is the case with some of the J Canal users. Corbin says it will help with mitigation and we will need good data showing the well was not used.

Craig says reliability is the problem. But thinks meters are the way to go.

Pcc limits the uses for the data, Corbin wants to use the measurement with meters so that the state can use the data for more applications, but people have to pay attention to their meters and make sure they have a good working meter all the time.

Corbin is appreciative of those he has worked with on the meter thing, they have been helpful.

Randy asks which are the best meters- Corbin says Seimens, ABB, Badger, and McCrometer are all good ones.

Seimens and badger are good customer service guys.

Corbin is willing to help with installation in any way he can.

Randy to close the meeting. Thanks everyone.