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March 17, 2010

Armand M Eckert 716-B East 4900 North Buhl, ID 83316

RE: Water District 47-G, Salmon Falls Creek

Dear Armand;

We have received the minutes of this year's water meeting, last year's watermaster's report, your 2010 proposed and adopted budgets, your notarized oath as treasurer of your district for this year, and related documents. Your certificate of appointment is enclosed.

Regards,

James E. Stanton Sr. Water Resource Agent

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ANNUAL MEETING

WATER DISTRICT 47G

MARCH 02, 2010

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The annual meeting of Water District 47G was held at the Cosmic Jolt located in Buhl, Idaho at 12:00 p.m. Present were, Secretary/Treasurer Armand Eckert, Ron Elkin, Mike Eckert, Brad Visser, Jerry Visser and Brad Draper. No one from the Idaho Department of Water Resources was present.

It was moved and seconded that the same officers of the previous year hold the same offices during the 2010 irrigation season and as mentioned above. Pat Elkin will serve as President of the Water District again.

The previous year's minutes were read and approved as submitted to the Department of Water Resources during 2009.

It was noted that the Water Master was paid his 2009 fees. It was also noted that all water right holders had paid their 2009 assessments. It was moved and seconded to charge an 8% interest again this year for any unpaid charges not paid at year end. Interest would start immediately for any charges not paid within a reasonable time after being billed (i.e. 30 days).

It was decided to appoint Mr. Charles Runyan as Water Master and pay him on a "call" basis during the 2010 irrigation season. It was agreed that the pay rate would be at \$25 per call plus out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Water Master during the "call" period. However, it was also agreed that if it appeared that the Water Master would be used for an extended period of time, in case of an emergency water shortage period, the District would hire Mr. Runyan on a monthly basis. His pay for any particular thirty days that he would be hired would be \$500. The \$25 fee would not be owed, if hired on this basis. Members of the District would decide too, as to how months Mr. Runyan would be hired full-time for (e.g. possibly he would only be hired full time for one month, and then go back to being on a "call" basis). It was also decided that the person making the request and the person for whom the request was made, would share equally in paying the Water Master his monthly fee.

It was also decided that the Water District would charge a maintenance fee for all consumptive water right holders and/or water users. The list of water right holders is on file at the Secretary's office. The fee would be at \$1.00 per cfs (Cubic Feet per Second of Water) for each water right holder.

The Water Master would also be paid 50% of this maintenance fee budgeted for (and collected in the same year), whether or not "called" during the year. If hired for any particular 30-day period (monthly basis), he would not receive any of the maintenance fee.

Collection of any "call" fees plus any expenses will be made by the Secretary/Treasurer for the District from the person requesting the call. The District will reimburse the Water Master immediately, whether or not the fee is collected. The same interest rate will also be charge as discussed above on any non-payments.

If the \$500 fee is used for any particular month, collection will be made from the District water users by the Secretary/Treasurer. The Secretary/Treasurer will also be responsible for billing of the maintenance fee to all water right holders.

It was decided that the above items pertaining to the hiring of the Water Master, Charles Runyan, for the 2010 irrigation season, his fee and the collection thereof, the maintenance charge, interest rate, etc., would all be in a form of resolutions submitted to the Department of Water Resources with the current year budget. Such resolutions were passed unanimously. The period of time for the possible employment of the Water Master would run from March 01, 2010 to October 31, 2010.

It was also decided to pay the Treasurer the remaining 50% of the budgeted monies after reducing for any office expenditures.

Further, it was decided not to charge any maintenance fee in the annual budget, for any water right holders with water right number 47-2159, except for the Bob Ring farm. All other water right holders are "residential" type water right holders. Also, any water right claims under the adjudication process by the United States of America would not be assessed a maintenance fee since they probably would not pay anyway.

The Water Master Report for 2009 was approved. The Water Master 2010 Proposed Budget was reviewed and adopted for the 2010 water year.

Jerry Visser asked about the Twin Falls Canal Co./NCRS/Magic Water Company, Inc. inverted siphon pipeline across Salmon Falls Creek proposal that was discussed last year including concerns over water rights and water shortages. Last year, Armand Eckert indicated that the waste water right filing would include shutting down the system in times of tight water shortages and the Water Master would take calls to do just that. Armand Eckert indicated the Nunes's, owner of the property across the canyon where the pipe was to start, are not sure they want to participate, which may kill the project.

With that the meeting was adjourned

Armand M. Eckert, Secretary/Treasurer