

Water District 120 Annual  
02/08/2010, 1:00 p.m.  
University Place, Room 109  
1784 Science Center Dr.  
Idaho Falls, ID 83402

Tim Deeg called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm. Those in attendance were Lyle Swank, IDWR, James Cefalo, IDWR, Gene Hansen, IDWR, Wendy Murphy, IDWR, Kenda Jones, IDWR, Tim Deeg, AAFGWD, Richard Mayer, AAFGWD, Marla Tribble, Bonneville GWD, Dane Watkins and Tim Luke (via telephone); there were 14 other attendees.

Election of Secretary and Chairman was held. Craig Evans motioned to elect Kenda Jones as secretary and Tim Deeg as chairman. Minutes from the 2009 Advisory meeting were read. Dane Watkins motioned that the minutes be approved as printed. Stan Searle seconded the motion and the minutes were approved without changes.

Wendy Murphy presented the financial report for 2009. Profit loss statement shows Assessment income of \$88,578. Finance charge income was \$147 and interest income was \$1509. Total income was \$90,234. Total expenses were \$98,197 for a net loss of \$-7963. IDWR contract was slightly over budget due to a budgeting error in hours worked and a leave calculation. Balance sheet shows current balance in checking/savings of \$150,475. Tim Deeg motioned to accept financial report as presented, Richard Mayor moved and Craig Evans seconded the motion. Financial statement is approved without opposition. Wendy made the attendees aware that there will not be an audit this year, one is not required. Audit will be done for the next fiscal year.

Lyle Swank talked about the water supply. He presented handouts that represent the water supply. Reservoirs have good carry over as a result of good snow pack last year. All of the reservoirs filled in 2009. Reservoir releases are being watched carefully. A Committee of Nine meeting was held, in coordination with the Bureau of Reclamation and as a result, Bureau of Reclamation did cut Palisades's releases by 300 cfs. It should now be around 1200 cfs coming out of Palisades. Bureau of Reclamation projects Palisades will be full by the end of April at the same rate, based upon the base flows they have right now. Willow creek below Tex creek is only bringing in 30-40 cfs which will make it difficult to fill Ririe Reservoir this year. Ririe is drawn for flood control reasons and an ongoing study is being done by the Bureau of Reclamation and Mitigation Inc. to determine how much flood control space they need. Overall reservoir content is 78.9% full, which is a good number for this time of year. Snow pack is low this year and we are below average snow accumulation so far this year. Snotel sites show low runoff for the upcoming year; we are well below average and the data indicates reservoirs will be very low by the end of the year.

Gene Hansen gave the watermaster report. He gave a slide presentation with information from the USDA. They are predicting abnormally dry conditions. The data shows we will

have some improvement, however, drought conditions will continue. He discussed snow water equivalencies and reiterated that we are below average compared to previous years. If we have a wet spring, we could see some improvement. The first two weeks of April and November each year, Gene has a network of wells in the Montevue, Mudlake, Dubois area that he measures static water levels. There is not much variation in levels. Blackfoot/Aberdeen/American Falls static water levels do not show much variation. Menan/Idaho Falls/Osgood area is also without much variation in levels. Protocol for water district 120 is to visit 1/3 of all wells within the district. Of the 306 wells, 96 were visited and another 30 site visits were performed. Due to the wet spring, protocol was not met. Questions can be directed to the GWD or IDWR. Tim Deeg discussed water usage and the importance of making sure people stay within their water right. He opened up the meeting for questions. He motioned to accept the watermaster report. Dane Watkins moved to accept, motion was seconded and it was approved without opposition.

Tim Deeg moved to Resolutions. He introduced James Cefalo as the new watermaster for water district 120 and reassured attendee that James will continue to advocate and work towards finding solutions to problems. Wendy went over the Budget for 2010 and explained the leave calculation that was added to this years' budget; projected hours will stay the same. She discussed the proposed increases which include the per AF charge for *administrative* purposes from \$0.05 to \$0.06 and the per AF for *measurement* from \$0.50 to \$0.60. Assessment income from measurement fees will total \$53,392, administration income \$42,168 for total income of \$95,560. Expenses include IDWR contract-measurement is \$64,440, Administration- \$48,960, for total IDWR contract of \$113,400. Other expenses include miscellaneous hydrographer expense- \$700, meeting expense of \$140 for total expenses \$114,240. No audit expense this year. Reserves will be used if needed. Hours will remain the same as previous year; were well under the projected hours that were budgeted. 2010 hours worked could increase, depending on the type of water year we have. Tim Deeg explained reserves and the need to use them occasionally. It helps keep assessment increases balanced. Also, in/around May, the state reassesses the overhead charge. Last year they increased it to 4%, which affected the budget. Tim discussed staying with IDWR rather than going with an outside contractor. It is cost effective in relation to the services that are provided by the state, including vehicles, equipment etc. Tim motioned to accept 2010 Resolutions and Budget. Craig Evans moved, Jeanie Hendricks seconded and both were passed without opposition.

Tim moved to the selection of Advisory Board members. Board members will remain the same with the exception of Bingham GWD. Ron Harwell will replace Randy Polatis.

#### **Aberdeen Am. Falls GWD**

Tim Deeg – AAFGWD

Nic Behrend

Terrell Sorenson

Richard Mayor

Alternates

Richard Line  
Steve Howser  
Todd Lowder  
Dan Hammond  
Brian Lechrecht

**Bingham GWD**

Craig Evans  
Randy Polatis  
Gaylen VanOrden – BGWD

Alternate

Neal Powell

**Bonneville GWD**

Marla Tribble  
Stephanie Mickelson – BJGWD  
Dane Watkins

With advisory members listed and in place, Tim motioned to accept board member selection, Dane moved to accept, Craig Evans seconded and the motion carries without opposition.

Tim Deeg gave an update on legal issues that had been ongoing, such as the A & B delivery call as well as Blue Lakes and Clears Springs. Final orders have been issued and are likely to be appealed to the Supreme Court. A Potential curtailment letter went out early this fall warning of a possible curtailment. Idaho Ground water Appropriators have secured other water sources if that should happen. Idaho Power had discussed Swan Falls and the fact that they thought the state had not lived up to their agreement. Through litigation, the Swan Falls decision will stand and no calls will be made on anyone's water. There are still some issues that remain however, for now an agreement has been reached.

Craig Evans discussed CAMP, which stands for "Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan". The process started approximately 2 years ago to help manage water issues involving the aquifer and brought together representatives from many different agencies. The main purpose of CAMP is to help stabilize the aquifer and what is referred to as the "water budget". They have set two ten year plans to change the incoming/outgoing water in the aquifer. The first plan is to be started next year, and is set to increase aquifer from 2 to 4 hundred thousand acre feet difference in the aquifer. The plan was accepted by the water resource board, presented to Legislature, and it was accepted as part of last year's legislation. CAMP was explained in detail to give everyone a better understanding of the process. Funding was discussed and whether the state will be able to match funds. It did pass through legislation so it is now law, they will have to match at least a portion.

Lynn Tominaga discussed a program called "Ag Water Enhancement Program". It is a program that is under NRCS and is a sub-set of the Environmental Quality incentive program. One of the programs within the CAMP process is converting ground water use to surface water supplies. If you live within 2-3 miles of an existing canal and can get the supply of surface water to substitute for the ground water, NRCS will pay 75% of the cost of converting the ground water source to a surface water source. Contact names were given for anyone interested in taking advantage of this program. Lyle suggested speaking with Tim Luke for further information.

Tim Luke discussed enforcement issues. Most are resolved, and some follow-up is being done on some 2008 violations. New imagery is available and may be used if resources are available. PCC measurement system is being looked at for accuracy and upgrades will need to be done in the future. WMIS is being updated to make sure information is accurate. Data entry is current.

Tim Deeg motioned to adjourn, Craig Evans moved on the motion, Jeanne Hendricks seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.