

**Water District 100
2017 Annual Meeting
January 31, 2017**

Chairman Dale Swensen called the meeting to order at approximately 2:00 pm. Present at the meeting were: Dale Swensen, James Cefalo, Aaron Dalling, Mike Huskinson, Bryce Contor, George Crapo, Mark Ricks, Keith Davidson, John Millar, Bruce Ard, Wendy Murphy, Bob Peck, Amanda Weber, and Karen Durfee.

The meeting began with the introduction of those present. After introductions, Mark Ricks made a motion to retain the standing meeting chairman (Dale Swensen) and meeting secretary (Wendy Murphy). George Crapo seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The group reviewed the 2016 annual meeting minutes. After reading through the minutes, Mark Ricks made a motion to approve the minutes for the 01/26/2016 Advisory Meeting. Mike Huskinson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Wendy Murphy presented the financial report as it currently stands. A draft copy of the balance sheet was presented because the district's books do not close until the end of the month. As of January 31, 2017, the district has \$16,357 in the bank with a \$90 accounts receivable balance. This brings the total current assets to \$16,446. There was an estimated charge for IDWR's bill for January of \$258. The retained earnings were \$14,243, estimating a net income of \$1,945, and the total liabilities and equity of \$16,446. The profit and loss statement showed a total income of \$12,635 and the total expenses were \$10,689. This brought a net income of \$1,945. Mike Huskinson moved to approve the financial report as presented and Mark Ricks seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The Watermaster report was presented by James Cefalo. He discussed some of the changes in the department and the water districts. In November 2016, Gary Spackman, the Idaho Department of Water Recourses Director (IDWR), signed an order to create a Ground Water Management Area overlaying the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer (ESPA). This order has been opposed and is still in the appeal period. It will eventually be heard by District Judge Eric Wildman and could go to the Idaho Supreme Court. Currently, what will affect our water users the most is the pending delivery call by the Surface Water Coalition and the recently-issued measuring device order. IDWR staff have inspected some flow meters and reported some of their findings in a PowerPoint presentation.

Amanda Weber presented an outline of the department's accomplishments, goals, and other information regarding the 2016 Measurement Order. For irrigation diversions, the flow meters need to be installed by the beginning of the 2018 irrigation season. For non-irrigation diversions, the flow meters need to be installed by January 1, 2018. Diversions for domestic use, stockwater use, irrigation \leq five acres, and non-irrigation wells diverting \leq 0.24 cfs (108 gallons per minute) are exempt from the installation order. The installation of the flow meters need to meet both the manufacturer and the department's guidelines. A list of the approved flow meters and guidelines are listed on the IDWR website at <https://idwr.idaho.gov/water-data/water-measurement/>.

One of the hurdles to approving the installation is the meter placement. The department requires a minimum straight pipe length free of disturbers. The pipe must be free of disturbers three times the pipe diameter upstream and two times the pipe diameter downstream. A disturber is anything that disrupts flow in the pipe. They can include pump discharges, elbows, check or chemigation valves, butterfly or gate valves, and pipe reducers. Another hurdle to getting the installation approved is when the flow meter is missing the grounding wires.

After some discussion regarding meter variances, James Cefalo discussed the proposed district expansion or creation. He explained that in the next month a public meeting will be held regarding the expansion of the WD100 boundaries to include Madison Ground Water District (GWD) (the Rexburg Bench). There may be multiple meetings or just one depending on the need. The initial step is to hold a public meeting to provide information and answer questions.

James Cefalo also talked about the recent curtailment order. The order pertains to water users within an area of common ground water supply that are not covered by a mitigation plan or settlement agreement. He explained that the Surface Water Coalition Delivery Call was settled for those who are members of a ground water districts. Dale Swenson said that for 2016, the Fremont Madison Ground Water District submitted a mitigation plan through IGWA. The mitigation will provide 3,000 acre-feet of recharge and 1,500 acre-feet of storage water.

The next item on the agenda was the Resolutions. Wendy Murphy stated that most of the changes were date changes. She discussed the breakdown of the budget. There was a \$40.00 minimum fee for diversions smaller than 0.24 cfs or irrigating less than five acres. Larger diversions are assessed a \$40.00 per diversion fee plus \$0.33 per acre-foot. The acre-feet used are based on a five year average. The 2017 WD100 budget outlined 88 minimum charges, 81 diversion charges, and 17,320 acre-feet charges. The total assessments would bring an income of \$12,476. With the total expenses of \$16,634 there would be a net loss of \$4,158. The board discussed and decided to approve the deficit budget. John Miller moved to approve the resolutions and budget. Mark Ricks seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The group discussed the advisory committee. John Miller, Rich Crapo, and Randy Huskinson will be retiring or stepping down. Keith Davidson will replace John Millar, Cade Crapo will replace Rich Crapo, and Mike Huskinson will replace Randy Huskinson. The 2017 committee will include of the following: Jaren Raybould, Cade Crapo, Dale Swenson, Mike Huskinson, Jeff Raybould, Mark Ricks, Keith Davidson, Bruce Ard, and George Crapo. Mark Ricks moved to approve the committee, Bruce Ard seconded, and the motion passed.

In new business, the group discussed possible venues for the district expansion meeting. There was an over-all consensus that a single meeting would be sufficient and that the Rexburg City Hall would be a good central location. The group discussed possible financial assistance for flow meters. There are some grants funds available through the WaterSMART program. These funds are distributed through the ground water districts. Mark Ricks suggested including reminders regarding the 2018 deadline for flow meters with the WD100 assessments. The group agreed that would be beneficial.

Mark Ricks moved and George Crapo seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm.

