

Meeting Minutes Water District 120
Annual Meeting
February 13, 2017

Chairman Tim Deeg called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm. Present at the meeting were: Tim Luke, Craig Evans, Gaylen VanOrden, Stephanie Mickelsen, Brian Schneider, Shawn Oleson, Steve Howser, Nic Behrend, Shawn Tischendorf, Debbie Oleson, Justin Oleson, Marla Tribble, Dane Watkins, Richard Lane, James Cefalo, Wendy Murphy, Bob Peck, Amanda Weber, Blake Jordan, and Karen Durfee.

Dane Watkins nominated Tim Deeg to chair the meeting and Wendy Murphy to be the secretary. Steve Howser seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Stephanie Mickelsen moved to approve the 2016 annual meeting minutes. Nic Behrend seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Wendy Murphy presented the financial report as of October 31, 2016. The balance sheet showed a comparison of the financial balance on October 31, 2016, with the balance on October 31, 2015. The balance showed that the district had \$142,915 in checking and the total assets was \$143,671. The total liabilities was \$11,183 and the total liabilities and equity was \$143,671. The profit and loss budget showed the total income of \$58,674, the total expense of \$61,416, with a net loss of \$2,742. Stephanie Mickelsen moved to approve the financial report as presented and Craig Evans seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

James Cefalo presented the Watermaster's report. He introduced Amanda Weber, Bob Peck, Blake Jordan, Tim Luke, and Karen Durfee. Bob Peck provided a presentation of Department's activities and endeavors in district. He presented a slide showing the water outlook for 2017 and a copy of the Bureau of Reclamation Pacific Northwest Region teacup diagram. He explained that according to the final measurement device order, flow meters need to be installed by the beginning of the 2018 irrigation season for irrigation diversions. 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/>. He noted that the Seametrics AG 2000 meter was removed from the approved list on 10/2016. 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. Bob explained that another obstacle to approving the installation is when the meter is missing the grounding wires. He reported the district completed over 61 flow meter inspections, 140 site investigations, and updated over 325 WMIS records. The goals for 2017 are to continue the flow meter inspections and readings, complete PCC measurements on simple systems, and continue well depth measurements. Bob concluded his message by thanking the Idaho farmers and ranchers for their contribution that reach worldwide.

James said that questions were raised in the advisory board meeting regarding the involvement of the district and the GWD in inspecting the installations. He said that there will be a large amount of flow meter installations, all requiring inspection. The Department plans to have the WD120

staff and others from the IDWR Boise office working on the ESPA settlement issues to assist with the project. James discussed the upcoming budget. He said that the budget was cut back in previous years, but going forward will need to be brought back to earlier amounts.

Tim Luke talked about the questions raised in the advisory meeting regarding the flowmeter accuracy $\pm 2\%$ vs $\pm 5\%$. He explained that the $\pm 2\%$ is the accuracy of flow rate that is tested for at the Utah Water Research Laboratory (UWRL). Flowmeters need to meet this standard in order to be approved by the Department. The $\pm 5\%$ refers to the testing the portable ultrasonic flow meter or any other meter that will be used to calibrate or check the accuracy of an installed meter. Tim said that the Department standard of three pipe diameter upstream and two pipe diameter downstream measured from the center of the meter spool was a common denominator in meter manufacturer systems and the way that they were tested at the lab. Brain Ragan and Tim Luke will look into possible exceptions or variances on a case by case basis. This concluded the watermaster report. Dane Watkins moved to approve the watermaster report and Stephanie Mickelson seconded the motion. After some discussion regarding the frequency and purpose of meter reader, the motion carried unanimously.

James Cefalo and Wendy Murphy presented the Resolutions. James mentioned that the previous year there was a change to resolution #12 which allows the district to publish newspaper notice of annual meetings rather than direct mailings. This seems to be working well and is providing a cost savings to the district. Wendy pointed out the current changes were primarily date changes with the exception of resolution #7 which deals with the budget and assessments. Wendy explained that in years prior the budget was reduced, but would need to be returned to previous numbers as a result of the Surface Water Coalition (SWC). She pointed out that the WD120 budget page outlines the changes of resolution #7. Under the Administrative Income section, the Minimum Charges were changed from \$30.00 to \$50.00 and the Measured AF Watermaster fee was changed from \$0.03 to \$0.10. Under the Measurement and Reporting Income section, the Measured AF Measurement fee was changed from \$0.35 to \$0.45 and the Wells fee was changed to \$70.00. After some discussion regarding the necessity for the budget changes, Stephanie Mickelson moved to approve the Resolutions and budget as presented. Nic Behrend seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

The board reviewed the advisory committee. The 2017 committee members are: Tim Deeg, Nic Behrend, Shaun Tischendorf, Brian Schneider, Brian Lebrecht, Marshall Jensen, Craig Evans, Robert Murdock, Gaylen VanOrden, Lance Gardner, LaVerelle Stecklein, Marla Tribble, Dane Watkins, and Stephanie Mickelson. The alternates are: Richard Line, Steve Howser, Todd Lowder, and Larry Lovell. Stephanie Mickelson moved to approve the committee as presented. Craig Evans seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Tim Deeg presented the Chairman's Report. He gave an update on the Rangen facility and settlement. It appears that it could be closing within the week. He was pleased that the GWD reached an agreement with the SWC.

In other business, a water user presented their struggle resolving a stockwater/domestic water right assessment. After the discussing the problem with the board, Tim Luke agreed to look into matter to help bring a resolution.

Steve Howser moved to adjourn, and Nic Behrend seconded. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm.

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