

Water District 13A *Minutes* Annual Meeting March 1, 2021 1:00p.m. Preston Idaho

Present: See attached Roster and Zoom Participants

Maxine Waddoups (2021 meeting Secretary) read the minutes from the 2020 Water District 13A meeting. Motion made by Gib Hull to accept the minutes as read; Kent Egley 2nd with all voting in favor, motion passed.

Chris Karren (2020 Meeting Chairman) conducted the election for the 2021 Meeting Chairman. Nominations were open: Lyle Porter nominated Kent Egley and Brian Jensen 2nd. Robert Swainston moved nominations ceased, motion was 2nd; Voting was held and Kent Egley was elected Meeting chairman for water District 13A for the 2021 meeting. Maxine Waddoups was nominated as meeting Secretary by Robert Swainston, Gib Hull 2nd all in favor, motion passed.

Gib Hull made the motion that Kirk Iverson be hired as Watermaster for Water District 13A and Alan Smith made a motion that Casey Clark be hired as assistant watermaster. Motion made for nominations to cease; Motion passed. It is herewith resolved that Kirk Iverson be elected as Watermaster for Water District 13A for the ensuing year, with duties to continue on a year-round basis. It is herewith resolved that Casey Clark be elected as Assistant Watermaster for Water District 13 A for the ensuing year with duties to continue on a year-round basis.

1. WATERMASTER DUTIES

The Watermaster shall perform his or her duties as required by Chapter 6, Title 42, and in accordance with:

- a. Direction and guidance provided by the Director of IDWR.
- b. The annual water district resolutions adopted herein;
- c. Guidance and input from the Water District 13A Advisory Committee.
- d. Guidance from the IDWR "Watermaster Handbook."

2. WATERMASTER TERM OF SERVICE

As provided in Idaho Code #42-608(4), watermaster's term of service shall begin upon appointment by the Director of IDWR immediately following the annual meeting election and continue until the next annual meeting, or until a successor is appointed and qualified under the provision of Section 42-604, Idaho Code.

Kirk Iverson presented the Watermaster financial report from 2020 and discussed the 2021 proposed Budget. Kirk discussed the cloud seeding and the river measurements programs that Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation Districts implements. He mentioned that we now need to do a contract with them and clarify what this donation goes to and not classify it as a donation, but a contract payment towards cloud seeding and measuring the river. This past year the river was not measured. There was some cloud Seeding done. Robert Swainston also mentioned that Twin Lakes also wants to

participate in the Cloud Seeding program and wants to contribute \$2000 to Franklin County for cloud seeding. Robert will check with the Franklin County Soil Conservation District to see if we can get some measurements on the Cub River this coming year. Lyle Porter suggested that 3 measurements need to be done. Also discussed was measuring the River, the extra money in the budget that is building up is to get a measuring device on Cub River. About 10 years ago the Forest Service quit funding the measuring device on the Cub River. Water District 13A would like to try and get a measuring device started back up again, and the extra money in the budget is for this purpose.

Brian Jensen moved and Mary Roberts 2nd the motion that the following resolution be adopted: (motion passes with all voting in favor)

Resolution setting the 2021 Budget:

It is herewith resolved that the 2021 operating budget for Water District 13A is as follows:

Watermaster Wages	\$ 5843.25
Assistant Watermaster Wage	550.00
Secretary	500.00
Treasurer Wages	1200.00
FICA/Medicare/Workers Comp.	907.66
Vehicle Mileage for Watermaster	4350.00
Cloud Seeding (contract)	3500.00
River Measuring (contract)	2000.00
Misc. Bank charge	65.99
Laptop Computer	1500.00
Total	\$20416.81

*Budget line item totals shown are estimates; actual line item costs may vary, but the total cost incurred for the district cannot exceed \$20416.81 during this fiscal year.

Motion was made by Brian Jensen 2nd by Lyle Porter to have the Franklin County Treasurer bill and collect the water assessments and then at the request of the Treasurer of WD13A, the Franklin County Clerk deposits the assessments in the checking account held by water district 13A at Ireland Bank to pay the bills of the Water District 13A. Motioned passed.

District Treasurer: A motion was made by Robert Swainston to have the Franklin County Treasurer collect the assessments of water district 13A and that Tami Midinski to act as the treasurer. Alan Smith 2nd the motion, motion passed. Lyle Porter made a motion to increase the budget \$1500 for Tami to purchase a Laptop and Software for water district 13A. Tami Midinski shall be elected WD 13A Treasurer for the 2022 fiscal year beginning March 1, 2021 and ending on March 1, 2022. The treasurer shall be compensated the fixed-sum amount approved in the adopted budget as authorized by Idaho Code # 42-619 (6). The duties of the treasurer will be to maintain the WD 13A checking account, oversee disbursement of water district funds based upon approval of expenses by the water master, and prepare and authorize review of financial affairs of the district at the end of each fiscal year, in accordance with Idaho Code \$42-619.

Minimum User Fee

It is herewith resolved that a minimum charge of \$60 per water right owner shall be assessed. Whenever the prorated charge to a user is less than \$60, that user will be assessed \$60.

Final assessment determination

IT is herewith resolved that, in accordance with Idaho Code 42-612 (5), the assessment amount for each user as shown in the adopted budget shall constitute a final determination of the amount due for that year.

District payment terms

Current year assessments shall be due to WD13A on or before April 1st of each year. Payment of any assessment that is not received by June 1, 2021, shall accrue penalties in the amount of 10% of the charge plus interest in the amount of 1% per month from said April 1, due date, until paid, pursuant to Idaho Code #42-617, The watermaster is authorized by Idaho Code #42-618, to withhold or suspend delivery of water to any water user who has not paid their assessment, penalties and interest in full by June 1st of said year.

Kent Egley Meeting Chairman appointed the following: Advisory committee members for the ensuing year shall be the following: Robert Swainston, Chris Karren and Dan Keller.

The water users of WD 13A hereby empower the elected chairman of the advisory committee, created herein to do the following as approved by the committee:

**** Enter into a service contract between WD 13A and any qualified party, in exchange for, monetary compensation, as necessary and as authorized by the adopted annual budget for expenses incurred related to the delivery of water in WD 13A.**

Kent Egley (meeting chairman) appointed the: Credential committee for the ensuing year will be: Brian Jensen, Larry Johnson and Alan Smith.

Next Annual Meeting of Water District 13A will be March 7, 2022 at 1:00p.m. Preston City Office.

Signed,



Maxine Waddoups, Meeting Secretary
Water District 13A

After the meeting was adjourned on Zoom, Michael Holliday, from the Idaho Department of Water Resources reported on a few issues going on in the legislative session regarding the adjudication and other water related matters that his office has been involved in. The judge will have a hearing on March the 4th to make a discussion on when the adjudication will commence. This is having to be funded by the legislature and probably will have an office set up in Preston and start training in 2022.