

WATER DISTRICT 74J  
Annual Meeting March 4, 2021

Before the meeting started, Bob Loucks announced that he will no longer be secretary/treasurer and left most of his files and information for whoever is elected, and left.

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 P.M. in Room 203 at the Brooklyn Annex by Chairman Jack Jakovac.

Members Present

Attending the meeting were: Jack Jakovac, Alfonso Martinez, Lynn & Heather Thomas, Morgan Peets, R.J. Stephenson, Michael and Carolyn Thomas, Andrea Daine and Cindy Yenter, IDWR. All water rights except David Yoder, Linda Davidson, Christopher Beachy, Vicki Colston and Kathy Jordan were represented. Steve Adams, our watermaster, and Jesse Ray (who will be training under Steve Adams to be assistant watermaster) were also present.

Election of Officers

Morgan Peets made a motion to elect Jack Jakovac again as Chairman. Motion seconded by R. J. Stephenson. Motion carried.

Since Bob Loucks resigned as Secretary/Treasurer, Morgan Peets made a motion to nominate Andrea Daine. Motion seconded by ??? Motion carried.

We did not nominate or elect an advisory board this year.

Michael Thomas nominated Steve Adams as watermaster and everyone agreed to elect Steve Adams and have him train Jesse Ray as assistant.

There was discussion over changing resolution # 8 and part of the old resolution was deleted.

The budget for 2021 was discussed.

There is currently \$728 in the checking account. There were no assessments last year so we will be short this year.

Steve Adams worked 45 days last year, and was paid \$1500 for the season which included mileage expenses.

For this year, Steve Adams pointed out that for a time there will be two people on the payroll, once the water has to be regulated. He is not going to charge an hourly rate for himself; he will charge a flat \$1500 for oversight and training (which will include mileage), to help Jesse Ray figure out the creek.

The watermaster can give the information from previous years to Jesse and he should be able to provide a report and an assessment. But for now we will have to estimate what the budget should be.

For Jesse Ray, we will pay \$25 an hour plus 56 cents per mile.

Last year Steve was only on for 45 days but it may be longer this year. It would be better to over-budget for this year, even if there is some left over toward next year. After much discussion regarding mileage and time, and the fact that Jesse Ray will be doing most of the trips later, we will probably need about \$3200 for Jesse.

There will also be expenses for an accountant, workman's comp, social security, medicare, office supplies etc. and these may be covered with what we have in the bank account at this point.

The proposed estimated budget would be a total of \$6130 for 2021. We will collect \$6000 from the water users, and assume \$130 carryover.

Morgan Peets proposed we adopt this budget, Michael Thomas seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The old bank account will have to be closed, and a new account opened with the new officers, to have the proper authorized signatures. Resolution #1 was amended to add a sentence to address this. Motion made by Carolyn Thomas, seconded by ?? and motion carried.

The meeting date was also discussed, and Resolution # 5 was changed to have it be the first Wednesday in March.

#### Continuing (and amended) Resolutions

1. The Treasurer of Water District 74J is hereby authorized to collect the assessments of the Water District in accordance with Idaho Code § 42-618. The signatories on the bank account will be the elected chairman and secretary/treasurer.
2. Given that the water district cost for administering water for many water users is greater than their normal assessments would be based upon their average annual use of water, it is resolved that pursuant to Idaho Code § 42-612 (4) the Treasurer of Water District 74J is authorized to assess a \$25 minimum charge for Watermaster services for water users in the District.
3. In accordance with Idaho Code § 42-612 (5), the assessment amount for each individual user as shown in the annual adopted budget shall constitute a final determination of the amount due for that year. In the computation of assessments, the Treasurer shall use a 4-year rolling average of diversions for each water user.
4. All payments for assessments not received by January 1 of the year following the billing date shall accrue penalties in the amount of 10% of the charge plus interest in the amount of 1% per month, as of the June 1 due date and as provided pursuant to Idaho

Code Section 42-617. It is resolved that the Watermaster is authorized pursuant to Idaho Code Section 42-618, to withhold or suspend deliveries of water to any water user who has not paid their assessment charges.

5. The annual Water District 74J meeting shall hereafter be held on the first Wednesday of March, of each year unless the Director of IDWR should find it necessary to change the meeting date or unless changed by resolution of the district at any annual meeting.

6. The Watermaster is authorized as an employee of IDWR under Idaho Code § 42-1701(5) to make reasonable entry on lands within the district, in accordance with IDWR policy, to carry out the duties of the Watermaster as instructed by IDWR.

7. When WD-74J is in regulation, the Watermaster visit at least twice weekly, with 24 hours notice to those with multiple diversions.

8. The Watermaster will manage distribution of water within the District from POD Wi-3 (74-216J & 74-221). This POD has 2.81 cfs (140.5 miners inches) of water right. The creek will go into regulation whenever any user calls for their water right.

9. The Watermaster will complete the Annual Watermaster Report by a month after the end of regulation. The Report will be distributed to water users after it is completed. Watermaster will not receive his final pay check until the Report is completed.

Resolution # 10 was mentioned, but it was eliminated last year.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:10 P.M.

S/Andrea Daine, Secretary-Treasurer