

Water District 57D Sinker Creek 2016 Annual Meeting Notes

January 4, 2016 @ 1 pm - Owyhee Co Courthouse Annex/P&Z Office

Angie Grimm, IDWR

Attendees: Chad Nettleton (Watermaster), Paul Nettleton (Secretary/Treasurer), Chad Hipwell, Ed Olson (Sierra Del Rio rep), Phill Hummer (IDWR), and Angie Grimm.

1. Meeting called to order at 1:10 pm by Paul N., Secretary (Chairman Rick Barker not in attendance).
2. Approval of 2015 Meeting Minutes for approval (handout) by Paul N.:
 - Doug H. made motion to approve minutes as drafted. Paul N. seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.
3. Proposed budget for 2016 season:
 - Doug H. motioned approve budget and watermaster compensation same as last year. Ed O. seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.
4. Election of Watermaster for 2016 season:
 - Doug H. motioned elect Chad N. as watermaster. Ed O. seconded motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.
5. Election of Advisory Committee Chairman for 2016 season:
 - Chad N. nominated Doug H. as chairman. Ed O. seconded motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.
6. Discussion regarding controlled fill of Nahas Reservoir:
 - Paul N. thinking won't be needed this year with snow accumulation now. Doug H. asked how full is upper reservoir now. Paul N. estimated 25-30 ft ~ 10% of capacity. I provided the group with the 1/4/16 SNOTEL map (handout) illustrating snow pack % of normal to date.
 - Later in meeting discussed how users should be assessed for controlled fill. Chad N. indicated he's assessing Joyce Livestock (Paul N.) for release of 12-15 cfs from upper reservoir (on-stream) to get ~4 cfs down to Nahas Reservoir for fill. Larger quantity needs to be diverted to overcome great conveyance loss in the creek channel. Multiple adjustments needed at upper reservoir to fill Nahas Reservoir in February. Last year started letting water down 2/22/15. Chad N. requested IDWR follow up with him regarding the proper procedure for assessments in this instance.
7. IDWR Update - Angie G.:
 - 8/12 positions 67% turnover in 2015 at Western Region Office, lots of new staff.
 - Been several years since IDWR rep attended this district meeting.
 - Reminder importance of submitting minutes from annual meeting timely - appoint watermaster with authority to go to work for district.
 - Requested Paul N. as Secretary/Treasurer complete a Treasurer's Oath (this district collects own assessments - no county involvement). Paul N. indicated he would complete and send in with 2016 minutes.
 - Requested owners complete proper WR Ownership Change paperwork (gave them two forms with instructions) so IDWR records can be updated. Important for sending notices regarding water rights and the district annual meetings. Paul N. indicated he told someone at IDWR correct addresses for users in this district, that he completes the info request each fall for this, but did not receive one last year. Paul N. also indicated \$25/WR fee can add up that's why ownership changes not filed in the past. I emphasized the importance of proper records (for notification purposes) and requested they file as soon as they can afford to.
8. 2017 Annual Meeting Time & Location:
 - Group agreed next meeting will be first Monday of January (so long as it doesn't fall on New Year's) @ 1 pm @ same location.
9. 2016 Meeting Adjournment:
 - Paul N. motioned to adjourn meeting at 2:00 pm. Motion seconded, all in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

WATER DISTRICT 57-D

Minutes

The 2015 Sinker Creek Water Dist. 57-D was called to order at 1:10 on Jan 5 2015 at the Owyhee County P & Z Annex. Attending: Doug Hipwell, Paul Nettleton, Eric Cummins, Chad Nettleton. Absent: Craig Baker. Minutes and Treas. Report from 2014 were distributed and approved. The budget was set at \$3400 unchanged from 2014. Watermaster compensation was set at \$55 per trip with milage at 45 cents. Chad was elected Watermaster and current officers were re elected by consensus. The need for a controlled fill was discussed as the Sierra Ranch res. is 4 ft. down from full. Chad will coordinate that effort by Feb. 1. Snow levels in the mtns. are less than ½ normal but soil is saturated, so there is still hope. Adjourned at 1:30

Treasurers Report

Balance Jan. 1 2015-----\$1697.60

Income

Water Dist. Fees-----\$1708.65

Fees receivable-----\$ 462.01

Interest-----\$.28

Total-----\$2170.94

Expenses

Watermaster-----\$1371.40

Milage-----\$ 173.25

2014 SS/Med-----\$ 235.62

2014 Workers Comp.-----\$ 300.00

Total-----\$2080.27

Balance Jan. 1 2016-----\$1788.27

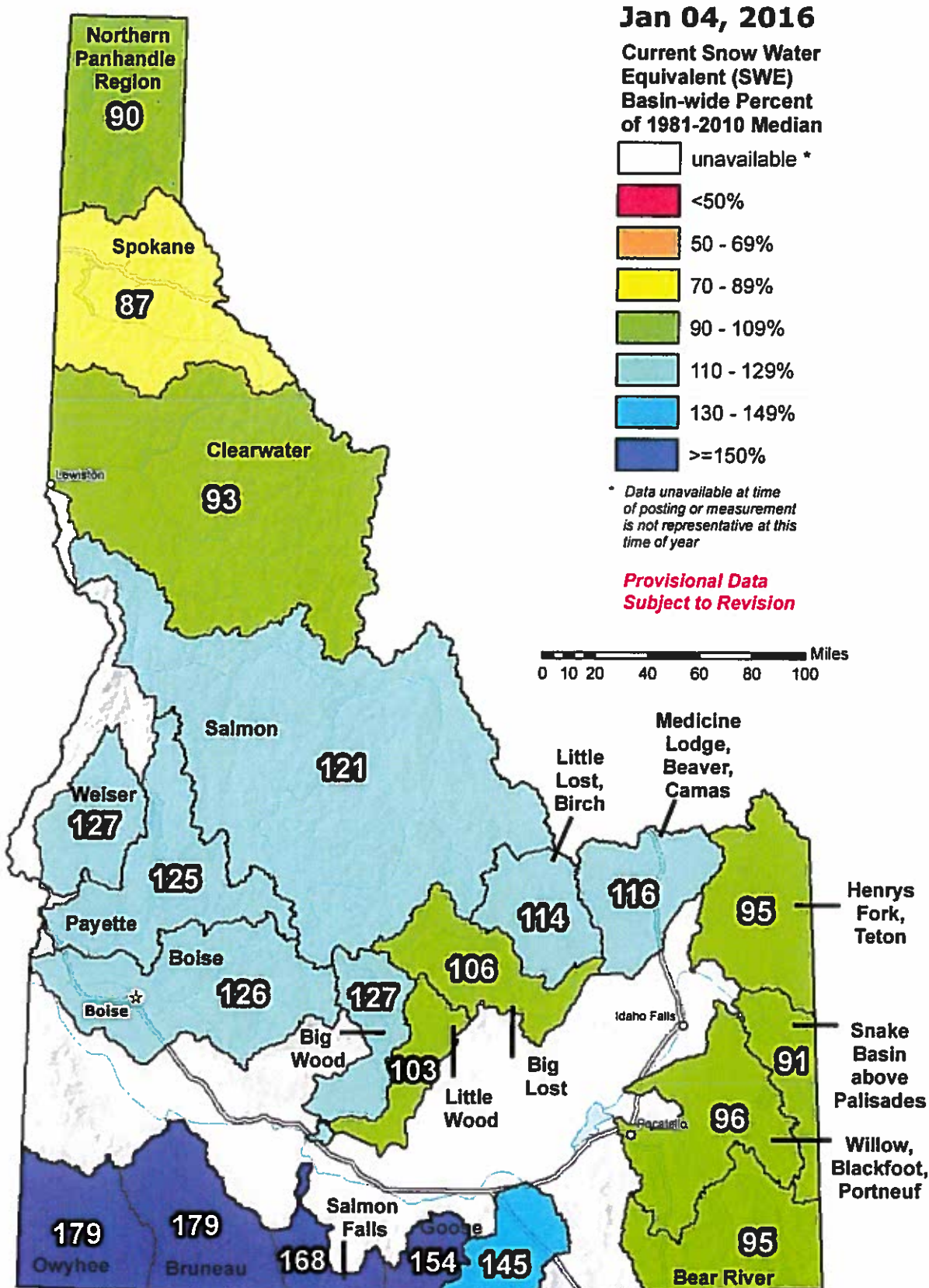
Payables

2015 SS/Med-----\$227.20

2016 Work Comp--\$300.00

2015 Office Exp.---\$ 20.00

Idaho SNOTEL Current Snow Water Equivalent (SWE) % of Normal



The snow water equivalent percent of normal represents the current snow water equivalent found at selected SNOTEL sites in or near the basin compared to the average value for those sites on this day. Data based on the first reading of the day (typically 00:00).

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