

67A – WATER DISTRICT

ANNUAL MEETING

02082016 @ 1330 HOURS

(Audibly Recorded)

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33 Attendees:

Jan Wilkerson	Russel Wilkerson	Ronald Ray
Darren Coriell	Dave Allred	Tom Grossen
Norma Grossen	Sharon Tharp	David White
Gordon Wilkerson	Isaac Ward	Tony Morgensen
Wanna Belle Coriell	Russel Mink	Dale McKee
Delbert Ogle	Phil Holmes	Jim Buchanan
Dean Dunham	Ron Dunham	Jeff Dunham
Brent McKee	Joe Holmes	RJ Holmes
Royce Schwenkfelder	Cathy Veselka	David Veselka
Victor Ward	Ralph Yantis	Scotti Yantis
Jeff Glemser	Dezarae Graham - Tom Green Ranch	

- Nick Miller from IDWR was present to give guidance of the meeting's proceedings and to answer questions of the people.

- Meeting was called to order by Royce Schwenkfelder and opened for nominations for Chairman:
 - o Royce Schwenkfelder – 10 hand votes
 - o Dave Veselka – 11 hand votes
 - o Dave Veselka chaired the meeting with no voiced opposition to show of hand voting. The motions for the rest of the meeting were by a voice vote of “aye” or “nay.” A weighted vote by dollars was discussed but was never brought forth by any of the attendees to vote on any of the issues.
- Chairman appointed the Credentials Committee as per direction of Nick Miller following Idaho State Statute Title 42.
 - o No volunteers, therefore Dave Veselka appointed Russell Wilkerson, Jim Buchanan, and Sharon Tharp as present members of the Credentials Committee.
- Minutes of previous year, 2015, were read by Jeff Glemser – Approved
- Treasure’s report submitted by Angela Glemser and read by Jeff Glemser – Approved
 - o An audit was prepared by Angela and submitted to US Bank and approved by the bank on Feb 6, 2016.
- Once the 2016 budget is approved it will be entered into the Idaho State website per State Statute 67-450B / HB 560.
- Washington County is charging \$32.00 for collection 67A assessments through taxes.
 - o Motion was made for both counties to continue to collect the assessments. – Approved
- Advisory Committee members were present, nominated, and approved:
 - o Gordon Wilkerson, Ralph Yantis, Russell Mink, Royce Schwenkfelder
- Motion was made to establish each of the committees annually. – Approved
- Jeff Glemser explained the problems with assessment records for 67A:
 - o Water rights were being assessed by motion for .38 cents per CFS and being billed \$38.00 per CFS.
 - o Billing records did not match IDWR records by names, addresses, and assessments.
 - o Many water rights were over assessed and under assessed.
 - o Spread sheets were developed for better tracking of the water rights by names and information, via IDWR and 67A records.
 - o Nick Miller explained:
 - CFS is assessed by 67A because the watermaster delivers water to each right by a continuous flow.

- AG's office will advise how many years to go back to repay water rights that had been over assessed.
 - Annual collection of assessments should match the annual budget that is approved (i.e. Public Depository Law) versus the money now being held in reserve (\$48,000).
- Proposed to not to assess any of the water rights for 2016 and operate on the money held in reserve, thus the issue was tabled for motion at the end of the meeting.
- Watermaster position:
 - Motion for Clifford Crosley to also be hired for the 67A watermaster since LWID had already hired him as watermaster. – Approved
 - Crosley's resume was submitted and is on file. There were no other applicants as advertised for.
- Watermaster salary (much discussion):
 - LWID Directors proposed to pay the 67A watermaster salary of \$9,000 plus expenses (over a 100% increase) which would be 60% of the watermaster salary.
 - Royce Schwenkfelder questioned how much work is done by the watermaster for 67A versus LWID. He proposed that the expenses (i.e. mileage, phone, etc.) be split 50/50 by 67A and LWID as previous years.
 - Russell Wilkerson proposed that a job description needs to be drawn up for the watermaster for 67A and LWID; and that water users 'need to step up and ensure their water is being delivered correctly, and not to solely depend on the watermaster who does not have ownership in 67A water rights.'
 - Royce Schwenkfelder proposed that it was the watermaster job to ensure that every water measuring device (i.e. weir and sprinkler flow meter) be inspected for proper calibration and operation prior and during the irrigation season.
 - Proposal to pay watermaster more often than once a year. Nick Miller advised that it did not need to be approved as payment is set in the budget.
 - Nick entered discussion that a watermaster was an employee which possibly subjects 67A to follow FICA and worker compensation rules, versus a contract worker who files a 1099 federal tax form.
 - Motion for watermaster salary for \$6,000 plus 50% of expenses (approx. \$550.00). – Approved. No other motions were brought forth for salary.
 - Motion for the 67A Advisory Committee to develop and present to the Chairman a job description for the 67A watermaster prior to the on-set of the irrigation season. - Approved
- LWID Directors proposed that 67A pay for maintenance of the weir in the river on Coates property since LWID had placed the weir originally.

- Concrete deterioration and washout appeared to be the problems.
 - Motion to allocate \$1000 per year for the Coates weir. – Approved
- Royce Schwenkfelder proposed a snow pack measuring device be placed on the mountain(s) to be monitored throughout the winter and spring (once a month and twice in March). Someone would be hired to take measurements. The data would be entered into the NRCS website to determine and predict the volume of water for the upcoming irrigation season. Also annual records would be kept for a tracking history.
 - Motion made for the Advisory Committee to initiate a plan for the site and monitoring. Up to \$500.00 was allowed to be spent for the project. – Approved
- Secretary/Treasurer position:
 - Discussion of hiring an auditor (beginning at \$2,500.00) or having the Sec/Tres to continue to update the 67A water rights owner's information and assessments.
 - Motion to elect Jeff and Angela Glemser Sec/Tres as in the two previous years and Jeff to continue updating the records. – Approved
 - Motion to increase Sec/Tres pay for 2016 to \$1000.00. – Approved
- 2016 budget for \$9,500.00. – Approved
 - Watermaster salary \$6,000.00
 - Watermaster expenses \$550.00
 - Weir maintenance \$1,000.00
 - Snow Pack Measure \$500.00
 - Secretary/Treasurer \$1,000.00
 - Advertise/Incidentals \$450.00
- 2016 Assessments for 67A:
 - No water rights will be assessed for 2016 to give time to ensure a correct 67A water right list and assessments and the repayment of over assessed water rights. 67A will operate on monies held in reserve for 2016. – Approved
- Next 67A annual meeting set for second week in February of 2017, not to coincide with 67 water district meeting. - Approved
- Meeting adjourned at 1545 hours.