

Weiser River Water District 67

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Watermaster: Brandi Horton
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Chairman: Vernon Lolley
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Sec/Treasurer-Terry Horton
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February 1, 2016

Meeting of Water District 67 called to order by Chairman Vernon Lolley at 1:05 p.m.
Minutes read by Secretary Terry Horton. Paul Striker moved to approve minutes, John Sachtjen 2nd, minutes approved as read.

Vernon called for Election of Chairman,

Stuart Syme requested voting be done by actual adjudicated water shares. (State code 42-605 sub section 4).

Questions were asked about who would vote the water shares of an entity if they didn't have a proxy. Nick Miller asked if the Credential committee was represented at the meeting, and stated that they could approve a member to vote for each entity.

Watermaster looked up those represented at meeting.

Those represented were as follows;

Harmon Horton for Middle Valley Ditch Cooperation with 3,800 inches.

Paul Striker for Mann Creek Irrigation District and himself with 6,884 inches.

Stuart Syme for Weiser Irrigation District with 13,209.5 inches

Jacque Wray for Sunnyside Ditch with 3,200 inches

Gordy Galus for himself with 2.6 inches

Karen & Keith Hood for themselves with 146.5 inches

Paul & Gayle Poorman for themselves with 29.5 inches

John Sachtjen for himself with 400 inches

Election of Chairman;

Harmon Horton moved to keep same Chairman-Vernon Lolley, Vice Chairman-John Sachtjen and same Secretary-Terry Horton, Gordon Galus 2nd, Paul Striker moved to cease all nominations and cast unanimous ballot, motion carried.

Election of Watermaster; Paul Striker moved to keep Brandi Horton as Watermaster, Gordon Galus 2nd, Gordon Galus moved to cease all nominations, Paul Striker 2nd, motion carried.

Election of Assistant Watermaster's & Substitute Watermaster

Gordon Galus

Kannon Hemenway

Bruce Gochnour

Mel Cunningham

Luke Moss

Jerry Myers- Substitute Watermaster

Jackie Wray moved to blanket vote the existing, Paul Striker 2nd, Paul Striker moved to cease all nominations Gayle Poorman 2nd, motion carried.

Committee's; Credential and Advisory

Credential Committee- presently are-

-Council (Bill Shore-was, need replacement)

John Sachtjen-Cambridge

-Monroe Creek (was Laurie Chandler-need replacement)

Vernon Lolley-Weiser

Harmon Horton-Midvale

Paul Striker-Mann Creek

Advisory Committee-presently are-

Alvin Yantis-Council

Randy Noah-Cambridge

John Sachtjen-Cambridge

Wendell Walker-Sunnyside

Harmon Horton-Midvale

Paul Striker-Mann Creek

Vernon Lolley-Weiser

Tyler Amano-Canal Institute

-Monroe Creek (was Laurie Chandler-needs replacement)

Harmon Horton moved to blanket vote the Credential Committee keeping the same members and leaving it up to the Advisory board to fill in empty slots, Paul Striker 2nd, motion carried.

Paul Striker moved to blanket vote the Advisory Committee keeping the same members and leaving it up to the Advisory board to fill in the empty slot, Gordon Galus 2nd, motion carried.

Nick Miller from Idaho Dept. of Water Resources asked if the counties who collect the monies also pay the bills for the district. The chairman told him that the secretary did. Nick advised that the secretary fill out a Treasurer's Oath and turn it in.

Budget presented by Brandi Horton and Vernon Lolley

Brandi said the Secretary has asked for a raise from \$1000 per year to \$1500 per, she has not had a raise since to 2007. Vernon presented getting the watermaster on PERSI (Public Employee's Retirement System of Idaho) to give her incentive to stay and give her a retirement when that time comes. The raise will cover the PERSI withheld from her check so that she is basically taking home the same after all withholdings are taken out. Paul Striker moved to approve the budget as presented, Gordon Galus 2nd, motion carried.

Jackie Wray asked what benefits we get from the Idaho Water Users Association. Vernon said they are like our legal representation to keep others from stealing our water. Gayle Poorman asked what acronym is PERSI for; Vernon said it is Public Employee's Retirement System of Idaho.

Paul Poorman asked about receivables and out go and why such a large difference? Secretary explained the monies are collected through the tax system and not all pay their taxes therefore those numbers are always different even though we haven't changed how we assess and where it is collected from. Sometimes monies received will be from back taxes that have finally been collected.

Brandi brought up the subject of several water users in the district not being assessed for all their assessable water rights. She stated this error had become evident with the completion of the re-adjudication, and that it would be wise to include the additional assessments in the coming year. Harmon Horton moved to add the previously unassessed water rights in 2016, John Satchjen 2nd, motion carried.

John Sachtjen said he has never seen any benefit from the Idaho Water Users Association.

Brandi asked- If we had no coverage from them and something happened, where would we be then?

Nick Miller advised that we should have the Advisory Committee investigate into this with the Idaho Water Users Association and asked what do they do for us and what are the benefits and bring back the information to the 2017 meeting. Vernon said that the man to talk to is Norman Semanko he is the Executive Director.

Jackie Wray moved to have the Advisory Committee do so, Gordon Galus 2nd, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Vernon asked for any old business to be brought forth? None

NEW BUSINESS: Nick Miller from Idaho Dept. of Water Resources

Nick talked about getting the Watermaster the tools and resources to be able do her job more efficiently and that would be to put in water measurement control devices at diversion sites. Not so much what comes in but where it is diverted from the river into ditches and pump sites on the river. He plans to implement in the next month or two a Water Measurement Control Order and do it in stages. It was suggested to start at Galloway in Weiser and up to the Cambridge Ditch in Cambridge and work our way up over the years. Nick said that people resist change and a good idea is to set up public information meetings with the IDWR. Let people know what is going on-what is the best measuring device for their needs. Get information together about different devices and present them. Jacque Wray mentioned that most water users don't attend water meetings, and getting them to show up for an informational meeting could be difficult. Brandi stated that she felt it would be wise to have a date and time for said informational meeting already scheduled, and include that information with the Water Measurement Control Order to increase the likelihood of the water users attending the meeting. Nick mentioned needing a better measuring device at Lost Valley Reservoir to measure the outflow.

Jon Wray spoke up about people not having knowledge of irrigation, water rights, water shares/inches etc.-they just don't have a clue.

It was suggested that this is another subject to bring into the informational meetings.

Paul Poorman asked about what kind of measuring device he needs. Brandi said that small water users need only a good working weir to be legal.

Nick said the issue order will start in 2016, the watermaster will have all devices approved by end of 2016 and they will be in use 2017 at all diversions from Galloway to Cambridge Ditch.

Vernon asked if there was any more New Business.

Harmon Horton moved to ask Washington and Adams counties to continue collecting and dispersing the monies through the tax system, John Sachtjen 2nd, motion carried.

Harmon Horton moved to set 2017 meeting for Monday-February 6th-at US Bank in Cambridge in the Community Room-1:00 p.m., and to adjourn meeting, Stuart Syme 2nd, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Those present:

Terry Horton, Harmon Horton, Brandi Horton, Jerry Myers, Joan Myers, Paul Striker, Stuart Syme, Kris Braden, Jackie Wray, Jon Wray, Nick Miller-Idaho Dept. of Water

Resources, Patrick Kelly-Idaho Dept. of Water Resources, Vernon Lolley, Gordon Galus, Karen Hood, Keith Hood, Paul Poorman, Gayle Poorman, John Sachtjen, Wade Bonner.

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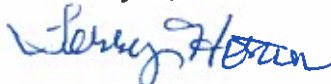
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February 24, 2016

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Here is a copy of the minutes and budget from the Water District 67 meeting held
February 1, 2016 in Cambridge- US Bank Community Room.

Thank you,



Terry Horton,
Secretary/Treasurer