

67A – WATER DISTRICT

ANNUAL MEETING

02072016 @ 1300 HOURS

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16 Attendees:

Darren Coriell	Dean Dunham	Jeff Dunham
James Buchanan	Dale McKee	Russel Mink
Dave Veselka	Arthur Hintz	Ralph Yantis
Scotti Yantis	Victor Ward	Mike Huey
Jerry Eggebeen	Samantha Alley	C Ray Turnbull
	Jeff Glemser	

Representatives from the Idaho Department of Water Resources were not present due to the slippery road conditions.

- Meeting was called to order by Dave Veselka and opened for nominations for Chairman.
 - o Jim Buchanan, Royce Schwenkfelder, Dave Veselka, and Victor Ward were all nominated, but they declined.
 - o Ray Turnbull was nominated and approved unanimously by voice vote.
- Old Business:
 - o Prior to reading the 2016 minutes, 8 copies of the minutes were handed out to the attendees with a front page synopsis of the minutes, prepared by Jeff Glemser.
 - o 8 copies of the Treasurer's report were also handed out the attendees.
 - o As the copies were being reviewed, the minute's synopsis was read by Jeff Glemser. The minutes were approved.
- Treasurer's Report:
 - o Angela Glemser prepared the treasurer's report and was submitted to US Bank for the annual audit. It was approved by US Bank on February 6, 2017.
 - o The treasure's report was read by Jeff Glemser, and it was approved.
- Credentials committee:
 - o Motion was made to have the same members as 2016, and approved.
 - o Russell Wilkerson, Jim Buchanan, Sharon Tharp.

- Advisory Committee:
 - o Motion was made to have the same members as 2016, and approved.
 - o Gordon Wilkerson, Ralph Yantis, Russell Mink, Royce Schwenkfelder
- Watermaster and salary:
 - o The attendees agreed that Clifford Crosley did a good job for 2016.
 - o Motion was made to hire him for 2017 and to increase his salary to \$16,000 plus expenses, and approved.
 - o Motion was made that 67A Water District and Little Weiser Irrigation District would split the watermaster's salary and expenses 50/50 for 2017; thus 67A would pay \$8,000 plus 50% of the expenses, and approved.
- Snow Pack Report:
 - o Royce Schwenkfelder presented that based on government snow pack sites the Owyhee and Crane Creek were at 200% over normal.
 - o Others commented that Brundidge and Tamarac that feed the Little Weiser River were under percent for a normal year.
 - o Royce pressed to establish a snow pack marker site and hire someone with a snowmobile to monitor and record the site. This would record a history of snow pack from year to year and give guidance when to fill the reservoir. He further supplied a copy for the 67A records of a cost sharing application for the state.
 - o It was questioned that since the Little Weiser Irrigation District is also gaining from this information, LWID should share the cost of the site.
 - o Royce agreed that he would continue on with this project to completion with the assistance of the Advisory Committee.
 - o A motion was made to allocate \$500 in the budget for the snow pack project, and approved.
- Water Assessment Spread Sheet:
 - o Jeff Glemser had developed an assessment list of water rights for 67A Water District. It was a two year project of reviewing and vetting IDWR records, billing records, title records, address records, and calling several people for advisement and verification. It was further reviewed for correction by representatives of the IDWR.
 - o Two copies of the assessment spread sheet were handed out for the attendees to review along with explanations. They were asked to make sure the list was correct, to best of their knowledge, and to add any further corrections.
 - o Also a list of water rights user's names and addresses was handed out for review and corrections.
 - o Royce Schwenkfelder questioned others as he was under the belief that 67A assessments were by the acre and not the cfs. One other person agreed with him. Jeff Glemser advised that nowhere in the 67A records back to 1986 was there any note of being assessed by the acre. He further advised that according to IDWR, water districts are assessed by cfs and reservoirs are assessed by acres.

- Royce Schwenkfelder questioned if flood rights and late priority dates on water rights were being assessed. Jeff Glemser advised, per IDWR, that flood rights, springs, and streams that end at a pond the water does not add to a tributary and is not controlled by the watermaster; therefore those water rights are not assessed. As Royce pressed the issues, he and others were advised to access the IDWR website to answer their questions and search their water rights for information. They could also contact an IDWR representative.
- Jeff Glemser advised the attendees about the over payment by some water users over the years due to inaccurate records, approximate \$423/year. He advised that Nick Miller of IDWR asked several sources for clarity if the monies needed to be paid back and how far back. No clear answer was ever given. Jeff Glemser searched the Idaho laws and could only find a similar reference to Idaho Title 63-810 – Erroneous Levy – Corrective Action. The conclusion of Jeff Glemser and Nick Miller, it was as much as the water user’s responsibility and water district’s responsibility to ensure that the assessment records are correct. It could be decided that the monies paid back could go back five years; however that is ultimately the decision of the attendees of the 67A meeting.
- A motion was made based on the burden is equally on the water user to ensure the assessment is correct that no monies would be paid back unless a legal action was taken by the water user who had over paid, and unanimously approved.
- 2017 Assessments of Water Rights:
 - Jeff Glemser advised that 2016 zero water rights were assessed, but that \$7600 assessment money came into the account. This was due to the delay of billing the water users and then the delay of collecting the assessments. Once an assessment is decided it will be collected two years later.
 - As previously mentioned in the 2016 meeting minutes read in this meeting, Jeff Glemser reiterated that Nick Miller of IDWR was surprised that such an excess of funds were being held in the 67A bank account (\$41,854.19). He advised that the money need to be spent. Therefore, if a conscience effort to spend down the money by paying annual expenses and the watermaster, the state should not have a problem with it.
 - Royce Schwenkfelder questioned and claimed that 67A was ‘a quasi-government’ and ‘we could assess water users ourselves; therefore we wouldn’t have to abide by state law and we could hold the surplus funds.’ Jeff Glemser advised against that as it would be an accounting problem of billing people and then trying to collect on those bills with legal issues; whereas each county takes care of that for 67A for a fee of \$32.00 annually. Others agreed to continue to have the counties assess the water rights.
 - Jeff Glemser advised again, ‘the state says you cannot bring in money you are not going to spend in the same year and you cannot hold such a large savings.’
 - Ray Turnbull commented that ‘we could prove we are making a conscience effort if we spend more than we bring in.’

- Royce Schwenkfelder made the motion to assess \$19.00/cfs for 2017, stating, “We want to bring in half of what we spend.” Dale McKee agreed and seconded the motion, and it was approved by voice vote. The assessment will bring in approximately \$5369.86 in 2018 (total cfs 282.624 x \$19.00).
- Little Weiser River Lower Weir Proposal:
 - Jeff Dunham proposed for an electronic weir to be placed in the Little Weiser River between the upper and lower areas of the water district. USGS has a remote Doppler flow meter that can be placed in the river instead of a permanent weir. The weir would keep continuous records of water flow; and can be access wirelessly by cell phone or laptop computer. IDWR can assist in the paper work and installation. The cost would be \$4000 for installation and \$667 per month for maintenance (\$2000/season). A total of \$6000/year.
 - Ron Jaeger asked what will be done with the information. Jeff Dunham and Jim Buchanan advised that it would be a great benefit for the watermaster in controlling the water flow to ensure the lower district is getting the water they are allotted. Conversation broken into how 67 Water District has gone to electronic monitoring which is making the water delivery system more efficient. Ron ‘worried that “they” would see more flow than accounted for and it won’t account for ditch lose, thus causing him to have less water as he irrigates from the end of the water district.’ Conversation broke into how weir would make it more efficient to adjust the water flows accordingly and to adjust of ditch lose.
 - Royce Schwenkfelder agreed and commented that there needs to be a weir put there and at the top of the outlet canal below the reservoir. Jeff Glemser commented that 67A could pay for the lower weir and LWID could pay for the weir at the bottom of the reservoir. He further added this would be a good tool for the watermaster to adjust water flows in half the time to ensure everyone gets their water. Royce agreed and advised that ‘it would take the conjecture and finger pointing out of it.’ Royce then added that the lower weir would drain the reservoir quicker. Ron Jaeger and Isaac Ward agreed. It was further commented that the weir shouldn’t make any difference than previous years.
 - Motion was made to put a committee together to develop a plan to put all weirs in for the water/irrigation districts at the same time. Jeff Dunham, Jim Buchanan, Royce Schwenkfelder, and Ron Jaeger volunteered, and approved.
- Coats Weir Repair:
 - The watermaster had previously commented the water was pushing to one side of the weir due to a curve in the river. It was suggested to add rock to straighten out the river to even the flow across the weir. Jeff Dunham and Ray Turnbull volunteered to resolve the problem with the watermaster’s advisement. As approved in 2016, \$1000 will be held annually for any repairs for the Coates weir.
 - A motion was made for the repair, and approved.
- Secretary/Treasurer:
 - Jeff and Angela Glemser were nominated and approved for the Secretary/Treasurer.

- o Jim Buchanan made a motion for the salary to be \$600, and approved.
- Budget for 2017:
 - o The forecasted expenses were quickly calculated and agreed to as being approximated \$11,000 to \$12,000 for the year, and approved.

Watermaster salary	\$ 8,000
Watermaster Expenses	\$ 1,000
Secretary/Treasurer Salary	\$ 1,000 (approved for 2016 work)
Coat's Weir	\$ 1,000
Snow Pack Project	\$ 500
Legal Notices/Advertising	\$ 250
Fees/Incidentals	<u>\$ 150</u>
Total:	\$11,900

- 2017 Water Rights Assessments:
 - \$19/cfs
 - X 282.624 total cfs
 - \$5369.86 approx. income
- 2018 Meeting Date and Time:
 - o In accordance to state law and not to interfere with 67 Water District's meeting:
Tuesday, February 6, 2018 @ 1300 Hours.
 - o Motion made and approved.
- Meeting was adjourned at approximately 1420 hours (meeting duration 1 hour 15 minutes).

Miller, Nick

From: Jeff <resmeig@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2017 9:42 PM
To: Miller, Nick
Subject: 67A Documents
Attachments: 67A meeting minutes 2017.docx; 67A WATER DISTRICT treasurer report 2016.docx

Good Morning Nick,

Attached is the 67A meeting minutes and the Treasurer's report. On the last page of the meeting minutes you will find the adopted budget and the assessment for the year. I will mail you the Treasurer's Oath once my wife and I get it notarized. I sent Clifford Crosley the Watermaster's Oath to have signed and notarized. I did not receive a watermaster's report from Clifford last year to forward to you. I assume that is something you will have to take up with him.

Let me know if there is anything else you need from me. Thank you again for helping me with the assessment list.

Jeff Glemser
Secretary for 67A
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