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Department of Water Resources
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WATER DISTRICT #11 BEAR RIVER

Minutes of Annual Meeting

February 7, 2012

Attending

Bill Robison

Cody Allen

Connely Baldwin

Larry Pitcher

Steve Meek

Clyde Gilbert

Joseph G. Larsen

Paul Nelson

Mark Mathews

Greg Skinner

Kent Skinner

Kerry Romrell

Ellis Roberts

Wade Harris

Greg Griffeth

Dennis L Bird

Lee C Ream

Rock Holbrook

Austin Moses

Representing

Black Otter Irrigation

Dingle Irrigation & Advisory Board

IDWR

Pacificorp Energy & Advisory Board

West Cache Irrigation

Riverdale- Preston Irr. & Riverdale Irrigation

Smith Bosen Irrigation

West Cache & Advisory Board

Preston Montpelier Irr. Co.

Last Chance Canal Co. & Advisory Board

Cub River Irrigation

8-mile Ranch LLC

Lorenzo Griffeth

Peg Leg Canal

Ream Crockett

Water Master

Treasurer

Connely Baldwin opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. and asked for introductions, then nominations for meeting chairman. Bill Robison moved to appoint Connely Baldwin as meeting chairman. Joe Larsen seconded. All approved. Austin Moses appointed as meeting secretary.

Austin Moses read a summary of the minutes of the February 1, 2011 annual meeting. Mark Mathews moved to approve, Bill Robison seconded. All approved.

Advisory Board Election. Greg Griffeth moved to approve the same board as last year. Lee Ream seconded. All approved.

Water Master Election. Lee Ream moved to retain Rock Holbrook. Steve Meek seconded. All Approved. Connely stated that this would be the last year for Rock and moved to post the position on August 1, 2012 and that candidates be interviewed by the Advisory Committee so that the new watermaster could be recommended at the next annual meeting. Bill Robison clarified that it takes the full group to approve but the Advisory Committee would do the interviewing. Greg Griffeth seconded, all approved.

Treasurer Election. Connely moved to retain Austin Moses as treasurer. Joe Larsen seconded. All approved.

Rock Holbrook presented the annual Water Master Report. He said the cost to deliver a 24 hour CFS of water for 2011 was \$.142. The website for the District is bearriverbasin.org and is a work in progress. Bill Robison asked if repairs and upgrades to the metering devices need to be paid for by the users. Rock answered that if he can fix it, there is no charge. If not, the cost is born by the users. Connely explained that the user is required to maintain the measuring device and the District takes care of the telemetry and Verizon system. The measuring device through the data logger is the user's responsibility and from the data logger to the transmitter is the District's responsibility. After some discussion Connely moved that the "measuring device and required related equipment to obtain a reading is the user's responsibility; other non-required data logging and telemetry equipment is WD11's responsibility." Mark Mathews seconded. All approved.

Rock Holbrook gave a report on the grant and summarized by saying the bottom line is that the money was well spent. Austin added that the District did not have a lot of cash outlay.

Connely Baldwin reported on the Bear Lake storage forecast, stating that the low elevation was 5,909.98 ft. and the high 5,921.47 ft. There was high sustained runoff, but very little flooding. The high flows made it difficult to control and resulted in the highest one year rise of the Lake at 11.49 ft. This was the most water ever received. Current level is 5,919.02 ft. and runoff is projected at 64% of average. Soil moisture is lowest in 7 years. Because of the storage level, the projection is a full allocation for the current year.

Cody Allen from IDWR reported that the Black Bear permit was denied and that there are two lending institutions claiming to own the water right, leaving it in limbo. He said that comments are requested for a hearing on the Twin Lakes. IDWR has had licensing issues, having processed 120 thus far. If a license is needed, get in touch with his office. IDWR is now processing ownership change issues. Some changes, he said, are not possible, some are worked through.

Austin Moses presented the financial statements for the previous year. He also presented the proposed budget for the 2012 year. Connely Baldwin moved to approve the budget as presented and set assessments based upon it. Greg Griffith seconded. All approved. Austin also read a list of overdue assessments and requested help in contacting those not paying.

Connely explained the assessment process, that flows are averaged over 5 years for the assessments.

Rock Holbrook said that two persons have expressed interest in the watermaster job: Josh Hanks and Regan Wheeler. Josh had arrived at the meeting and introduced himself. He has worked for Intermountain Environmental (the furnisher of the telemetry equipment) for 11 years and is interested in the watermaster job. Some questions were put to him concerning his experience and current residence in Logan, Utah.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:15 p.m.