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WATER DISTRICT 13A **MINUTES** ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 5, 2012 PRESTON IDAHO

PRESENT: LYLE PORTER, ALAN TANNER, TRACY BODILY, BRENT GLOVER, ELLIS ROBERTS, TERRY SMITH, DENNIS WEBSTER, ROBERT PHIL SMITH, SETH WHEATLEY, JERRY CHATTERTON, KIK IVERSON, LYLA DETTMER, MAXINE WADDOUPS, AND DENNIS DUNN FROM IDAHO DEPT OF WATER RESOURCES

Brian Jensen chairman from last year introduced the meeting and Maxine Waddoups read the minutes from the March 7, 2011 meeting. Minutes were approved.

Brent Glover was nominated as chairman. Motion was made seconded and passed.

Maxine Waddoups was nominated as Secretary. Motion was made seconded and passed.

Credentials committee was appointed as Tracy Bodily and Seth Wheatley.

Kirk Iverson gave a watermaster report. He discussed water usage and expenses. He discussed last year's budget. Kirk presented the proposed budget for the coming year. Kirk explained what his job entails whose meters he has read and the new ones he has added from the Worm Creek and Spring Creek. Discussed how he reads the meters and how he had to estimate some of them. Water will be measured based on Priority.

Lyla Dettmer from the Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation District explained how her office has taken over the collection of the money for the Water District. Explained the account and how much is in the account and discussed the delinquent ones.

Dennis Dunn explained water should not be delivered until the 2011 & 2012 assessments have been paid. The delinquent ones have to be brought current and also pay the current year's assessment before water can be delivered. Also it was mentioned that if no lockable headgate or measuring device is installed, then water should not be delivered. It was mandated by the state to have the measuring devices by the 2011 irrigation season. The letter was sent out in 2010 to all the users in this district that has a water right on file with the State of Idaho. (Technically no one was shut off last year.)

A resolution was made in the form of a motion that henceforth no water will be delivered unless a meter (measuring device), and lockable headgate as mandated by the State of Idaho Water Resources for water delivery is installed. Motion was made 2nd and passed unanimously.

Resolution was made in the form of a motion that delinquent assessments plus interest and current assessments be paid by April 15 and water not be delivered until account is current. Motion was made 2nd and passed unanimously.

Dennis Dunn explained Budget is an average of previous 5 years water use and that is all averaged out plus special needs if any.

Kirk gave proposed budget for the coming year. Discussed the headgates that were washed out, etc. It is basically the landowner's responsibility to maintain and repair. Lyle Porter discussed the gaging station needed to be repaired in Cub River, and that Preston Whitney Irrigation repaired Worm Creek's measuring device and part of the work needs to be paid by the Water District.

Motion was made to put gaging station back in Cub River and motion was amended to study better ways to measure Worm Creek and get some prices on gaging stations. Motion was moved 2nd and passed. It was also mentioned that Water Resource Board need to be approached to see if there is possible help on funding a Gauging Station.

The proposed Hydro project may make a difference on measuring Worm Creek.

Terry Smith wanted to go on record he received the letter from the state and he has installed the measuring device and headgate and has complied with the state requirements to get his water.

Discussed the minimum assessments. Discussed that nobody has ever really been measured on Worm Creek. We need to start with a minimum assessment, and after they are measured they will go over to water usage assessment.

Each person with a water right will receive a minimum bill of \$50.00 per water right whether the waster is used or not. When water goes over the \$50.00 minimum they will then be billed on actual usage. Motion was made 2nd and passed.

A letter will be sent out with the assessments to re-iterate the rules the State Department of Water Resources have set. Measuring device and locking headgate be in place before water is delivered.

Kirk Iverson was reelected as River watermaster of water district 13A. It was motioned to suspend and accept Kirk nomination by acclamation. 2nd and passed

Motion was made to accept Casey Clark as assistant watermaster. Motion made 2nd and passed.

Motion was also made that River Watermasters be hired on a year round basis. 2nd and passed.

Advisory committee was assigned as Carl Swainston, Brooks Tarbet, and Neal Larsen.

Treasurer was nominated that the FCSWCD be hired to collect the funds and pay the bills and Lyla Dettmer as treasurer. Motion was made 2nd and passed.

Dennis also explained if water is not paid for over a 5 year period, then the water right is forfeited and the water right goes away. He also explained if water is available over a 5 year period and not used the Dept. of Water Resources will do an investigation and the State can abandoned the water right. The water right can go away. But, the water has to be available.

Meeting adjourned.