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Water District #11 Annual Meeting
Caribou County Emergency Services Building
February 2, 2016 2:00 P.M.

Agenda

- Election of meeting Chairman and Meeting Secretary – Connely Baldwin (previous years meeting chairman)
- Review and Approval of Minutes of Feb. 3, 2015 Annual Meeting
- Advisory Board Election – Meeting Chairman
- Watermaster Election – Meeting Chairman
- Treasurer Election – Meeting Chairman
- Watermaster's Report – Josh Hanks
- Water Rights Issues – Liz Cresto, IDWR
- Bear Lake Storage Forecast – Connely Baldwin
- 2015 Financial Results – Austin Moses
- 2016 Budget and Assessment – Austin Moses
- Review of Un-paid Assessments – Josh Hanks
- Other business

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WATER DISTRICT #11 BEAR RIVER

Minutes of Annual Meeting

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Attending

Bill Robison

Michael Holliday

Connely Baldwin

Joseph G. Larsen

Alan Smith

Pete Petersen

Clyde & LeeAnn Gilbert

David Miles

Liz Cresto

Laurie Harris

Josh Hanks

Austin Moses

Representing

Black Otter Irrigation

Dingle Irrigation & Advisory Board

IDWR

Pacificorp Energy & Advisory Board

West Cache & Advisory Board

Cub River Irrigation

Preston Riverdale Upper

Smith Bosen Ditch

Last Chance Canal Co.

IDWR

Gentile Valley Canal Co.

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 have Connely Baldwin act as Chair. David Miles seconded. Motion carried.

Austin Moses as secretary was moved by David Miles, seconded by Joe Larsen. Motion carried.

Austin Moses read a summary of the minutes of the February 4, 2014 annual meeting which were approved.

Advisory Board Election. Alan Smith nominated the present board. Laurie Harris seconded. Motion carried.

Water Master Election. Pete Petersen moved to approve Josh Hanks as Watermaster. Alan Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer Election. Joe Larsen moved to retain Austin Moses. Bill Robison seconded. Motion carried.

Josh Hanks presented the annual Water Master Report. The water year was a good one due to the spring rains with very little difficulty obtaining enough water. Measuring devices would cost between \$1,000 and 2,500 depending on the work and material needed. Pete Petersen asked if grants could be obtained for the devices. Due to the small

size, it would be unreasonable to anticipate a grant unless we could piggy-back onto a larger entity. Motion was made by Pete Petersen to have Josh enquire of other entities if they have grants in process. Bill seconded. Motion carried.

Liz Cresto from IDWR talked of the water right accounting model. Starts in Wyoming and goes to the Great Salt Lake. Presented the flow accounting program for 2015, listing storage and natural flows and remaining storage. When flows from Wyoming drop too low, an emergency exists and flows need to be brought up to minimum, then Wyoming gets 43% and Idaho gets 57%. She showed that flows dropped in 2015 below the 350 CFS level resulting in the emergency for a time.

Michael Holliday of IDWR reported on a settlement between ground water users and pumpers in the Snake River Plain Aquifer. He commented on the proposed Bear River adjudication, saying that no legislation has been put forth yet but there is more support for it this year than last. He talked of the benefits of adjudication and the present difficulties of proving water rights and facilitating transfers. Bill Robison asked if the recent EPA regulations would affect Bear River users. Josh Hanks indicated from the meetings he has attended it appears that the land owners would be responsible for mitigation of any problems encountered.

Connely Baldwin reported on the Bear Lake storage. Storage level at present is 5911.44 feet with projection to rise to 5913.71 feet. This is lower than last year but with a wet spring irrigators should not see an allocation decrease.

He reported that Last Chance Canal Co is currently rebuilding their diversion dam and should be complete by spring. No planned draw-downs in 2016. Current snow pack levels were shown with most being at or slightly above normal.

Austin Moses presented the financial statements for the previous year. The statements were approved. He also presented the proposed budget for the 2016 year. Connely noted that they did not anticipate needing an assistant watermaster and suggested that be eliminated, lowering the needed assessment to \$79,000. Joe Larsen moved to approve the budget as modified. Bill Robison seconded. Motion carried. Josh Hanks presented a list of overdue assessments and received some help in contacting the individuals.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:10 p.m.



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March 8, 2016

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Governor

Water District 11
Austin Moses
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GARY SPACKMAN
Director

WATER DISTRICT 11

Dear Secretary / Treasurer:

We acknowledge receipt, on February 22, 2016, of the Minutes of the Annual Watermaster's Election Meeting held in your district. The Watermaster Certificate will be sent under separate cover.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dennis Dunn
Sr. Water Resource Agent