

WATER DISTRICT INFORMATION SHEET

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Please print in the blank information above and return it to the Idaho Department of Water Resources. Your cooperation on this matter would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharla Cox

Administrative Assistant

Water District 13N
Annual Meeting
March 7, 2016

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The water district met at 11:00 am and was called to order by President Richard Free, with the following present: Richard Free, Judy Phillips, Reed Swann, Bob Erickson, Vernon Keller, Mike Jepsen, Clair Bosen, David Bosen, Claire Christensen, Royce Christensen, Kent Egley, Robert Swainston, Kirk Iverson, Lyle Porter, Ron Norris, Phil Smith, Jeff Seamons, Brian Jensen, Daniel Jensen, Lyla Dettmer and Luke from USDA office, and Dennis Dunn from IDWR.

The minutes of March 2, 2015 were read, Brian Jensen made a motion to approve the minutes and Claire Christensen seconded it. The motion passed.

Nominations were open for officers for the coming year, Kent Egley made a motion to leave the officers as they are: Richard Free President and Judy Phillips Secretary. Claire Christensen seconded it. The motion passed.

Clair Bosen moved to leave Reed Swann as the watermaster Phil Smith seconded it. The motion passed.

The budget was read. Brian Jensen said Consolidated Irrigation Company want to go thru the districts to budget cloud seeding.

Lyla and Luke from the USDA were present to talk about cloud seeding. She said that Twin Lakes contributed \$500.00 and Cub River Water District \$3,500.00. She said the budget to do the cloud seeding \$4,000.00. Lyla said in January they had the generators up and running. She told where the cloud seeding generators were, one is up by Scott Workmans, one down in Riverdale by Blaine Kellers, one by Dave Porters and one by Aaron Hulls. The USDA felt the generators are placed good, and that they target all areas. Lyla told how cloud seeding does improve snow pack and increases the length of snow pack. It has been documented in Clark county they had 13% more water and Payette County they had 18% more water. Since everyone benefits from cloud seeding they are asking our district for \$1,000.00 for cloud seeding, instead of going through individual companies. Brian Jensen asked the members, if they wanted to put \$1,000.00 toward this. After more discussion about cloud seeding. Brian made a motion to put in \$800.00 from our district for cloud seeding. Robert Swainston seconded it. It was voted on, and the motion passed. We will add \$800.00 on to our budget and each individual ditch or canal company in our district will be pro-rated this by there percentage of water. The budget will be \$3,634.05 (2,500.00 wage for watermaster, 800.00 cloud seeding, 300.00 workers comp. 105.85 county 3% collection fee, and a credit of 71.80 from workers comp.)

Richard Free made a motion that the county will collect the fees. It was passed.

Clair Bosen asked if everyone is to be measured.

Dennis Dunn from the IDWR said Birch Creek should have a measuring device and shut off valve. It should be a lockable headgate, flume or weir and a standard table that the water master

can read. Dennis said they can go to the NRCS to get help. Dennis stated that a flume is better for small ones, and with a flume you don't have to back things up. Reed said Birch Creek should have 3 lockable head gates, weir or flumes.

Vernon Keller asked if Birch Creek has adjudicated water, are we paying on the amount that is adjudicated or the water. The water master records water that is used.

Dennis Dunn from IDWR said Birch Creek will be responsible for putting them in for their own ditch.

Robert Swainston made a motion that within 1 year Birch Creek should have this done or the water master will not deliver water to them. Lyle Porter seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Birch Creek Culinary was also talked about. Dennis Dunn said use of water under this right will be regulated by a watermaster with responsibility for the distribution of water among appropriators within a water district. At the time of this approval, this water right is within State Water District #13N. The right holder shall maintain a measuring device and lockable controlling works or a type approved by the Dept. in a manner that will provide the watermasters suitable control of the diversion. Place of use is within the area served by the public water supply system of Birch Creek Culinary water Company. The right holder shall accomplish the change authorized by this transfer within one year of the date of this approval. Failure of the right holder to comply with the conditions of this transfer is cause for the Director to rescind approval of the transfer.

Jeff Seamons brought up the Mink Creek drainage has dozens of water users, that are real small that don't have weirs and headgates.

Dennis Dunn said the water districts have to prove for 5 years that they haven't paid or taken water for 5 years, by documenting a measuring device, if you find them you can start charging them. If water is available and not used for 5 years. They can still be billed. A lien can be filed on their property.

Next years meeting will be on the first Monday in March at 11a.m. in the Bosen building.

Richard Free made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Robert Swainston seconded it. The meeting adjourned at 12:15p.m.


Judy Phillips, Secretary


Richard Free, President

Annual Water District Meeting Checklist

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Per Idaho Code Title 42 Chapter 6 (Distribution of Water Among Appropriators), annual water district meetings must include (at a minimum) the actions listed below.

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IDWR wants to ensure each water district is meeting these minimum standards. Please return this completed checklist to the appropriate IDWR regional office with the annual meeting minutes (this list does not replace meeting minutes) *or* ensure that all of these actions are clearly addressed in the meeting minutes.

Water District Number and Name:

2016 - Water District 13N
Mink Creek

Meeting Date:

March 7, 2016

- ☒ Election of meeting chairman and secretary
- ☒ Election of water district watermaster
- ☐ Election of water district assistant watermaster(s) (optional)
- ☐ Election of water district secretary/treasurer (optional)
- ☒ Approval of adopted budget
- ☒ Next year's meeting date, location, and time

By signing below I verify that all required actions have been addressed at the water district annual meeting

Completed by:

Judy Phillips, Sec.

Water District Representative