

Minutes of the Water District 130 Annual Meeting, Tuesday February 5, 2013
City Council Chambers, Jerome, ID

The Annual Meeting was called to Order at approximately 2 pm by 2012 Chairman Phyllis Beard. About 25 members were in attendance.

Phyllis Beard called for nominations for 2013 Meeting Chairman, was promptly nominated by Dean Stevenson, and subsequently re-elected.

The Chairman asked for nominations or volunteers for meeting secretary. Faye Featherly was nominated and agreed to serve, and was elected.

2012 Minutes were read; Gary Marquardt motioned that they be accepted. Randy MacMillan seconded and motion passed on voice vote.

The Chairman asked for reports from any of the Subdistricts present. None were presented.

Cindy Yenter presented the 2012 Report of Watermaster. She reviewed the following 2012 activity within or affecting WD130:

- Idaho Ground Water Users hatchery purchase and final mitigation plans submitted for the Clear Springs and Blue Lakes calls. This provides some closure to the long mitigation efforts by IGWUA, but does not withdraw the calls. The next step is for IDWR to send letters to all affected rights which are not participating in one the mitigation plans, through one of the local ground water districts or SWID. This will mean new member petitions in the short term, and possible curtailment later this summer for non-participants
- Changes to IDWR measurement standards, requiring the use of third-party tested flow meters on all piped diversions requiring measurement. There were several new meters added to the list last year which increased the options for water users.
- AWEF conversion projects and CAMP recharge. While no longer included in active mitigation plans, ground water to surface water irrigation conversion and planned aquifer recharge are both still integral parts of the state's Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan. The watermaster provides assistance by making sure that all associated ground water diversions are properly measured so that ground water savings may be documented. The watermaster reported that over 125,000 Acre-feet of recharge occurred to the ESPA during 2012.
- 2012 was the first year of operation for the Upper Wood Rivers Water Measurement District. The WMD is initiating the process of ground water measurement in all areas of Admin Basin 37 which are not already being measured by WD130. By the end of 2013 IDWR anticipates that a hearing will be held to formally add ground water diversions to the Big Wood Water District 37.
- Idaho Water Supply Outlook. The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) has shifted the 30-yr period used to calculate normal values for streamflow, precipitation and snowpack, resulting in a new LOWER normal. This will affect our perception of the water available in a given year, and so we must adjust our understanding of the water supply forecasts.

Watermaster goals for 2013 include the following:

- Send notification letters to all water users whose flow meters have failed or are not operating in range.

- Begin re- evaluations of all PCC-measured diversions in WD130 which have not already received flow meter orders.
- Begin a process to make permanent records of all Water District hard files by having all hard files scanned and stored in IDWR's document manager.

In Mr. Carlquist's absence, the Watermaster then presented the Financial Report for 2012, and her Proposed Budget for 2013. The Proposed Budget includes adjustments for a 2% increase in Watermaster salary and also an increase in support staff salaries, but is based on the same number of budgeted hours as in the past.

Chairman Beard presented the Proposed Resolutions for 2013. The Resolutions include the election of Cindy Yenter as Watermaster and Lynn Carlquist as Treasurer, and include the Proposed budget amounts of Fifty Three Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Four Dollars (\$53,324) for Watermaster duties, and Nineteen Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Six Dollars (\$19,736) for measuring and reporting of diversions not reporting to a subdistrict. In Section 13 of the Resolutions, Carey Valley Ground Water District was added as a recognized subdistrict within Water District 130. At this time CVGWD offers mitigation-only memberships for ground water users in the Carey and Fish Creek areas.

Section 15 of the Resolutions, regarding assessments for non-consumptive uses, was brought up for discussion. Fifty percent of the WD130 administrative budget is paid by non-consumptive water users, yet this is not mentioned in the resolutions. Chairman Beard explained to the members present that the Advisory Committee was planning to meet during 2013 to study the existing resolutions and this topic would be included in the discussion. A question was asked about Section 17, late assessment penalties, and Section 18, curtailment for non-payment. The Watermaster explained there are not a lot of unpaid assessments, and she usually does not send reminders until just prior to the annual meeting. If an assessment is still unpaid when the new assessments are prepared, penalty and the full 12% interest are added, and the water user is warned that curtailment could result if the late assessment is not paid.

Chairman Beard pointed to a change in Section 23 which is reflective of a recent statutory change. This changes the requirement to post copies of the Proposed Budget and Resolutions, to at least 5 days prior to the annual meeting each year.

There being no other discussion on the floor, Chairman Beard called for a motion to adopt all provisions of the Resolutions, including the 2013 Budget, election of Watermaster and election of Treasurer. Dean Stevenson so moved, Jon Bowling seconded and the motion passed.

The following Advisory Committee will serve for 2013:

Commercial, Industrial, Municipal Water Users: Phyllis Beard, Walt Appell. Alternates: Faye Featherly, George Bunn.

A&B: Dan Temple, alternate Dan Schaeffer

Magic Valley GWD: Dean Stevenson, alternate Orlo Maughan

North Snake GWD: Lynn Carlquist, alternate Steve Marshall

Surface Water Users: Jon Bowling, Randy MacMillan, Gary Marquardt, Gary Lemmon, Stan Standal.

Alternate: Linda Lemmon

Basin 37 Ground Water users: None present

There being no other business, Randy MacMillan made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Dan Temple, and passed on voice vote. Meeting was adjourned at 2:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Faye Featherly