

Water District No. 02 2014 Annual Meeting Notes

January 21, 2014

1. **Meeting called to order at ~ 2:05 pm by Mark Henslee.**
2. **Chairman Water District No. 02 nominations requested:**
 - Jon Bowling nominated Mark Henslee.
 - Billy Wolfe seconded nomination of Mark Henslee.
 - Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, nomination confirmed.
3. **Secretary Water District No. 02 nominations requested:**
 - Vic Conrad nominated Corbin Knowles.
 - Mark Frost seconded nomination of Corbin Knowles.
 - Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, nomination confirmed.
4. **2013 Water District No. 02 Annual Meeting Minutes approval:**
 - Handout = Water District 02 Annual Meeting Minutes 1/15/2013
 - Mark Henslee asked members if there any changes and/or corrections needed. No response received.
 - Jon Bowling made motion to accept 2013 Annual Meeting Minutes as drafted.
 - Billy Wolfe seconded Jon Bowling's motion.
 - Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.
5. **Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) Presentation – Corbin Knowles**
 - Introduced IDWR Western Region staff present for meeting (Angie Grimm and Rick Collingwood).
 - Review of Water District 02 activities 2013 and preview of upcoming year through 2016 irrigation season.
 - 2013 grant provided 57/43 cost sharing for measurement devices on 22 diversions of 15 water right owners' use covering 57,192 acres (device cost ~ \$3.51/ac irrigated).
 - Begun installation of devices purchased through 2013 grant, installed 10 ultrasonic meters, 7 mag meters, 3 broadcrested weirs, 1 rectangular weir, and 1 acoustic Doppler device.
 - Radio telemetry devices to be added to all sites except two. Watermaster required to visit to each diversion site weekly. Ultimately, installation of radio telemetry devices will eliminate ~ 300 site visits/yr.
 - 2014 grant application due 1/23/14. Proposing 55/45 cost share on devices for 48 diversions (40 water right owners) irrigating 65,217 acres (device avg. cost ~ \$5.58/ac irrigated). April or May 2014 should know if grant approved. ~90% of district covered by two grants combined. Radio telemetry instrumentation increases cost ~\$4000 per site (100-500 ac irrigation install partial telemetry equipment, > 500 ac irrigation requiring telemetry equipment). Radio telemetry towers included in 2014 grant proposal.
 - July 2013: 100+ measurements conducted by United States Geological Survey (USGS), Idaho Power Company (IPC), and IDWR on Snake River between Glenns Ferry and Murphy Gage. Goal to complete water budget of the Snake River within this reach. Final report anticipated in summer 2014.

- GPS & Inventory Work completed for most diversions below Glenns Ferry. King Hill Irrigation District diversion within Water District No. 02, but water right source is Malad River within Water District No. 130. Issued Order Dec 2013 requiring installation of measurement devices for diversion on Snake River. Required to do measurements for accounting, but report to Water District No. 130.
- 2014 Schedule: Continue installation of measurement devices. Work with Water District No. 02 Advisory Committee on implementation plan for radio telemetry (devices, output webpage, etc.). No telemetry equipment purchased yet, but plan to purchase and start installation by May 2014. Telemetry is radio, eliminates monthly fee (required with satellite or cell phone), has 65 mile line of sight (up to 40 miles good results) to feeder sites. Unsure of feeder site locations, but will be based on topography and line of sight limitations. Feeder sites consist of 50 ft free standing tower (\$4000/tower cost) plus additional cost for other equipment on the tower. Plan to have 3 feeder stations.
- IDWR staff time preparing 2013 grant ~600 hours (3 staff members) + 2014 grant ~350 hours (1 staff member – Corbin Knowles).
- Plan is to have IDWR provide Watermaster duties for couple of years to establish district, get all measurement devices in, get all the kinks out, then turn over to Watermaster of choice.

6. Watermaster Water District No. 02 nominations requested:

- Mark Frost nominated IDWR - Corbin Knowles.
- Billy Wolfe seconded nomination of IDWR - Corbin Knowles.
- Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, nomination confirmed.

7. Adopt 2014 Water District No. 02 Resolutions – read aloud by Mark Henslee:

- Handout = WATER DISTRICT NO. 02 SNAKE RIVER FROM MILNER DAM TO MURPHY GAGE 2014 PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS
- District Creation and Boundaries:
 - i. Resolutions read aloud, no comments/objections.
- Advisory Committee:
 - i. Billy Wolfe motioned John Marshall be removed and Mark Noble elected in Mr. Marshall's place.
 - ii. Mark Frost seconded Billy Wolfe's motion.
 - iii. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion confirmed.
 - iv. Committee met twice in 2013 and one meeting (1/21/14) so far in 2014. Plan to meet in July for update on 2014 grant results, budget, and how installation of devices went. If anyone has questions/issues, talk to committee member to speak on your behalf. Committee meetings are open to the public for attendance and participation at meetings.
- Annual Meeting Date:
 - i. January 20, 2015 accepted for next annual meeting. Location discussed. Elks Lodge meeting room in Mountain Home \$175. Glenns Ferry City Hall has free meeting room available. IDWR paying for meetings now, but consider meeting location change in future.
- Annual Meeting Minutes:
 - i. Resolutions read aloud, no comments/objections.
- Election of Watermaster:
 - i. Corbin Knowles to be appointed by Director, IDWR.

- ii. Corbin Knowles will log time, miles, etc. so district knows how much job requires, know what budget needs to be for future Watermaster.
- Watermaster Duties:
 - i. Corbin Knowles stated this summer he plans to continue working with folks who have not installed measurement devices.
 - ii. Watermaster to conduct at least one site visit a week of each diversion, make sure water delivered according to decrees (priority date, point of diversion, place of use, and rate), GIS work mapping water right shape files place of use, and annual report generated by Watermaster submitted to IDWR.
- Watermaster Term of Service:
 - i. Resolutions read aloud, no comments/objections.
- Water District Budget:
 - i. Resolutions read aloud, no comments/objections. Included no budget to be collected for the 2014 year.
- Watermaster Access to Control Structures and Measuring Devices:
 - i. Resolutions read aloud, no comments/objections.
- Entry of Lands by Watermaster:
 - i. Resolutions read aloud, no comments/objections.
- Mark Frost motion to accept resolutions.
- Billy Wolfe seconded Mark Frost's motion.
- Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

8. Meeting Adjourned at ~ 2:45 pm:

- Billy Wolfe motion to adjourn meeting.
- Mark Frost seconded Billy Wolfe motion.
- Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

*Meeting minutes prepared by Angie Grimm, IDWR Western Region Office