

Water District No. 2
Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2018

Water District No. 2 advisory board meeting was held at the Glenns Ferry City Hall, November 15, 2018 at 10:10 a.m. Members present were Mark Frost, Jeff Blanksma, Mark Noble, Billy Wolfe, Nate Jones, Vic Conrad, and Dave Blew representing Kresta Davis-Butts for Idaho Power. Also present were Watermaster Rob Whitney, Kellie Smith, Tim Luke and Chris Alzola. Mark Henslee was absent. Justin Wootan entered meeting at 11:00 a.m...

Chris read the January 9, 2018 Advisory Meeting minutes. Motion by Nate to approve minutes as written, seconded by Billy. Vote taken, all in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

Rob announced the completion or full build-out of the WD02 telemetry network. Thanks to Black Mesa farms for allowing installation of a relay station on the east side of the farm. Thanks to Tito Sanabria of IDWR for technical support and assisting with completion of the network.

Rob discussed WD02 not renewing Hagerman tower contract (\$4,200/year), and related savings by installing district owned cellular modems at Black Mesa, King Hill and South Elmore sites. The cost of cellular data plans from Verizon is currently \$1,440/year. The current Verizon plan is unlimited Data right now. Kellie is evaluating actual data use to see if a smaller and less expensive data plan will work. Rob said they put a new relay station at Black Mesa, and Salmon Falls is running through another IDWR network (partnering on maintenance).

Rob discussed 2018 measurements improved for the year. Only hand full of problems with them. Rob thought we will always have some problems with telemetry and measuring devices just because of the environmental conditions, but this should be expected. Rob, Kellie and Jess are working on measurement data for 2018. Preliminary data showing water delivery will be provided prior to annual meeting. Mark F asked if more water was used this year. Kellie said irrigators started using water about a week earlier this year because of dry conditions. This year, assessments will be two year average (2017 & 2018 data). Kellie said she is still analyzing and assembling data and Jess is still getting final readings for non-telemetry meters.

If you would like to look at the data go to IDWR site then to Water Data, Water Measurement, Research & Maps, Aqua Info, Begin Now, Ste Type, Measurement Type, Data Frequency & Dates.

You can't look at 15 minute intervals in chart for more than a 30 day period. If you need help call Kellie. Can also access IDWR's Water Measurement Information System (WMIS) through the IDWR web site. WMIS is designed to show total annual use from

specific diversions. Jeff asked if an alarm system can be added to notify users if something is wrong with measuring device. Kellie said she receives “alarm” but it doesn’t go directly to user. She monitors it daily. Vic asked if presentation can be made at annual meeting regarding how to go through IDWR site to access measurement information. Kellie said yes she can do that.

Discussion regarding time spent for watermaster this year compared to previous years. Mark F. said should not sugar coat the hours that it takes IDWR to run district. Billy said hours should be decreased because of fewer problems, everything up and running. Kellie said her time has been reduced by 50-60% because of less problems and completed network.

Chris provided financial information. Discussion about how to keep expenses below \$100,000 to keep from an expensive audit. Rob is going to look at watermaster costs to see if a little of that can be reduced. Chris said she could wait and write her treasurer check in February instead of this fiscal year. Tim doesn’t see IDWR costs going below the current contract amount because IDWR dedicates more hours to. Motion made by Nate to approve financial information as written, seconded by Mark N. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Rob said there is probably close to \$11,000 of spare equipment on hand to keep things up and running. Rob feels the \$28,491ish carry forward cash is a sufficient amount of reserve for telemetry maintenance and unpredictable related expenses.

Discussion about proposed 2019 Resolutions. Nate asked if someday we would need bylaws. Nate is concerned about carry forward getting out of hand and that would be avoided by bylaws. Discussion regarding bylaws vs. resolutions. It was decided to add to #4 on Resolutions that carry forward could not exceed 30% of budget.

Discussion about 2019 preliminary budget of \$131,631.72 including carry forward. Motion made by Justin to accept preliminary budget, seconded by Vic. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Rob will email proposed Resolutions to advisory board and add it to the IDWR/Water District 2 website before annual meeting.

Annual meeting will be 2 p.m. Tuesday January 8, 2019 at Glenns Ferry City Hall.

Billy made motion to adjourn, seconded by Nate. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m..

Chris Alzola, Treasurer