

# Payette River Basin, State of Idaho

## Water District No. 65

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### 2018 Annual Meeting

**Date:** January 16, 2018  
**Time:** 1:00 p.m.  
**Location:** USDA Service Center, 1805 Highway 16, Emmett, Idaho

**Attending:** Ken Mineard, Ron Mio, Rick York, Dyke Nagasaka, Roy Maxwell, John Hartman, Fred Coburn, Dan Surmeier, Aron Skinner, Marcia Herr, Walter Garman, Jim Garner, George McClelland, Rodger Obermyer, Carl Hays, Jim Standley, Marc Shigeta, Doyle Fackler, Betty Knox, Recording Secretary, and Watermaster, Ron Shurtleff

**Guests:** Director Spackman IDWR, Justin Shearer, IDWR, Steve Spencer, Dan Stanaway, IDWR, Kurt Folke, Quest CPAs PC, Roland Springer, USBR, Rick Hendrick, USBR, Bryan Sauer, USBR, IDWR Liz Cresto and Joann Smith with the Payette Soil & water Conservation.

**Welcome:** Vice Chairman Maxwell called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending. He reported Chairman Darlene Maxwell could not attend and that he would be conducting the meeting today in her absence.

**Minutes:** Vice Chairman Maxwell then directed everyone to the minutes of the previous year Annual Meeting which started on page 2 of the meeting packet. Mr. Maxwell asked everyone to read through the minutes of the previous meeting in preparation for their approval. . **Walt Garman moved to approve the Annual Minutes of January 12, 2016 as corrected, Jim Standley seconded, and motion carried.**

**Audit Report:** Vice Chairman Maxwell introduced Mr. Kurt Folke, from the Quest Accounting Firm. Mr. Folke asked everyone to turn to pages 9 and 10 of the handout packets. He reported that this year the entire audit report is not included in the handouts but only the pages which he will referring to in this presentation. He mentioned there are several complete reports on the head table if anyone is interested.

Mr. Folke said the Watermaster had presented a clean set of financial records and everything was in order. He reported he had audited the financial statements of the major funds of the Water District as of December 31, 2017. He stated the audit had been conducted in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and to standards applicable Government auditing. Mr. Folke then directed attention to page 11 of the handout where he pointed out the Statement of Revenues and Expenses. He noted that the District had incurred a reduction in carryover funding compared to the beginning of the year. He attributed this to a reduction in Administration Fee revenue, and a larger than

usual Cost Share Budget for the year. Mr. Folke explained by line the Revenue and Expense Sheet and then brought attention to the Statement of Net Position. Here he noted the District came into 2017 with a net position of \$461,381, and at the end of the year that position had reduced by \$36,346 ending at \$425,035. Mr. Folke reported that based on the District's usual operating budget this amount represents about 15 months of carryover funding which is a comfortable position. Mr. Folke asked if there were any questions about the Audit.

After some discussion, **Mr. Doyle Fackler moved to accept the financial report as presented by Mr. Folke. The motion was seconded by Mr. John Hartman and the motions carried.**

**B.O.R**

**Update:**

Vice Chairman Maxwell introduced Mr. Roland Springer the Snake River Area Manager, Bureau of Reclamation. Mr. Springer said he would first report about what is going on back in DC. He stated the Bureau is just about to get all of the positions filled. He stated the new Commissioner for the Bureau has been installed, Ms. Brenda Burman. She has a lot of experience working previously in the Salt River Area. He also reported the recent naming of the Assistant Interior Secretary, Mr. Timothy Petty. Mr. Springer reported Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke has taken an approach to make sure leadership within the Bureau is close to where the work is being performed. This could result in some movement of jurisdictional boundaries which may include the northwest.

Mr. Springer talked about some of the local projects and stated the third unit to be installed at Black Canyon Dam is still under review and final decision has not been made. Other safety projects however will go forward to include a new trash rack, and switch yard. Roland mentioned the ongoing feasibility study for the Boise Basin which includes raising the levels of all three reservoirs. He also mentioned a power project. He reported a firm has proposed an additional reservoir south of Anderson Ranch Reservoir. The idea is to pump excess water when available to the higher elevation pool, and then generate power with water coming back to Anderson Ranch. Roland also mentioned some ongoing work over encroachments at Cascade Reservoir along with boat dock fees which up to now have resulted in an administration fee only. Mr. Springer also stated that studies at Deadwood Reservoir may result in a reduced winter flow rate from the reservoir. Mr. Springer then asked if there were any questions.

**Brian Sauer**

**USBR:**

Vice Chairman Roy Maxwell thanked Mr. Springer and introduced Mr. Brian Sauer, Bureau of Reclamation. Mr. Sauer started by comparing the big water year of 2017 and ranked it 3<sup>rd</sup> highest of the previous 50 years, topped only by 1974 and 1997. He then moved to current conditions and showed charts forecasting Payette Basin Runoff at 92% of average. He displayed reservoir charts

demonstrating the level of Cascade and Deadwood to be much above the usual level for this time of year. He showed where water had been released from Cascade Reservoir to avoid breaching the Rule Curve for that pool. At Deadwood it was necessary to reduce the reservoir level to bring it down to a compliance level for the facility. Mr. Sauer displayed the SNOTEL Charts for the Payette Basin indicating below normal levels at most sites and especially low snow levels at the lower elevation locations. Brian pointed out the difference in reservoir contents between this time last year and today. The Tea Cup Diagram reported 61% of a full condition for the Payette last year and 76% full at the present time. Mr. Sauer displayed the NOAA temperature prediction charts for January through March, which indicated an even chance for warmer or cooler conditions through that time period. He noted that last year that same prediction was forecast. The precipitation forecast for the next three months indicate a small tendency toward wetter than normal conditions. Brian ended his presentation with a beautiful photo of snow on an iced over Deadwood Reservoir.

**Daniel**  
**Stanaway**  
**IDWR:**

Vice Chairman Maxwell thanked Mr. Sauer for his report and introduced Mr. Dan Stanaway, Technical Hydrologist, from The Department of Water Resources.

Mr. Stanaway presented the previous 2017 Water Year from the standpoint of water accounting on the river. His presentation started by noting the snowpack of 2017 at 124%, well above normal. Dan reported healthy stream flows postponed the day of allocation till July 22<sup>nd</sup> about 12 days later than the median day of allocation. This resulted in a shorter storage use season and 2017 storage consumption was one of the lowest values for the past ten years. Mr. Stanaway displayed a chart of the reservoir carryover storage for the past ten years, which showed that 2017 ended with the highest level, well above all previous nine years.

Dan then moved to the Reconciliation Report. He explained that the reconciliation is performed to assure that the computer program is calculating storage correctly, and if so, the calculated storage left in the reservoir system should be very close to the actual measured storage content. Dan stated that on a system the size of the Payette the difference between the calculated and measured storage should be from 0 to 10,000 AF. Dan reported 900,210 acre feet of storage available during 2017, a total storage used amount of 315,074 AF, and a calculated remaining figure of 585,136AF. This compared to the measured value for storage content 585,650AF. Dan reported a difference of only 514 acre feet a figure that indicates the accounting model is properly accounting for storage use.

Dan was prepared with a storage report handout for everyone and he directed attention to Table 1 and explained the Space category, the Fill category, and the Yield Column resulting after evaporation losses have been subtracted. He went through the entire report and explained how the storage accounting keeps track of storage used by each entity and ultimately results in a carryover figure for the end

of the season. Mr. Stanaway ended his presentation with a beautiful winter scene and asked if there were any questions.

**Watermaster  
Report:**

Vice Chairman Maxwell asked Ron Shurtleff to give his 2017 Watermaster Report: Ron stated he would try not to duplicate previous reports and would be more specific by placing actual numbers to storage usage and carryover.

He started by showing a Natural Flow chart which displayed the plush 2017 year in contrast the very short water year of 2015. Ron pointed out with a Snowpack Comparison Chart that on this date for both these years, the Payette Basin had a percentage of snowpack which were essentially identical. Ron concluded that even this late in the winter it is pretty uncertain how the water year will progress. Ron went on to report that storage use by the major users was reduced by nearly 100,000 acre feet during 2017, carryover storage was increased however by nearly 127,000 acre feet. Ron explained that the good water year in the entire state created a lessor need for Payette Basin water. He reported that 33,385 acre-feet of water that was assigned by irrigators to the rental pool did not get rented, and ultimately returned back to the assignors accounts.

Ron quickly displayed the current SNOTEL conditions and then moved to report on the activity in the Cost Share Incentive Program. He reported requests amounting to \$146,428 and to date payouts totaling \$45,577. He explained there is \$95,000 carried into 2018 as a payable and the projects not yet completed will have this next year to finish their projects and be eligible for payment. Ron displayed some photos of projects and then concluded and asked for questions.

**Budget  
Committee:**

Vice Chairman Maxwell called for the Budget Committee Report.

Committee Chairman Jim Standley asked everyone to turn to page 24 of the packets, to the Budget Worksheet. Mr. Standley reported the budget committee had met on November 2, 2017 and prepared this worksheet which was then taken to the total advisory board. He pointed out the recommendation to increase the Watermaster Salary by \$2,000 and the anticipated increase in interest income. He also brought attention to the Cost Share Budget amount which was returned back to the \$100,000 level. Mr. Standley reported this budget is being presented at this Annual Meeting with a do pass recommendation from the Advisory Board. Vice Chairman Maxwell asked if there were any questions.

After some discussion, **John Hartman moved to attach the prepared budget as presented to Resolution No. 2 as Exhibit A, with a recommendation to adopt as the 2018 Annual Budget. Doyle Fackler seconded the motion, and the motion carried.**

**Nomination  
Committee:**

Vice Chairman Maxwell called for the Nomination Committee report. Committee Chairman Jim Standley asked everyone to please turn to page 26 of the information packet. Jim reported the Nominating Committee had also met on

November 2<sup>nd</sup> and had prepared a recommendation list of Advisory Board Members, Advisory Board Officers and a list of members to serve as next year's Budget Committee and Nominating Committee. Mr. Standley reported these nominations had been presented to the Advisory Committee on December 10, 2017. Mr. Standley further stated one change has been made since the Advisory Board Meeting that is; Mr. Gene Park's position will now be filled by Stewart Russell. Mr. Standley presented the revised list with a do pass recommendation.

**Marcia Herr moved to attach the proposed nominations list to the Resolutions as Attachment B. and to do this with a recommendation to adopt as the Water District Advisory Board and Officers. Doyle Fackler seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

**Marcia Herr moved, Doyle Fackler seconded, to amend the Advisory Committee list just approved in the previous motion by removing Gene Parks and replacing his name with Stewart Russell to serve on the Advisory Committee Board. The motion carried.**

**Adoption  
Resolutions:**

Vice Chairman Maxwell asked those present if they would like to address each resolution item separately, or if they would like to adopt them with one inclusive motion.

**Doyle Fackler moved to approve all Resolutions, No. 1 through No. 15 as amended. Dan Surmeier seconded the motion, and the motion carried.**

**Set 2019 Annual  
Meeting Date:**

Vice Chairman Maxwell stated it is time to set the date and time for next year's Annual Meeting. He further stated it has been suggested to set it for this third Tuesday in January which will be January 15, 2019 at 1:00 PM at this location.

**Jim Standley moved, and Doyle Fackler seconded to set the meeting for January 15, 2019 at 1:00 PM in the USDA Service Center, 1805 Highway 16 Emmett, ID. The motion carried.**

**Payette Soil &  
Water C. D.**


Vice Chairman Maxwell introduced Jo Anne Smith, Chairman of the Payette Soil and Water Conservation District. Ms. Smith explained the focus of the Conservation District in Payette County and how it's commissioners are volunteers with an interest in preserving the sustainability of agriculture in Payette County. She further stated that she is seeking financial assistance from Water District No. 65. Jo Anne reported that when contributions are received by the Conservation District they become eligible for matching funds by the State of Idaho. Ms. Smith also invited everyone to the Sustainable Agriculture Symposium in February.

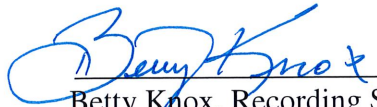
In response to Jo Anne Smith's request for financial assistance, **Dan Surmeier moved to contribute \$500 to the Payette Soil and Water Conservation District. The motion was seconded by Marcia Herr and the motion carried.**

**Adjournment:**

Vice Chairman Maxwell asked if there is any other business that should be brought before this 2018 Annual Meeting. Mr. Maxwell reminded everyone that there will be a Advisory Board and Rental Pool committee meeting in February 2018, he thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

  
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Watermaster, Ron Shurtleff

  
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Betty Knox, Recording Secretary