

## **Meeting Minutes: Water District 29D Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Date:** February 11, 2020 - Tuesday    **Location:** City of Pocatello - Paradise Meeting Room

**In Attendance:** Jim Guthrie, Randy Smith, Jeremy Stanger, Dennis Hill, Hal Armstrong, Steve Visosky, Dianna Burden

**Jim Guthrie** Called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and asked Dianna to take minutes.

**Water Master update:** Hal Armstrong

**Summary of 2019 work completed:** Hal presented his watermaster report which completed the diversion inventory.

**Measurement time order:** Hal confirmed the measurement order was for 5+ acres and requested a list of those users from IDWR.

**Additional Resources:** Hal does not feel like he will need additional resources for 2020, his phone works well for recording diversions and getting in touch with water users. However, he might need additional hours to assist users with their measurement devices. The Advisory Committee suggested an increase of \$1,000 for the contingency in case Hal requires additional hours.

**Treasurer update:** Dianna Burden

**Balance Sheet:** Dianna covered the balance sheet items - \$13,553 in the checking account and \$1,732.68 in outstanding invoices of which \$744.22 is attributable to 2019 assessments.

**Collections:** The Advisory Committee requested Dianna Bring a list of unpaid invoices to the annual meeting and suggested we use a collection agency if users do not pay.

**Non-water usage:** Users need to pay the assessment unless they abandon water right. The budget is prepared on each water user paying their share and if users do not pay, the budget will need to be revised in future years.

**Budget:** Dianna reviewed the 2019 actual cost and budgeted costs. Total revenues collected exceeded expenses by \$3,960. The payroll and related expenses were under budget by \$4,445 and office supplies were over \$14. It was agreed that the only change to the 2020 budget will be the \$1,000 contingent increase to cover the possibility of an increase in payroll.

**IDWR Update:** Steve Visosky

**Measurement Order:** Must have measuring devices installed by 2021 irrigation season. Not many have applied for variances from 29D.

**Delivery based on priority dates on the Snake River:** Dennis has been very active and will give an update on his findings at the annual meeting in conjunction with Steve. Common pool mitigation is not an option. User's could get together and obtain a private lease.

**Watermaster duties moving forward will be:**

1. Record the amount of water delivered to each user
2. Submit a report showing the total amount delivered to each user and for the district (watermaster's report).
3. Propose a budget to cover the expenses related to the delivery of water in the district
4. Propose the assessments based on the amount of water delivered during the season or seasons.

Water District procedures:

**Resolutions will need to be updated prior to next year to include:** Rental Pool Types / assessments

**1) Water Supply Bank 2) Private Lease**

**Ground Water:** Public meetings will start this year and the districts will decide if they want to combine the ground water with the surface water district or have separate districts.

Meeting adjourned 8:30

Respectfully recorded by: Dianna Burden