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W. L. Blackadar, M.D.  
P. O. Box 1110  
Salmon, Idaho 83467

Dear Dr. Blackadar:

This is in reply to your letter of February 4th regarding the Watermaster for Water District No. 3-L, Jesse Creek.

There is no criteria set for the watermasters. The only stipulation is that they be elected by the water users. If you are not happy with the present watermaster, you and the other water users should nominate and elect a different one, one that you think will be honest and fair with everyone. If everyone has a measuring device and you get all the water your decree calls for, you shouldn't be deprived of your water or legal right. The City of Salmon can grow, however, this does not given them any more water than they have by decree. They will have to obtain water from some other source.

Sorry there is not more we can do under these circumstances.

Very truly yours,

M. RUSSELL BOSCH  
Administrative Assistant

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Department of Reclamation

Mr. R. Keith Higginson  
State Reclamation Engineer  
Department of Reclamation  
Statehouse - Annex 2  
Boise, Idaho 83707

Dear Mr. Higginson:

Thank you for the recent notice of the annual meeting for election of watermaster in Water District No. 3-L, Jesse Creek. You are well acquainted with this drainage and know that the City of Salmon has rights on this creek as well as several ranches.

For the past several years the watermaster has been the water superintendent of the City of Salmon and being directly in the employ of one of the major users has not been able to rule fairly on any disputes. Also in previous years, each member using water has been forced to install weirs and yet the city does not have accurate water measures for the part which they use.

Could you tell me if there are criteria as far as qualifications for watermaster and also whether some method should not be insisted on so that all users are measured as accurately as possible and proper records maintained?

The situation at the present time is not critical, and I am not contending that I have not been dealt with fairly, but I can see with the gradual and continued growth of Salmon and with the resistance of the council to seek alternate sources of water, I am slowly being deprived my legal right and have no recourse under the present situation.

Thank you very much in advance for your help.

Yours very truly,

*W. L. Blackadar, M.D.*

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Salmon, Idaho  
March 2nd. 1970

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL 3-1 JESSIE CREEK WATER USERS MEETING:

The meeting was held at the City Hall, Salmon, Idaho on March 2nd. 1970. Those present at the meeting were: John Reddington, Dr. Roy Sinclair, Virgil Schofield, Harold F. Neyman, Dr. W. L. Blackadar, William Perry and L. N. Gwartney.

The minutes of the regular meeting held March 3rd. 1969 were read and approved. Due to the absence of Darrell Aldous, Chairman, the group appointed William Perry to conduct the Meeting, and a motion was made by Dr. Roy Sinclair and seconded by John Reddington that Darrell Aldous be appointed Chairman and Harold Neyman as Secretary. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dr. Blackadar and seconded by Dr. Sinclair to appoint Edgar Edwards, William Perry, and John Reddington as the Credential Committee. Motion Carried.

There was no report of the previous Credential Committee.

A motion was then made by Dr. Blackadar and seconded by John Reddington to set the Watermaster Salary at \$450.00 and the Secretary at \$40.00. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was then made by Dr. Blackadar and seconded by John Reddington that the budget for the ensuing year be set at \$537.04 which is Watermaster Salary and Secretary salary and Social Security payment for both employee and employer added to salaries. Motion Carried unanimously.

A motion was then made by Dr. Blackadar and seconded by John Reddington that the Watermaster use the balance of the Funds on Hand for Extra Expenses. Motion Carried.

A motion was then made by Dr. Blackadar and seconded by John Reddington that water for the year 1970 not be furnished until the assessments be paid. Motion carried.

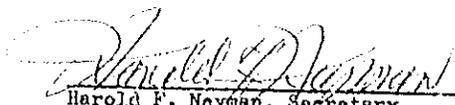
A motion was then made by Dr. Blackadar and seconded by Dr. Sinclair that Virgil Schofield be appointed Watermaster. Motion Carried

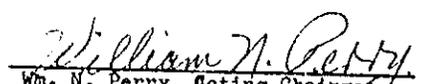
A motion was then made by Dr. Blackadar and seconded by Dr. Sinclair that Hugh Coiner, Fred Snook and Harold F. Neyman be appointed Advisory Committee. Motion Carried.

A motion was then made by Blackadar that the City RIN Fix it's Water Meter so that it is approximately accurate. No Second and no vote on motion.

Acting Chairman William Perry appointed L. N. Gwartney, Buck Reddington RIN as a committee to check the Meter for accuracy.

No other business appearing the meeting was adjourned.

  
Harold F. Neyman, Secretary  
Water District #3-1 Jessie Creek  
Salmon, Idaho

  
Wm. N. Perry, Acting Chairman  
Water District #3-1 Jessie Creek  
Salmon, Idaho