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MARCH 17, 2003

CAROL HOOPES
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RE: Water District No. #31, #32-C & #32-D

Dear Mrs. Hoopes:

We acknowledge receipt of the Minutes of the Annual Watermaster's Election Meeting held in your district. We now have received all the needed documents to complete the certification process in the water districts named above.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Harold W. Jones

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Water Rights Supervisor

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Dallas Furness
Chairman

Greg Shenton
Watermaster

Carol Hoopes
Secretary

**WATER DISTRICT #31
Dubois, Idaho**

CLARK AND JEFFERSON COUNTIES, IDAHO

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF MARCH 5, 2002

The water users of Water District No. 31 met in the Clark County Annex Bldg. Dubois, Clark County, Idaho, on Tuesday, March 5, 2002, at 1:00 p.m., as provided by Idaho Statutes, for the purpose of electing a chairman and secretary, electing a watermaster, adopting the 2002 budget, and any other business that may come before the District.

Those in attendance were: Dallas Furness, Chairman; Keith Shulldberg, Dave Hagenbarth, Jim Hagenbarth, Keith C. Wilson, IDWR; Gerald Messerli, Roy Yearsley, Gerry Deutscher, Don Parker, George Perschon, Renee Perschon, Greg Shenton, Watermaster; Brett Murdock, Deputy Watermaster; and Carol Hoopes, Secretary.

The meeting was called to order by Dallas Furness, Chairman at 1:05 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Dallas Furness read the following as the proposed agenda:

1. Adoption of agenda
2. Nomination and election of Chairman and Secretary
3. Appointment of credentials committee
4. Recess to allow Credentials Committee to prepare report
5. Report of Credentials Committee
6. Roll call
7. Reading of minutes of previous meeting
8. Report of Watermaster and approval
9. Adoption of budget
10. Fix the compensation of Watermaster and assistant
11. Election of Watermaster and assistant
12. Appointment of Advisory Board
13. Resolutions
14. Meeting time
15. Other business
16. Adjournment

Snake River Basin Adjudication

A lot of time was spent this year researching files, letter writing, going to meetings and many other related tasks for the adjudication process. The adjudication process took up the majority of the watermaster time and is still working on related items to this date, which will continue until the adjudication process is finalized.

Water Measurement District

Water District #31 passed a resolution to take canal companies under contract for the purpose of measuring and reporting their water deliveries. The companies involved were from the Montevue area. Funds were to be from a separate funding account paid for totally from the merging companies and no funds were used from Water District #31. New large weirs were constructed and placed in the delivery canals by the canal companies involved. This has worked very well and we are getting good measurements.

March 1 - Winter Flow

Independent Ditch winter flow was 0 cfs compared to 6.22 cfs last year. Bybee Well winter flow was 0 cfs compared to 15.59 last year. Total for 2002 was 0 cfs compared to last years total, which was 21.81 cfs.

Mud Lake Content

Greg reported on the water levels in Mud Lake for March 1, 2002, which was 6,980 A.F. May 1, 2001, which was 35,000 A.F. and November 1, 2001, which was 9,550 A.F.

Camas Creek Inflow into Mud Lake

For 2000 the inflow was 6,000 A.F. The 2001 inflow was 0 A.F.

2001 Water Use of Major Canal Companies

Mud Lake Water Users used a total of 76,543 A.F., applying 3.49 A.F. per acre, while the Independent Water Users used 9,432 A.F., applying 2.30 A.F. per acre. 2001 average use in the Mud Lake area 3.30 A.F. per acre.

Snow Report - March 1, 2002

The Camp Creek-Beaver Creek measurements show a snow depth of 32.0 with water content at 8.0, compared to Kilgore-Camas Creek measured show a snow depth of 34.0 with water content at 9.7. The Camp Creek snow course is at 98% of normal, the Kilgore course is 96% of normal, the Crab Creek course is at 88%, and

ELECTION OF WATERMASTER AND DEPUTY WATERMASTER

The Chairman called for nominations from the floor for Watermaster. Don Parker moved that Greg Shenton be elected as Watermaster and that Brett Murdock be elected as Deputy Watermaster. Jim Hagenbarth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, electing Greg and Brett by unanimous ballot.

APPOINTMENT OF ADVISORY BOARD

The Chairman opened the floor for appointment of the Advisory Board. Don Parker made the motion, Jim Hagenbarth seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously. The following were appointed or re-appointed to the board: Dallas Furness as Chairman, Garth Soderquist, Dave Hagenbarth, Valeria Maxwell, Andy Dobson, Keith Shuldberg, and Gerald Messerli as members.

RESOLUTIONS

Dallas entertained a motion to accept the resolutions. Don Parker made the motion, Keith Shuldberg seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.

High Water at Mud Lake

Be it hereby resolved, that the Watermaster be authorized to determine when diversion is needed and to divert any high water. That such water be considered stored in the aquifer, with rights to the water being retained by the district. Diversion of said waters would be by diverting at the Lone Tree Diversion, and pumping through the diversion canal at the Mud Lake Water Users.

Collection of Water Assessments

Be it hereby resolved, that no ditch, canal co., or other water user shall have the right to demand and receive water, and the watermaster shall not deliver such water, until full payment is made. Said payment becomes due April 1, and becomes delinquent April 15, and if not paid by April 15, shall bear interest from the date of April 1, until paid at the rate of 8% per annum.

Be it further resolved that government agencies be exempt from the above provisions to the extent necessary for them to comply with payments according to the provisions of Federal law, and that the Watermaster of District 31, be authorized to enter into contract with said agencies of the United States for payment of assessment as provided in the budget.

Mud Lake Water Users

Be it hereby resolved, that any water user that completes the water year with a negative balance on the Mud Lake balance sheet shall have that negative balance carried forward to the April draft column on the balance sheet of the following year, and said negative balance shall be charged to the Mud Lake allotment of said following year, as set forth in part 5, paragraph 4 of the Mud Lake Decree.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Furness asked if there was any further business; having no further business, he called the meeting adjourn. Keith Shuldberg seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:10 p.m.

ATTEST: 
Carol Hoopes
Secretary


Dallas Furness
Chairman