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April 22, 2005

Clark County Auditor/Recorder
Attn: Carol Hoopes
Clark County Courthouse
Dubois ID 83423

RE: Water District No. #31

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed please find copies of the Adopted Budget and Minutes of Water District #31. They have been read and approved by this office.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact this office.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dennis M. Dunn".

Dennis Dunn
Senior Water Right Agent

Enclosure

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Dallas Furness
Chairman

Greg Shenton
Watermaster

Carol Hoopes
Secretary

WATER DISTRICT #31
Dubois, Idaho

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CLARK AND JEFFERSON COUNTIES, IDAHO

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF MARCH 2, 2005

The water users of Water District No. 31 met in the Clark County Annex Bldg. Dubois, Clark County, Idaho, on Wednesday, March 2, 2005, at 1:00 p.m., as provided by Idaho Statutes, for the purpose of electing a chairman and secretary, electing a watermaster, adopting the 2005 budget, and any other business that may come before the District.

Those in attendance were: Dallas Furness, Chairman; Jim Hagenbarth, Gerald Messerli, George Perschon, Renee Perschon, Richard Savage, Quinn Jacobson, Don Parker, Keith Shuldberg, Rob Larranga, Willy Schmitt, Valeria Maxwell, Race King, Darwin Brown, Greg Shenton, Watermaster; Brett Murdock, Deputy Watermaster; and Carol Hoopes, Secretary.

The meeting was called to order by Dallas Furness, Chairman at 1:00 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Dallas Furness, entertained a motion to adopt the proposed agenda. Don Parker, moved that the proposed agenda be adopted as the order of business for this meeting. The motion was seconded by Willy Schmitt. Motion passed unanimously.

1. Adoption of agenda
2. Nomination and election of Chairman and Secretary
3. Reading of minutes of previous meeting
4. Appointment of credential Committee
5. Report of Credentials Committee
6. Roll call
7. Report of Watermaster & approval
8. Fix the compensation of Watermaster & deputy
9. Adoption Budget
10. Election of Watermaster & Deputy
11. Appointment of Advisory Board
12. Adoption of Resolutions
13. IDWR Report
14. Meeting time
15. Other business
16. Adjournment

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY

Dallas ask for nomination from the floor for Chairman and Secretary. Gerald Messerli, made a motion that Dallas Furness continue as Chairman, and Carol Hoopes continue as Secretary. Keith Shuldberg, seconded the motion. Keith Shuldberg, moved that nominations cease. Willy Schmitt, seconded the motion that nominations cease. They we're both elected by unanimous ballot.

MINUTES

Minutes were passed out to all those in attendance. Deputy Watermaster Brett Murdock read the minutes. Chairman Furness asked if there we're any corrections to the minutes, Greg said that we needed to correct the fee that the canal companies are charged by the Water District #31 Measurement District. Minutes said \$26.00 per second foot(c.f.s) and it should read \$20.00 per second foot (c.f.s). Don Parker made a motion to accept the minutes with that correction. Keith Shuldberg, seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Gerald Messerli moved and Jim Hagenbarth, seconded the motion to dispense with agenda items No. 4-6 and go directly to No. 7. The appointment of the credentials committee, the recess for the credentials committee, its report, roll call would be dispensed with. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORT OF WATERMASTER

Watermaster Greg Shenton distributed the 2004 Watermaster's Report and time was allowed for review. Greg Shenton discussed many of the items in the report.

2004 Water Year

The 2004 water delivery was at 110,822 A.F. for the water season. A total 16,123 A.F. of water was delivered in Clark County, and 94,699 A.F. of water was delivered in Jefferson County. Compared to 116,162 A.F. which was delivered in the 2003 water season, 15,326 A.F. was delivered in Clark County and 100,836 A.F. was delivered in Jefferson County.

The 2004 water delivery was down 5,340 A.F. from that which was delivered in the 2003 water season.

Low Stream Flows

Stream flows in the Kilgore area were extremely low. Water Users in the Kilgore area kept their water in the creeks to allow for stock water. This also was the case in the upper Beaver Creek drainage. Beaver Creek only reached Dubois for a few days off and on for a two week period. Camas Creek flowed to the Refuge until July 4th. In 2003 Camas Creek flowed until the

19th of June, which contributed to the majority of the Kilgore users being able to divert stock water only.

WELL FLOWS

Pumping efficiencies have been dropping off continually for the past three years. This year the pumps were able to keep up with the demand for water. Timely rains, cooler weather, and pump improvements were the main factors for this.

March 1 - Winter Flow

Independent Ditch winter flow was 0 cfs compared to 0 cfs last year. Bybee Well winter flow was 0 cfs compared to 0 cfs last year. Total for 2005 was 0 cfs compared to last years total, which was 0 cfs.

Mud Lake Content

Greg reported on the water levels in Mud Lake for March 1, 2005, which was 7,874 A.F. May 1, 2004, which was 39,500 A.F. and November 1, 2004, which was 11,700 A.F.

Camas Creek Inflow into Mud Lake

For 2003 the inflow was 0 A.F. The 2004 inflow was 0 A.F.

2004 Water Use of Major Canal Companies

Mud Lake Water Users used a total of 66,045 A.F., applying 3.01 A.F. per acre, while the Independent Water Users used 8,760 A.F., applying 2.13 A.F. per acre. 2004 average use in the Mud Lake area 2.87 A.F. per acre.

Snow Report - March 1, 2005

The Camp Creek-Beaver Creek measurements show a snow depth of 27.0" with water content at 7.7" compared to Kilgore-Camas Creek measured show a snow depth of 30.0" with water content at 8.5". The Camp Creek snow course is at 94% of normal, the Kilgore course is 84% of normal, the Crab Creek course is at 95%, and the Lake View Ridge is at 104% of normal. The average of all 4 sites is 94% of normal.

2004 Budget Review and 2005 Budget Proposal

Greg Shenton reviewed the 2004 budget and actual expenses, explaining some of the expenditures. He pointed out that there was a \$3,800 increase in the proposed 2005 budget. Those items increased were Miscellaneous Expenses, \$2,000, Deputy Salary increase of \$1,000 and Mileage for Watermaster & Deputy Watermaster for \$800.00

ADOPTION OF BUDGET

Don Parker, made a motion that the Watermaster's report be accepted and Keith Shuldberg, seconded that motion. Motion passed. Don Parker, made a motion to adopt the corrected 2005 budget. Willy Schmitt, seconded the motion and the motion passed.

2005 PROPOSED BUDGET

Misc. Expense	\$30,000.00
Channel & legal	1,000.00
Secretary Salary	450.00
Office Rent	1,800.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>33,250.00</u>

Watermaster Salary	28,840.00
Deputy Salary	22,000.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>50,840.00</u>

Watermaster Mileage	13,000.00
Deputy Mileage	10,000.00
<u>Total Mileage</u>	<u>23,000.00</u>

2005 Budget	107,090.00
Less Federal Agencies	8,758.18
<u>Proposed Budget</u>	<u>\$ 98,331.82</u>

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Deputy Salary	22,000.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>52,000.00</u>

Watermaster Mileage	13,800.00
Deputy Mileage	10,800.00
<u>Total Mileage</u>	<u>24,600.00</u>

2005 Budget	109,850.00
Less Federal Agencies	8,758.18
<u>Adopted Budget</u>	<u>\$101,091.82</u>

USGS Contract

The Water District will continue with the USGS measurements for 2005 water season.

ELECTION OF WATERMASTER AND DEPUTY WATERMASTER

The Chairman called for nominations from the floor for Watermaster. Keith Shuldberg, moved that Greg Shenton be elected as Watermaster and that Brett Murdock be elected as Deputy Watermaster. Gerald Messerli, 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 a motion to retain the Advisory Board as now constituted, except for the change of Dave Hagenbarth to Jim Hagenbarth. Gerald Messerli, seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously. The following we're re-appointed to the board: Dallas Furness as Chairman, Garth Soderquist, Jim Hagenbarth, Valeria Maxwell, Andy Dobson, Keith Shuldberg, and Gerald Messerli as members.

RESOLUTIONS
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.

District Billings and Collections

Be it hereby resolved, that the Clark County Auditor make up a roll of all Water District 31 users to include all Jefferson County users. Be it further resolved that the Clark County Treasurer mail out said billings and make collections of all Water District 31 Water Users to include all Jefferson County Water Users in said Water District 31 boundaries.

Be it further resolved that the Clark County Treasurer also make all payments and disbursements owed by Water District 31, which are presented through the proper claims procedures which are common to other Clark County practices.

Well Water Measurements

Be it hereby resolved, that the following canal companies be allowed to contract with Water District #31 to measure and record and report the well water flows of the Montevue Canal Company, the Jefferson Irrigation Company, and the Producers' Irrigation.

Be it further resolved that the Watermaster and his Deputies accomplish the required measurements and recording and reporting of the above named companies.

Be it further resolved that monies paid for these services be paid out of Water District #31 measurement fund. The above named canal companies will be charged a fee of \$20.00 per second foot (c.f.s.) for the above services. The monies paid out for these services shall be drawn only if the chairman and the secretary of Water Measurement District #31 sign the check. We order that the water district is out no costs from any source of the regular water district funds and that recording and reporting be separate from regular water district water reports and budgets.

ADOPT RESOLUTIONS

The Chairman ask for a motion to adopt the resolutions. Rob Larranga, made a motion that the resolutions be adopted. Keith Shuldbeg, seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.

IDWR REPORT

No one representing the IDWR attended the meeting.

MEETING TIME

Moved: Keith Shuldbeg; Seconded: Willy Schmitt; Passed.

That the 2006 meeting be held on, Wednesday, March 1, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. at the Clark County Annex Building in Dubois, Idaho.

OTHER BUSINESS

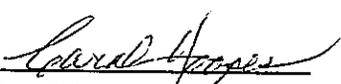
Gerald Messerli, met with the IDWR director and discussed Water District 110. The director told him that Water District #31 will be a sub basin in Water District 110.

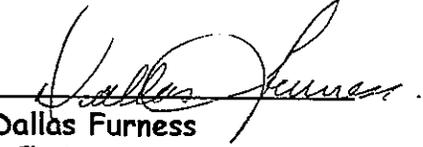
Don Parker, discussed creating a ground water district in the Water District 110. Don talked about the straw man proposal and the assessment of \$1/acre surface water and \$5/acre well water.

Jim Hagenbarth suggested that Greg contact IDWR in Boise and find out the qualification for Water Master.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Furness asked if there was any further business; having no further business, he called the meeting adjourn. Gerald Messerli, made a motion to adjourn, Don Parker, seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:28 p.m.

ATTEST: 
Carol Hoopes
Secretary


Dallas Furness
Chairman