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Director

March 27, 2006

Carol Hoopes  
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RE: Water District No. 31, 32C & 32D

Dear Carol:

We acknowledge receipt of the Minutes of the Annual Watermaster's Election Meeting held in your district. The Watermaster Certificate will be sent under separate cover.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dennis Dunn  
Senior Water Right Agent

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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 1, 2006

The water users of Water District No. 31 met in the Clark County Annex Bldg. Dubois, Clark County, Idaho, on Wednesday, March 1, 2006, at 1:00 p.m., as provided by Idaho Statutes, for the purpose of electing a chairman and secretary, electing a watermaster, adopting the 2006 budget, and any other business that may come before the District.

Those in attendance were: Dallas Furness, Chairman; Jim Hagenbarth, George Perschon, Renee Perschon, Richard Savage, Quinn Jacobson, Don Parker, Rob Larranga, Valeria Maxwell, Race King, Bill Frederiksen, Lynn Wood, 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 Jim Hagenbarth. 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. Don Parker, made a motion that Dallas Furness continue as Chairman, and Carol Hoopes continue as Secretary. Valeria Maxwell, seconded the motion. 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, if not would someone make a motion to accept the minutes as read. Jim Hagenbarth, made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Lynn Wood, seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## APPOINTMENT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Don Parker 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 2005 Watermaster's Report and time was allowed for review. Greg Shenton discussed many of the items in the report.

### 2005 WATER YEAR

The 2005 water delivery was at 121,838 A.F. for the water district. A total 28,668 A.F. of water was delivered in Clark County, and 93,170 A.F. of water was delivered in Jefferson County. In 2004 a total of 110,822 A.F. was delivered, 16,123 A.F. of water was delivered in Clark County, and 94,699 A.F. of water was delivered in Jefferson County. The 2005 water delivery was up 11,016 A.F. from that which was delivered in the 2004 water season.

### STREAM FLOWS

Stream flows in the Kilgore area were up considerably from last year. Irrigation water was available for most of the year. Beaver Creek ran through Dubois for the months of April, May and June. In 2004 it only ran intermittently for two weeks. Camas Creek flowed to the Refuge until July 4<sup>th</sup> in 2004. Last year it ran until July 14<sup>th</sup>.

### 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. Spring run off to Mud Lake contributed to not having to pump at full capacity early in the year.

## WATER DISTRICT 110

After many meetings and phone calls with users and IDWR personnel Water District 31 will be left intact as is. It will not be apart of Water District 110 according to Tim Luke. By the middle of March the Directors decision should be out and the formation of 110 will be complete.

## GROUND WATER DISTRICT

Jefferson/Clark Ground Water District is in the process of being created. The process will not be final until some time in August.

## CLEANING OF CAMAS CREEK

At this time we are waiting for final signatures from the Corp. of Engineers in Walla Walla on the 404 permit. The permit has been approved as it was proposed. The cleaning will be from Camas town to I-15.

## 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, 2006, which was 7,810 A.F. May 1, 2005, which was 32,270 A.F. and November 1, 2005, which was 10,100 A.F.

## CAMAS CREEK INFLOW INTO MUD LAKE

For 2004 the inflow was 0 A.F. The 2005 inflow was 16,536 A.F.

## 2005 WATER USE OF MAJOR CANAL COMPANIES

Mud Lake Water Users used a total of 64,796 A.F., applying 2.96 A.F. per acre, while the Independent Water Users used 7,921 A.F., applying 1.93 A.F. per acre. 2005 average use in the Mud Lake area 2.79 A.F. per acre.

## SNOW REPORT - MARCH 1, 2006

The Camp Creek-Beaver Creek measurements show a snow depth of 34" with water content at 9.3" compared to Kilgore-Camas Creek measured show a snow depth of 43" with water content at 13.5". The Camp Creek snow course is at 113% of normal, the Kilgore course is 134% of normal, the Crab Creek course is at 106%, and the Lake View Ridge is at 102% of normal. The average of all 4 sites is 114% of normal.

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**2005 BUDGET REVIEW AND 2006 BUDGET PROPOSAL**

Greg Shenton reviewed the 2005 budget and actual expenses, explaining some of the expenditures. He pointed out a new entry in the budget. The entry was for the IWUV dues and related expenses for these meetings. He pointed out that there was a \$2,000 increase in the proposed 2006 budget. The item increased was Miscellaneous Expenses, \$2,000.

**ADOPTION OF BUDGET**

Lynn Wood, made a motion that the Watermaster's report be accepted and Don Parker, seconded that motion. Motion passed. Don Parker, made a motion to adopt the fix compensation for the Watermaster & Deputy Watermaster as proposed in the 2006 budget. Race King, seconded that motion. Motion passed. Lynn Wood, made a motion to adopted the proposed 2006 budget. Rob Larranga, seconded that motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Don Parker, made a motion to combine agenda items 8 & 9. This motion was seconded by Lynn Wood. Motion passed unanimously.

**2006 PROPOSED BUDGET**

**2006 ADOPTED BUDGET**

Misc. Expense	\$32,000.00
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**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.

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## APPOINTMENT OF ADVISORY BOARD

The Chairman re-appointed the following to the Advisory Board: Dallas Furness as Chairman, Jim Hagenbarth, Valeria Maxwell, Andy Dobson, Keith Shuldberg, and Gerald Messerli as members. He will appoint one other person to serve on this board to replace Garth Soderquist.

### 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.

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### 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 Montevieu 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. Jim Hagenbarth, made a motion that the resolutions be adopted. Don Parker, seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

### IDWR REPORT

No one representing the IDWR attended the meeting.

### MEETING TIME

Moved: Don Parker; Seconded: Lynn Wood; Passed.

That the 2007 meeting be held on, Wednesday, March 7, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. at the Clark County Annex Building in Dubois, Idaho.

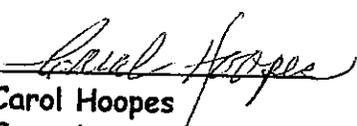
### OTHER BUSINESS

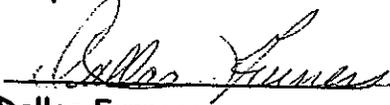
There wasn't any other business.

### ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Furness asked if there was any further business; having no further business, he called the meeting adjourn. Rob Larranga, made a motion to adjourn, Don Parker, seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Carol Hoopes  
Secretary

  
Dallas Furness  
Chairman

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