Ground Water Measurement District 143 - Raft River

First Annual Meeting – 7:00 pm Tuesday March 29, 2016
Raft River High School - Malta, ID

Meeting called to order by IDWR Tim Luke at 7:10 pm.
First order of business was to nominate a meeting Chairman and Secretary. (See attached agenda) **Sara Jane Ward moved and Jeff Johnson 2nd to have Todd Gerratt serve as meeting Chair. Motion passed. Mike Spencer moved and Scott Nichols 2nd to have Sara Jane Ward serve as meeting secretary. Motion passed.**

The floor was given to Tim Luke – IDWR to provide some back ground information leading up to this meeting. A steering committee of ground water users met in February to make plans and resolutions for this first meeting of the Ground Water Measurement District 143. The steering committee consisted of Todd Webb, Nolan Branch, Randy Nye, Rod Jones, Dallen Ward, Bruce Durfee, Jake Gerratt, Gordon Webb and Cordell Sheridan. Mr. Luke reviewed the boundaries of the district, explained the rules and requirements of organizing a district, budgeting, electing a water master, electing an advisory committee, adopting resolutions and issuing a measurement order. IDWR will provide an employee, free of charge, to serve as water master for the first year. Discussion as to the duties and responsibilities of the Water Master. **Jake Gerratt moved and Scott Nichols 2nd to use Nathan Erickson of IDWR as the Water Master of GW Measurement District 143. Motion passed.**

Nathan Erickson then reviewed the list of resolutions proposed by the steering committee. (See attached resolution sheet) Resolutions were discussed and questions answered. **Scott Nichols moved and Alan Harper 2nd that the resolutions be adopted as presented. Motion passed.** As noted in the resolutions the next annual meeting will be held on **Tuesday January 24, 2017** (the fourth Tuesday of January)

Names were presented from the floor of persons willing to serve on the advisory committee. A water user from each of the 5 districts of the RRGW district as well as 2 non-irrigators (commercial) will serve on this committee. Only 1 person currently on the RRGW board will be allowed to serve on the advisory committee. **Clark Ward moved, 2nd by Bruce Durfee to have Jake Gerratt, Mike Wheeler, Nolan Branch, Kurt Yates, Dallen Ward, Scott Nichols and Todd Webb serve as the advisory committee for the 2016 year. Motion passed.**

Discussion continued concerning the measurement order, meters, expansion acres, rule 50, submitting a management plan and getting the water users to comply. Many questions and opinions were shared by the members. **Ryan Moss moved to adjourn at 9:00 pm. 2nd by Scott Nichols. Motion passed.**

Minutes submitted by Sara Jane Ward -- Annual meeting Secretary

MEETING AGENDA
WATER DISTRICT 143
Tuesday, March 29, 2016

7:00 P.M.

I. Nominate Meeting Chairman and Secretary

II. Background Information — Tim Luke, IDWR
   a. Review Order Creating Water District
   b. Annual Meeting Requirements
   c. Measurement order

III. Introduce Steering Committee

IV. Water District Business
   a. Review and Approve Resolutions
   a. Elect Watermaster
   b. Selection of Advisory Committee
   c. Next Annual Meeting: Tuesday, January 24, 2017

V. Other Business

VI. Adjournment of Meeting

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Sign In

Name

Sara Jane Ward
Jared Higgs
Adam R McCoy
Jean Pagles
Phillip Christensen
[illegible]
Guy Montgomery
Jay Harper
Scott Nichols
Kent Durfee
[illegible]
Jacob Gerrath
Killian Knox
Nelan Branch
[illegible]
Luca S Gottlieb
Sherry Southern
[illegible]
Alvin Carpenter
Kirtland Yates
Bruce Durfee
Larry E Edwards

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Name

Mike Spencer
[illegible]
JOHN ZOLLINGER
Janet M Farland
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Woodworth
[illegible]
Mike [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
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John Wright
Alan Harper
Todd Webb
Scott Webb
Clark Ward

WATER DISTRICT NO. 143
RAFT RIVER BASIN
2016 ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS

The water users of Water District No. 143, as part of the annual district meeting held on March 29, 2016, at Malta, Idaho, HEREBY ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS:

1. DISTRICT CREATION AND BOUNDARIES

Water District 143 consists of the area and water rights as defined by the *Preliminary Order Creating Water District No. 143,* dated December 2, 2015. The district includes all ground water rights in the Raft River Basin, except rights used for domestic and stock water purposes as defined by Idaho Code § 42-111 and 42-1401A and ground water rights located within Water District 130 overlying the ESPA.

2. ADVISORY COMMITTEE

It is herewith resolved that an advisory committee shall be selected to provide input to the watermaster and the Director of IDWR. The advisory committee will meet as often as needed to address the structure, governance and operation of the district. Seven water users shall comprise the advisory committee, five representing irrigation and two non-irrigation. The five irrigation representatives will be selected from the five divisions as defined by the Raft River Ground Water District. It shall be required that six of the seven representatives shall not be members of the Raft River Ground Water District Board. The advisory committee members for the ensuing year shall be the following (members selected at the meeting):

Member #1(RRGWD Division 1): Jake Gerratt
Member #2(RRGWD Division 2): Mike Wheeler
Member #3(RRGWD Division 3): Nolan Branch
Member #4(RRGWD Division 4): Kurt Yates
Member #5(RRGWD Division 5): Dallen Ward
Member #6(Non-irrigation): Scott Nichols
Member #7(Non-irrigation): Todd Webb (RRGWD Board Member)

3. ANNUAL MEETING DATE

It is herewith resolved that the Annual Meeting for Water District 143 shall be held on the fourth Tuesday of January of each year at a time and place to be determined each successive year unless the Director of IDWR should find it necessary to change the meeting date or unless changed by resolution of the district at any annual meeting. The next Annual Meeting will be held on January 24, 2017.

4. ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Copies of the minutes of the annual meeting and all approved resolutions shall be filed with the Director of IDWR immediately after the annual meeting in accordance with Idaho Code § 42-605(5).

5. ELECTION OF WATERMASTER

It is herewith resolved that the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) be elected to provide the watermaster services for Water District 143 and that the Director of IDWR appoint Nathan Erickson, an employee of IDWR, or other employees of IDWR as may be necessary, to serve as the watermaster for the ensuing year.

6. WATERMASTER DUTIES

The Watermaster shall perform his or her duties as required by Chapter 6, Title 42, Idaho Code and in accordance with:

a. Direction and guidance provided by the Director of IDWR;
b. The annual water district resolution adopted herein.

7. WATERMASTER TERM OF SERVICE

As provided in Idaho Code § 42-608(4), watermaster's term of service shall begin upon appointment by the Director of IDWR immediately following the annual meeting election and continue until the next annual meeting, or until a successor is appointed and qualified under the provision of Section 42-604, Idaho Code.

8. WATER DISTRICT BUDGET

The water users of Water District 143 hereby empower the elected advisory committee to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the Water District and the Director of IDWR that will provide for the following:

1) Compensation of the watermaster and all related water district expenses for 2016 shall be provided by IDWR if the district elects IDWR to provide the watermaster services and allow the Director of IDWR to appoint an employee of IDWR as watermaster.

2) There shall be no budget or collection of a budget for Water District 143 for the ensuing year, and it shall not be necessary for the election and appointment of a district treasurer for the ensuing year.

3) If IDWR is elected to provide watermaster services for 2016, the watermaster shall maintain an office for the ensuing year within the IDWR Southern Regional Office, located in Twin Falls, Idaho. IDWR will provide office space, vehicles and the use of all necessary office and field equipment, and other necessary watermaster expenses. This arrangement shall not give Water District 143 any ownership interest in any IDWR office space and equipment.

9. WATERMASTER ACCESS TO CONTROL STRUCTURES AND MEASURING DEVICES

Whereas watermaster access to control structures and measuring devices is essential for providing watermaster services and limiting expenses, it is herewith resolved that all users shall provide for watermaster access where access to control structures and measuring devices is through a locked gate and other reasonable means of access are not available. The user shall, upon request by the watermaster, provide to the watermaster a key or combination to any such locks.

10. ENTRY OF LANDS BY WATERMASTER

It is herewith resolved that the watermaster and any watermaster assistants are authorized as employees of IDWR under Idaho Code § 42-1701(5) to make reasonable entry on lands within the district, in accordance with IDWR policy, to carry out the duties of the watermaster as instructed by IDWR. These duties include but are not limited to:

1. Inventory of diversions in the district, including inspection of conveyance infrastructure and place of use of water.

2. Measuring and recording rates of diversions, and regulating diversions as necessary from the surface water sources within the district.

3. Monitoring the place, period, and nature of use of water to identify unauthorized diversion and use and/or to determine compliance required by any agreement or order of IDWR.