

Water District 02 Advisory Committee Minutes
November 5, 2014
Angie Grimm, IDWR

Attendees: Billy Wolfe, Corbin Knowles, Steve Tarbet, Vic Conrad, Jon Bowling, Mark Frost, Mark Noble, Mark Hensley, Chris Bryant, Kent Frisch, Tim Luke, and Angie Grimm.

Handouts: Agenda, Water District 02 Propose Budget 2015, Water District No. 02 Milner to Murphy 2015 Proposed Resolutions.

1. Meeting called to order at 10:10 am.
2. Water Smart Grant Update:
 - Phase 1:
 - Within 10 days all telemetry installed via contractor (installation bill to come ~\$1000 per site saved/already budgeted).
 - Low frequency, VHF option chosen for cost and less equipment requirements. Frequency will be registered with FCC so District has own frequency.
 - One base state for low frequency. Need a location for base station, best location likely in Grandview. Options- Simplot feedlot? Grandview Irrigation District Office? Request for location options to go out once equipment installed and know best possible base station sites.
 - 21 sites installed first go round.
 - Goal to have all Phase 1 installs done by Jan 2015 Water District 02 meeting before April 2015 deadline.
 - Phase 2:
 - Funding in place Oct. Next step to sign individual contracts – Neely Miller, IDWR working on these. Funding through Sept 2016. Can pay in arrears.
 - ~ 3x more diversions than Phase 1, but most smaller diameter magmeter type installations.
 - Similar \$ available for installation as Phase 1 for telemetry and equipment.
 - 82 diversions out of ~100 total diversions within District will be done at end of Phase 2.
 - Not likely a Phase 3 of grant, time-wise not enough benefit to justify.
 - 45/55 split goal like Phase 1.
3. 2015 budget for Water District 02 Watermaster:
 - Water District 02 Watermaster likely a year-round, full-time position (although hours less in winter than summer).
 - District this size, Watermaster usually full-time salaried position. Water District 02 Propose Budget 2015 handout mock-up based on hourly position, but just a place to start meeting discussion.
 - Cost share split for water users and IDWR:
 - 66% of FTE is \$81,624 – looking for District to cover via assessments/budget.
 - Consumptive vs. Non-Consumptive Rights:

- ~\$0.65/ac. Non-consumptive users (Idaho Power, etc.) will have portion of District budget based on effort required of Watermaster to regulate their diversion(s).
 - Suggested determine Consumptive vs. Non-consumptive uses based upon if use is consumptive to the source or not.
 - Watermaster collects or County Assessor(s) collect District assessments. Multiple counties in District, best option to have District collect assessments.
 - District needs to set up bank account with two signatures required (usually Advisory Chairman & Treasurer).
 - Water District 130, Watermaster Cindy Yenter does assessment billing, but recommendation to appoint Treasurer to do billing District 02. Watermaster will help setting up assessments (~200-225 diversions, all diversions with same owner to have one bill & Water Supply Bank rentals/leases figure into process), but Treasurer to do the “bird doggin’” for payments.
 - After 2016 when District to be fully funding Watermaster position, may be possible to retain/contract IDWR for watermaster services (like Water Districts 130, 110, 120, 01, etc.).
4. Summer field work summary:
- Update on IDWR Director’s order to Water District 02 watermaster – instructions on adjusted average daily flows as it relates to the Swan Falls agreement:
 - Order went out last week. Methodology used by Watermaster to determine flows at Murphy Gage & how to account for Idaho Power Co. operation. Order left door open if a better method comes along in future.
5. Any additional items of business for the committee:
- Water District 02 Expansion up the Bruneau River:
 - Goal Water District 02 operating with District’s fully funded Watermaster by 2017 (~2016).
 - Evaluating adding Bruneau to District or creating a different Water District. Either way creation/expansion for Bruneau in 2015 for implementation in 2016.
 - Salmon Falls Creek also has large diversion impact on Snake in District 02.
 - Next year creating Water District 61 including ground water. Will have hearing to create. Likely do a public meeting to get input whether to keep smaller Bs 61 water districts separate (Little Canyon Creek, Bennett Creek, Cold Springs Creek, etc.) or include in on large Water District for Basin 61.
 - 2015 Proposed Resolutions:
 - Several counties within District, decided likely better to have District collect assessments rather than County Assessors. Recommend appoint and pay Treasurer for District to send-out notices and collect assessments.
 - Resolution #3 suggested have central location/address set for billing, possibly Grandview Irrigation District office & employee Dixie McDaniel for treasurer, or Chris Alzola in Mountain Home for Treasurer. Mark Frost volunteered to speak with these individuals to determine their

willingness to serve. \$1000 suggested and approved by committee for Treasurer Salary.

- Resolution #4 to be amended to say \$83,374 for Watermaster and Treasurer duties. Watermaster proposes up-coming year's budget & resolutions to Advisory Committee at end of year meeting.
 - Watermaster/IDWR will help determine assessments (based on Water Right Acres for consumptive uses & Idaho Power to pay 15% total budget for non-consumptive use). Corbin K. will send out draft of Water Right Acre based assessments to group.
 - Resolution #6 to be amended to assess a \$50 minimum charge.
 - Resolution #8 to stay with nine committee members, do not recommend further definition of membership at this time. Amend resolution to state at least 66% (6 out of 9) members shall be present to confirm decisions/recommendations.
 - Resolution #9, elected chair 2015 shall be Mark Hensley.
 - Resolution #14 (renumbered #11) copy of recommended resolutions, including budget, shall be made available to District members 30 days prior to annual meeting.
 - Resolution #17 (renumbered #14) – annual meeting to be held 2nd Tuesday of January for 2016 and beyond meetings. Keep meetings at Elks Lodge in Mountain Home for now, but possibly change location (for cost savings) in future if necessary.
- Next Advisory Committee Meeting scheduled 12/5/14 @ 2 pm Glens Ferry City Hall:
 - Corbin K. will send out revised copy of 2015 Proposed Resolutions before 12/5/14 meeting, would like committee input within next week to prepare revised draft.
6. Meeting adjourned @ 1:13 pm:
- Mark Hensley motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Mark Frost & Billy Wolfe.