

## Water District 02 Advisory Committee Notes

December 5, 2014

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Attendees: Vic Conrad, Jon Bowling, Mark Frost, Mark Noble, Mark Hensley, Chris Bryant, Kent Frisch, Cliff Lisle, Justin Wooton, Chris Alzola, Corbin Knowles (Watermaster), Tim Luke, and Angie Grimm.

Handouts: Water District No. 02 Milner to Murphy 2015 Proposed Resolutions.

1. Meeting called to order at 2:05 pm.
2. Proposed Budget and Assessments Update:
  - Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) willing to match 15% of budget offered by Idaho Power (IPCO). IWRB contribution a “long term” offer per Tim L. IDWR.
  - Corbin K. demonstrated assessment breakdown within excel spreadsheet emailed to the committee members prior to the meeting (11/25/14).
  - <113 acres or no acres on water right = charged the minimum \$50.00. For example municipal, industrial, commercial, stockwater rights charged \$50.00. Charged \$50.00 for each stockwater right owned.
  - Water Supply Bank (WSB) left out of assessment calculations as drafted. Water right owners (whether right in the bank or not) assessed based on water right acres for irrigation or minimum charge for non-irrigation rights.
  - Budget breakdown (summarized from discussion & excel sheet 11/25/14):
    - \$81,624.00 (2/3 FTE Watermaster Position – 1/3 FTE IDWR funding)
    - \$ 750.00 (WD 02 Financial Review)
    - + \$ 1,000.00 (WD 02 Treasurer)
    - \$83,374.00 (Required from WD 02)
    - \$12,506.10 (15% of \$83,374 from IPCO)
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    - \$58,361.80 (Remainder to Collect from WD 02 Assessments)
  - Approximately one dozen or slightly more than a dozen water rights with stockwater as the only use. Rights with stockwater or other use and irrigation, irrigation water right acres used to determine assessment.
  - Minimum charge assessments cover ~10% total \$\$ assessments collected.
  - \$1,000 budgeted for 2015 ≈ 50 hours of Chris Alzola (WD 02 Treasurer) time. To increase her pay by \$2,500 requires ~\$0.44/ac increase in assessment rate/ac.
  - Committee members ok with assessments as calculated in Corbin’s 11/25/14 excel spreadsheet.
3. 2015 Proposed Resolutions (handout):
  - Resolution #3 modified – added Chris Alzola for Treasurer 2015.
    - IDWR will assist Chris A. to set up names, mailings, etc. ~ 225 assessment notices to go out. Once finalized, IDWR will send out notices. Need return address, proposed use Chris A.’s address.
    - Chris A. will investigate which bank (look for one no minimum balance required, etc.). Committee suggested use bank most convenient for Chris A. as treasurer.
    - If water user’s don’t pay, don’t have funds to pay to IDWR, IDWR will cover difference until assessments collected. Right now, no contingency built into WD 02 budget, may wish to consider adding in future. Budgets of \$150,000-\$200,000 have to do audit. Smaller budgets due a financial review. \$750 in 2015 WD 02 budget for financial review.

- IDWR will send monthly invoices to WD 02 for Chris A. as treasurer to pay on behalf of WD 02.
  - Resolution #7 – updated water right acres used for assessments of consumptive uses.
  - Resolution #8 – added as new resolution. Jon Bowling ok with language now. Suggested work statute (Idaho Code § 42-605A) authority into language. This resolution references IWRB consumptive (irrigation) use and IPCO non-consumptive use. Consider adding language IWRB water rights are delivered as flow augmentation beyond Murphy Gage. This resolution language likely re-worked before WD02 annual meeting.
  - Resolution #9 – changed to 66% (2/3) committee attendance required for decision making.
  - Resolution #12 – 30 days added. Meeting notice to include reference to proposed 2015 Resolutions & Budget posted on IDWR website.
  - Resolution #13 – added April 1 due date for assessments.
  - Resolution #14 – no changes. If assessments not paid for one year (2015), the following year (2016) user's water will be turned off until paid.
  - Resolution #15 – moved WD 02 annual meeting from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of January for 2016 (1/19/16). Confirmed 2 pm time for 1/20/15 WD02 annual meeting ok, with advisory committee meeting at 1 pm prior to 2 pm start.
  - Resolutions #16 & #17 – no changes. Set up to vote by shares now.
4. Additional Business:
- King Hill Irrigation District (KHID) – Cliff Lisle, Manager:
    - Discussion if KHID be included in assessments of WD 02. Bs 37 water rights for Malad River within boundary of WD 130 diverted out of Snake River within boundary of WD 02.
    - Potential revert back to diversion from Malad River, but not likely in near future due to expense and time consuming nature of process.
    - From a management standpoint, IDWR prefers inclusion in WD 02 for time being. KHID does not want to be “stuck” in WD 02 if revert back to Malad River diversion system.
    - Right now, KHID not assessed by WD 130 or WD 02.
    - KHID been working with Corbin have measurement devices on Snake River going.
    - Ultimately, IDWR will make a proposal for KHID to be within one water district or the other, would like KHID input first. Cliff will bring to KHID board at his meeting next month and get back to WD 02 advisory committee at 1/20/15 meeting. Corbin K. will get assessment \$\$ figures to Cliff L. before his 12/11/14 meeting with KHID board.
    - Tim L. IDWR will discuss option of changing boundary with WD 130 watermaster, IPCO, etc. Possibly have MOU between WD 02 and WD 130 that WD 02 will collect assessments while KHID diverts from Snake River.
  - WD 02 Annual Meeting Notice:
    - IDWR will send notice out at least 21 days (by 12/30) before meeting.
5. Meeting adjourned @ 3:20 pm:
- Mark Noble motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Vic Conrad, motion passed.