

Present: Howard Hall, Thayne Thompson, Dale Hatch, Jim Andrus, K.V. Hansen,
Grant Egley, David Crea.

K.V. Hansen Conducting

Minutes from last year were read and approved
Howard Hall made the motion that we accept the minutes as read. no opposition

There were two bids for Watermaster for the coming year.
One from Arlin Olson for \$12,000 This includes his salary for \$650.00 per Month plus
Expenses for \$350.00 per Month
To be paid in Twelve Monthly payments of \$1,000.00 Each.

Another bid from : David A. Crea, Chemical Engineer--His bid was estimated at \$13,000.93
for twenty weeks starting April 15, 1998 He made a proposal to have
a team dive into it, and do some extra things, to let the WaterUsers
know why some are getting screwed.

Mr. Hansen said the Water District does not pay Social Security. The Watermaster has
to communicate every day.

Jim Andrus said Arlin has a lot of things he has to check on every day.

Thayne Thompson said the Watermaster has to work under the direction of the State Water
Director:

David Crea said that he would consider Moderating his bid

Mr. Hansen said we will consider your Proposal, and we will present both bids to
the board of Water-users in the next meeting at 2:00 P.M.

Howard Hall said that we should not let Arlin choose his own assistant
K.V. Hansen said Arlin should have the benefit to choose someone he can work with.

Mr. Hansen discussed the budget:
Dale Hatch made a motion that we set the budget at \$15,000.00
Jim Andrus Seconded the motion For the Year 1998-9
Howard Hall Thirded it. All voted in favor

Thayne Thompson & Board discussed David Crea's proposal, Thayne said that if they
used Students from ISU to train, they probably wouldn't be permanent.

K.V. Hansen said that Arlin should get someone to train.

Howard Hall made a motion that we get someone from the State Advisory Board and
The Watermaster & Board members And make a tour from McCammon to Chesterfield to
see the diversion points and that the headgates are in order and no one is pumping
out of the river that shouldn't be, Thayne Thompson seconded it All Voted in favor

Mr. Hansen asked if every one was willing to serve another year. All Agreed

Adjourned at 1:30. P.M.

Jim Andrus

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Grant H. Egley Sec.

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Annual Meeting

PORTNEUF RIVER WATER-USERS, DISTRICT 29

March 2, 1998

Lava Community Center

Present: All Board Members: K.V. Hansen, Thayne Thompson, Grant Egley, Howard Hall, Dale Hatch, Jim Andrus; 11 other water users and David Crea.

Chairman Hansen called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. He mentioned that the District is under the direction of the State Water Resources and that the water board is merely an advisory board to that agency.

Minutes of the 1997 annual meeting were read by Grant Egley. The minutes were approved as read.

The Chairman asked if there were comments on old business from last year. Byron Allen expressed concern about money in the budget for a watermaster trainee. Hansen said that a proposal in the new budget will take into account recommendations for an assistant watermaster for the group to consider. Chairman Hansen further noted that the board feels that there should be someone in training in case something happens to the watermaster. Last year there was no one in that position even though money was budgeted for it.

The Chairman noted that ordinarily at this time during the meeting a report would be given by the watermaster, Arlin Olson, but due to his absence, Chairman Hansen reported that Arlin has experienced no significant problems in his position of governing the water. Hansen asked the group if there were any problems concerning water delivery. Usually when there is lots of water there are not many complaints. There was brief discussion about the snowpack this year.

Chairman Hansen directed the meeting toward any new business. Thayne Thompson asked about information on any new snow surveys. Information given was that as of last month the snow pack was 160%. David Crea displayed some snow survey maps and explained the information that is available on the Internet. Copies of the financial report for last year were distributed. Chairman Hansen reviewed the report. Expenditures from March 3, 1997 to March 2, 1998 totaled \$13,908. Income for the same period totaled \$14,077. Only one water-user, Joseph Burgess, neglected to pay his assessment. Motion was made by Gene Fagnant to accept the financial report, seconded by Gordon Olson. Voting was unanimous.

Chairman Hansen reported that David Crea had put in an application for the watermaster job for salary and expenses totaling \$13,911. The Chairman turned some time to David Crea who reviewed his proposal to formalize the job with respect to record keeping and communication to water users in the form of reports and graphics.

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The Chairman noted that a second bid for the watermaster position had been received by the Board from Arlin Olson, current watermaster, for a total of \$12,000. Thayne Thompson read from the proposal by Olson.

There were comments and discussion about the duties of the watermaster. The Chairman noted that the Water Board requires that the watermaster be on call until November 1.

Chairman Hansen said that as far as the Board is concerned they have no complaints against the job done by Arlin Olson; he has done a tremendous job.

Gordon Olson made the motion that Arlin Olson's bid for watermaster be accepted; seconded by Dale Hatch. Motion passed.

The Chairman said that \$1,000 had been budgeted for an individual to train under Arlin. Vera Avery noted that this was budgeted last year and wondered why training had not been done. Grant Egley reported that DeRay Egley had the assignment for awhile and was paid \$500, but is now not interested. Hansen said that the Board will recommend to Arlin that someone be trained to know the job. He asked that anyone interested, please get in touch with Arlin.

Chairman Hansen suggested that the same budget figure as last year be used with the addition of the sum of \$1,000 to be used for an assistant watermaster. He submitted for consideration a budget for \$15,000 which would cover \$1,000 to train an assistant watermaster. A motion was made by Thayne Thompson that the budget of \$15,000 be accepted and that the additional money be assessed, with a minimum assessment of \$20. Seconded by Dale Hatch. Voting was unanimous.

The Chairman noted that he had received a report from the Idaho Water Resources Board that there was movement afoot that Indians might lay claim to water raised on Indian land. This issue is more or less in limbo right now, but cautioned that the Board must keep an eye on this issue because it would effect all the water rights of this area. He noted that it is a national issue, and on the Snake River tributaries there is a lawsuit pending that all water rising on Indian land would become Indian property.

The Chairman submitted the names of nominees for the Board for next year. The present Board is willing to serve and their names were submitted; however, Hansen noted that this does not restrict the placing of other names in nomination. Names placed in nomination: K.V. Hansen, Grant Egley, Jim Andrus, Thayne Thompson, Howard Hall and Dale Hatch. Thayne Thompson noted that the make up of the Board is a representative from each of the ditch companies. The motion was made by Gordon Olson that the Board as presently constituted be accepted; seconded by Ken Andrus. Voting was unanimous.

The Chairman called for a motion from the floor that the actions of the Board for last year be approved. Such motion was made by Steven Hebdon and seconded by Daniel Davids. Motion passed.

David Crea displayed and reviewed some computer-generated water survey charts. He also demonstrated a device with state-of-the-art technology to measure water through irrigation pipes. He noted that he has additional information for anyone interested.

Howard Hall suggested that when the water stabilizes this summer, probably in June, that the watermaster, Board and others interested take a tour from McCammon to Chesterfield and see the diversion points, headgates, etc., to acquaint themselves with the system and see that everything is in order. The Chairman asked Howard Hall and Thayne Thompson, also Arlin Olson, to see that this be done.

Adjournment: 2:45 p.m.

Jim Andrews

Grant H. Egley Sec.

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