

**Water District No. 2**  
**Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**December 13, 2016**

Rob Whitney called meeting to order at 1:05 p.m., Tuesday December 13, 2016 at Glenns Ferry City Hall. Rob advised everyone that Chairman Mark Henslee was going to be absent and did they want someone from the advisory board to conduct the meeting. They all agreed for Rob to conduct the meeting. Advisory board members present were: Merrill Brown, Justin Wootan, Billie Wolfe, Jon Bowling, Mark Frost, and Mark Noble. Vic Conrad was absent. Others present were: Kent Frisch (JR Simplot), Shaun Parkinson (IPCO) and Treasurer Chris Alzola

Rob discussed the diversion data information he provided. Rob doesn't feel the data obtained in 2016 is reliable for all diversions and the data needs additional QA. Of the 49 telemetry sites 39 transmitted data. Mark Frost asked if we are close enough to assess by use. Rob said no, because he has confidence in 60+ % of the 2016 data but questioned if this was adequate to assess by use in 2017. Discussion about difference in datalogger and telemetry equipment. By Idaho code water districts should assess by use once measurement data is available. Rob said he and staff are trying to verify information as best they can. Water that is in the water bank is not completely accounted for in the data tables provided to the board.

Chris discussed balance sheet, profit & loss statements and the review that was provided from Harris & Co. PLLC. Because of the 2015 budget being below \$100,000 a complete audit was not needed per Idaho code. Chris said that since the 2016 budget will be above the \$100,000 a complete audit will need to be done with an estimated cost of \$4,000. for Harris & Co to complete audit. Chris checked three audit firms prices ranged from \$4,000 to \$6,000 with Harris being the cheapest.

Mark Frost made motion to approve the Advisory Board minutes dated December 15, 2015. Motion seconded by Billie. Motion passed unanimously

Discussion about if IDWR was still going to provide watermaster services for the 2017 season. Rob said yes if Water District 02 wanted them to.

Discussion about assessing by use – 5yr average. Billie asked if IDWR has a mobile device to verify if installed meters are accurate. Rob said he does have a portable device that can be strapped on pipe for measuring but can't be left on pipe for days. Very expensive device to leave somewhere. Rob wanted everyone to know that IDWR wants water district 02 to get everything done correctly and has been and will work to get that completed. Rob thought that everyone has gotten paid from the grant except DeRuyter. Rob thought there is somewhere around \$50,000 that was left from the grant and it must be returned. Some of this leftover from grant may be because of duplicate contracts from the same farms. Rob said that 98% (115 of 117) of 5 acres or more have some type of required measuring devices installed. Discussion about individuals playing with devices. Mark Frost asked if at the annual meeting if there should be instruction about

not playing with the meters. Rob said one of the issues is pumping stations turning off their power before he is able to get the data recorded. Rob said from Grand View downstream he has been getting good telemetry data, everything else has not been as consistent and a few sites have not transmitted yet. Jon asked if datalogger will hold complete seasons information? Rob said yes but have to be careful you don't do something wrong and lose information. Justin asked if of the 10 telemetry sites that are not working is Black Mesa or King Hill one? Rob said yes to both. Rob talked about budget for relay tower for Hagerman or relocating equipment from Hagerman to a higher spot up by the windmills or maybe another cell tower. Rob would like to try and send Black Mesa & King Hills data to Salmon Falls L&L then to Hagerman. Jon asked of the 10 that are not working did they ever communicate. Rob said no. Rob said since the users have already invested in radios he would like to see if he can get them to work.

Discussion about draft Resolution #9 who owns telemetry equipment, what is telemetry equipment and does it change ownership. Jon felt that IDWR said it would get telemetry up and running. Kent asked what does up & running mean? Rob said as an example Bybee Lateral's cable or transducer is not working who is or should be responsible? Bybee's pressure transducer quit working Rob had to manually get information. Kent said this is the first he heard of problems with Bybee's and had he talked to anyone about it. Rob said he talked to Chris & Doug. Kent felt that Rob needs to come to the Bybee annual meeting. Kent left meeting at 2:30 p.m. Jon asked what does the order say about ownership. Rob felt that it doesn't say anything about telemetry or ownership that is why he wants to add it to the Resolution. Mark Noble asked is telemetry necessary for data? Rob said it is to record and transmit rate of diversion data. The watermaster will have to have technology knowledge to work on equipment.

Other questions asked:

With telemetry will it be used for curtailment if water falls below required flows?

If system not taken care of what happens?

If modem, radio goes bad who pays to repair?

How many are going to fail and how frequently?

If system is not working how can we take responsibility for it?

Jon said looking at budget we are already paying for parts of them through the Syringa bills. Mark Noble thinks that if 10 sites are not working IDWR is still responsible until working. Mark Noble asked if telemetry doesn't work but dataloggers are working how does the 3 day notification of flow below 3900 & 5600 work? Jon said Idaho Power can adjust a little. Jon said that he feels telemetry is a management tool. Rob said there are individuals that have said they don't care about telemetry just measure the water. Mark Frost asked if questions have come up about telemetry and who's responsible? Rob said yes. Justin feels that there are four alternatives: user pays, district pays, IDWR pays or share cost pays. Discussion about draft Resolution #9a regarding the batteries. Everyone felt that Rob & Tim need to talk and re-write & e-mail everyone in regards to #9 of the proposed resolution. Mark Noble said that he needs to leave meeting but he does not want #9 accepted. Mark Noble leaves meeting at 3:50 p.m...

Discussion about vacant position on Advisory Board. Steve Tarbet notified Chris that he was moving and would not be able to be on the board. Rob asks if anyone had suggestions to ask them before the annual meeting.

Rob asked everyone if the increased budget and to assess by water right acres for 2017 was acceptable with everyone to be presented at the annual meeting for approval. Everyone was in agreement.

Discussion about annual meeting. Mark Frost made motion to conduct Water District 02 annual meeting on Tuesday January 10<sup>th</sup> 2:00 p.m. at the Mountain Home Elks Lodge. Justin seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mark Frost made motion to replace #9 in the 2017 proposed resolution with text proposed in #9A and omit #9 text and to accept all other numbered resolutions as written to be presented at annual meeting. Justin seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Jon made motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mark Frost. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m...

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Chris Alzola, Secretary/Treasurer