

Water District No. 2
Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2017

Water District No. 2 advisory board meeting was held at the Glenns Ferry City Hall, November 15, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.. Members present were Mark Frost, Jeff Blanksma, Mark Henslee, Vic Conrad, and Jon Bowling. Also present were Watermaster Rob Whitney, Kellie Smith, Chris Alzola, Kent Frisch, Sid Erwin and George Bennett. Billy Wolfe, Merrill Brown were absent. Mark Noble came in at 1:30 p.m.. Justin Wootan came in at 2:15 p.m..

Discussion regarding quorum for action on the minutes dated August 23, 2017. Vote was not taken. No one saw any problems with minutes.

Vic asked if we are going to have another meeting in December if no quorum for today's meeting.

Mark Frost asked if Rob will have 2017 data to look at before annual meeting. The spreadsheet was handed out with the comparison of 2017 assessments by water right acres to what the assessments by water use would have looked like, using 2016 data. Discussion that the 2017 data will be year 1 if the district does a 5 year average for assessments.

Discussion about measuring devices have to be working. Rob had sent letters out asking devices to get fixed. Problems with fuji devices. Rob felt fuji product support is not good. Mark H asked how many devices are faulty. Rob said somewhere around nine, but biggest problem is product support. Jeff said measuring devices are not conducive to our conditions. Mark F asked Rob if he has any recommendations for measuring devices. Kent said IDWR has an approval process for devices. Kent asked if it was appropriate for IDWR to pull bad devices off of their approved list since IDWR director certified them? Mark H said to ask your neighbors and do your own research for devices. Rob said his preference was to work with the water users to get devices fixed and data accurate. Rob felt the Fuji meters were more temperamental. Need product support.

Discussion about how many hours the watermaster and assistants work on Water District #2. Refer to attached spreadsheet for breakdown.

Rob said there was bad antenna cable at Crystal Springs that has been fixed. Still need to fix five telemetry sites (4 King Hill & 1 Black Mesa). 44 of 49 site transmitting. Rob is experimenting to try to fix the sites. Rob did meet with Intermountain Communications but they have not responded back to his e-mails or phone calls for follow up.

Rob discussed changes to Resolution for upcoming year. For the proposed budget he's not sure if IDWR will still supply watermaster services for \$82,000.00.

Mark H asked if Salmon Falls Creek & Blue Gulch will be included as a sub district of 02. Rob thought that the Bruneau River would be the next water district to be created. Probably be own district.

Mark Noble and Justin Wootan are now present at meeting. Quorum is established.

Discussion about law says need to assess by use. Mark H. asked about “Rangen” agreement, water suppose to be back into Snake River. Rob said that when the Air Force Base has their diversion running it would be added to this district.

Mr. Bennett began a discussion about what the district assessments may look like if the high-lift projects go out perhaps causing the low lift water users to pay more. The discussion ended with a clarification that this discussion is really about the ups and downs of the market and not a reflection of individual use each year.

Mr. Bennett voiced his concern over the doubling of his assessment from the Bybee Lateral. His disappointment was mostly that he is paying more because he is at the end of the lateral near the return flow to the Snake River. Discussion that unfortunately this is a by-product of the conveyance method. Discussion about how irrigation districts are different from water district assessments.

Discussion about modifying proposed resolutions. Recommendations: take out debits & credits of #5, #6 \$50. okay for now, #7 at least 21 days. Discussion about increasing Chris’ salary.

Discussion about carryover cash and budget. Mark N made motion to have Rob make changes to budget, resolution and 2017 assessment spreadsheet and mail them to the board for their review. Mark F seconded motion. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed motion passed.

Mark F made motion to approve August 23, 2017 minutes. Seconded by Jon. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Mark F made motion to adjourn, seconded by Vic. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m..

Chris Alzola, Sec./Treas.