

WATER DISTRICT 143 – ANNUAL MEETING
JANUARY 28, 2020 – 7:00 PM
RAFT RIVER HIGH SCHOOL – MALTA, ID
Call to order at 7:05 pm

Agenda was prepared by Water Master Nathan Erickson and Advisory Board at their organization meeting held on January 7, 2020. (See attached agenda)

A motion was made by Clark Ward, 2nd by Kallen Rex to have Advisory Board Member Nolan Branch serve as chairman of the annual meeting. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Alan Harper, 2nd by Jason Webb to have Sara Jane Ward act as meeting secretary. Motion passed.

Minutes of 2019 meeting were reviewed. **Motion to approve the minutes was made by Stan Spencer, 2nd by Todd Gerratt. Motion passed.**

The current advisory committee was presented with no changes in 2020. Members are: Jake Gerratt, Mike Wheeler, Nolan Branch, Kirt Yates, Dallen Ward, Scott Nichols and Jason Webb.

Nathan Erickson then gave the Water Master Report. Flow Meters: 523 points of diversion: 375 Irrigation, 47 Commercial/stock water, 100 unused, 1 time clock. Of the 422 wells: 2 no meter, 10 no power, 16 not working, 394 with working meters.

In compliance with curtailment order dated Sept 17, 2018, 76 water rights totaling 6,804 acres have been curtailed.

There were no notices of violation in 2019.

2020 Expectations: Follow up with non-working flow meters, review variance requests, review transfers, compliance and enforcement, gather and input flow data, annual report.

Chairman Branch asked that the 2020 Resolutions be read. (See attached Resolutions) Clarification was given as questions were asked. Included in the resolutions are retaining WM Nathan Erickson and Secretary Sara Jane Ward and the budget will be \$17,000. **Motion was made by Kenny Hutchison, 2nd by Clark Ward to approve the Resolutions as presented. Motion passed.**

Mike McVay, a hydrologist from IDWR presented a power point to the group “Funding Proposal for Raft River Basin Hydrologic Investigation”. IDWR has requested federal funding for a five-year study of the Raft River Basin with the goal of increasing understanding of the ground water in the basin. They will be drilling wells and putting gages in the river among other things. The first year of funding has been approved by the IWRB (Bert Stevenson was in attendance) which will allow them to assign an employee to the project who will write a grant proposal to the Department of Energy for somewhere around \$2M to pay for the remaining years of the study.

Jaxon Higgs, Water Well Consultants gave a brief report on well data collected and basin recharge projects done by the Ground Water District. The pond projects will move forward on the Simplot site as the permits have been approved.

Rod Jones moved, Alan Harper 2nd that meeting adjourn at 8:20 pm. Motion passed.

Next meeting January 26, 2021.

Approx. 25 water users in attendance (see list)

Minutes submitted by Sara Jane Ward – Recording Secretary