

Water District No. 02  
Advisory Board  
Meeting Minutes  
December 13, 2022

Water District No. 02 advisory board meeting was held at Bruneau Emergency Center 32531 Belle Ave., Bruneau, Idaho. Members present were Billy Wolfe, Nate Jones, Lynn "Rusty" Johnson, Jeff Blanksma. Speaker phone attendance were Mark Frost, John Hafen, and Kresta Davis. Also present were Watermaster Rob Whitney, Kellie Smith - IDWR, and Sec./Treas. Chris Alzola.

Members absent: Justin Wootan and Vic Conrad

Chairman, Mark Frost asked that Jeff Blanksma Vice Chairman conduct the business since he is not at meeting in person. Jeff called meeting to order at 1:12 pm.

Chris read last advisory meeting minutes dated December 14, 2021, Mark made motion to accept minutes as written. Seconded by Billy. Motion passed

Financial reports were reviewed, Mark made motion to approve financial reports as presented, seconded by Nate. Motion passed

Proposed Resolution and Budget:

Rob said the only changes that need to be made for the 2023 Proposed Resolutions and Budget are resolution number #4 budget amount, summary of adopted expenses and budget FY2024, and resolution number #17 date of 2024 annual meeting. Rob said budget amount proposed will change from \$124,025.29 to \$129,793.42. Rob said he added \$4,000 to Telemetry Network O&M for repairs to VHF radios and incidental repairs that have increased in price. The modems are still repairable.

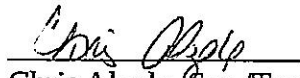
Rob said he would like Water District #02 to start thinking about transitioning the existing telemetry system from VHF to spread spectrum radios in the future. It is becoming more difficult to get parts that are compatible with the existing system. With the improvements in cell service and hassle of renewing FCC licensing for VHF his staff will start looking at water smart grant availability to cover some of the costs. His current estimate is \$80,000 for new spread spectrum hardware without any labor costs. Billy asked if both systems can be used together or does everything have to change at once, can they be replaced as they fail? Rob said yes, but in hubs not individual parts. VHF and spread spectrum can work in the same locations but can't communicate directly. Rob thought they would start with smaller hubs like Schiermeir (5-6 stations) first. Rob estimated Schiermeir hub transition cost of equipment would be around \$8,000. South Elmore, Clover Hollow and War Eagle are bigger hubs. The reason the telemetry was started with VHF is because telemetry stations were not all line-of-site and cell service was not available at that time.

Billy made motion that the Advisory Board recommends the Proposed Resolution and Budget at the annual meeting, seconded by Nate. Motion passed.

Billy made motion to conduct annual meeting 1:00 pm Tuesday January 10, 2023 at Glens Ferry City Hall, seconded by Rusty. Motion passed

Kellie talked about 2022 preliminary irrigation season data and assessment amounts. Kellie said estimated delivered amount was 503,660 acre- feet which will probably equate to \$0.13 cents per acre – foot instead of last year’s \$ 0.12 cent per acre foot. The 2017 diversions amounts will be dropping off for calculations because the volume to be assessed each year is based on a five - year average which will be 2018 – 2022. Kellie said she would have everything posted on IDWR website by end of week. Kellie reminded the committee that if you pumped more your assessment may go up from pumping more combined with the potential and one - cent increase.

Motion to adjourn made by Mark, seconded by Billy.  
Meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm.

  
Chris Alzola, Sec./Treas.