

Water District NO. 29H Marsh Creek

Annual Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2020

The annual meeting of Water District No.29H (WD29H), Marsh Creek and tributaries was held in Arimo, Idaho at the Marsh Valley Middle School on January 8, 2020, at 7:00 pm. The roster of attendees is attached.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Ralph Wheatley. The first order of business was to elect a meeting chairman. Lynn Bastian nominated Ralph Wheatley and Christy Bowman seconded the nomination which was passed by affirmation. Ralph Wheatly nominated Kathleen Spiegel to act as meeting secretary. The nomination was seconded by Jim Hook and passed by affirmation.

Chairman, Ralph Wheatly then welcomed the attendees and Steve Visosky from the IDWR. Minutes from the 2019 annual meeting were made available to the attendees and one correction was made. The date on page three was changed to 2021 instead of 2023. There were no additional corrections and it was moved by Brad Bergdollar, seconded Doug Johns and unanimously approved that the minutes as amended be accepted.

Several members did not receive mailed notices. Those that did not were asked to put asterisks beside their names on the roster so the problem would be corrected for the next meeting.

Steve Visosky responded to several questions about the procedure for quantifying assessments. Steve Visosky clarified that those assessments would be made on the basis of actual usage once meters were in place. Until that time paper water rights would be used. He also clarified that if water was not used it could be put in the water bank.

Diana Burden presented the treasurers report indicating that the district had stayed within the proposed budget of \$20,000 dollars. The proposed budget

should be similar with a few changes as presented in the 2020 resolutions (attached). There are a few transfers to complete. 2020 assessments will be Due June first and there may be late fees assessed. It was moved by Randy Morris, and seconded by Lori Davis that the 2020 proposed budget resolution as shown amended in the 2020 resolutions be accepted. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Brad Maddox presented the Watermaster's report. He indicated that he has retired and will not be the watermaster for 2020. The inventory and computer system are done, and a copy was made available for the attendees to look through. He indicated that although there is still some work to be done, meters are going in. His position was advertised. One applicant, Kristin Evans has applied. She was introduced later in the meeting.

A discussion ensued concerning the problem of fees being assessed for documented water rights but no water being available for use in some years. It was moved by Randy Bertagnole and seconded by Kirt Jackson that If water was not used because it was unavailable (documented by the watermaster) only the minimum assessment would be made. This recording would start in the water year 2020 for the 2021 year assessment. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Dianna Burden expressed interest in continuing as District treasurer. It was moved by Randy Bertagnole and seconded by Jodeane Dunn that Dianna Burden be retained as treasurer. The motion was affirmed by voice vote.

Steve Viskoski presented information of interest to the water users after issuing kudos to both Brad Maddox and Diana Burden for their outstanding efforts and achievements on behalf of the district. He went on to remind the attendees of the 2021 deadline for installment of metering systems. He also discussed curtailment making the following points:

1. There is no concern at the present time for 2020.
2. Curtailment could start in or after 2021.
3. He Suggests options for mitigation be explored.
4. Options to rent water from neutral pool might not be available.

5. Unregulated ground water may be managed in water districts.

At this point, the applicant for the Watermaster position, Kristin Evans of Downey was introduced. She gave a short presentation describing her experience and goals if she were given the position. She indicated that she has talked to both Steve and Brad about the position. It was moved by Kirk Jackson and seconded by Kenny Hall that Kristin Evans be hired as the Watermaster for 2020. The motion was affirmed by voice vote.

It was moved by Kirk Jackson and seconded by Shirley Kendall that the advisory committee members remain the same for 2020. It was affirmed by voice. They are:

- 1. Kathleen Spiegel (small irrigation user)**
- 2. Lynn Bastian (large irrigation user)**
- 3. Demar Gilbert (large irrigation user)**
- 4. Ralph Wheatley (large irrigation user)**
- 5. Tony Hancock (Municipal/non-irrigation user)**

**A Move to adjourn by Doug Johnson was made and seconded by Kirk Jackson
The motion was affirmed by voice vote.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.



Kathleen Spiegel, Meeting Secretary