ITEM #1 on Agenda – CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION
Lou Andersen, Advisory Board Chairman, called the annual meeting to order at 1:10 P.M. (Copies of Meeting Agenda, 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes, 2020 Proposed Budget and Resolutions were handed out at entrance).

ITEM #2 and #3 on Agenda – SELECTION OF 2020 MEETING CHAIRMAN and SELECTION OF 2020 MEETING SECRETARY.
Dennis Strom made a motion to select Lou Andersen as Meeting Chairman of the annual meeting. Rod Gonsales seconded. No discussion. Motion passed unopposed.
Mitch Fleming made a motion to select Teresa Andersen as secretary of the annual meeting. Jay Cavin seconded. No Discussion. Motion passed unopposed.

Lou commented that the Water District is running well, there are less attendees at each meeting which means everyone is comfortable with the way it is being run and confident with the job Rusty is doing. He said “We have a great bunch of people to work with, from a startup District to here, I think we have come miles! I would say, we are one of the better run Water Districts in the state”.

ITEM #4 on Agenda – APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 2019 ANNUAL MEETING
Lou asked that everyone take a few minutes to look over the 2019 annual meeting minutes and opened the floor for discussion. No discussion.
Jim Kramer made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mitch Fleming seconded. No discussion. Motion passed unopposed.

ITEM #5 on Agenda – WATERMASTER REPORT OF 2019 YEAR
Rusty first thanked everyone for being cooperative as a group and reiterated that everyone must let him know if they are turning on surface water.

Rusty gave some of the Snowtel site readings, Big Wood drainage at 79% of normal, Camas Creek Divide at 78%, Soldier Ranger Station at 68% of normal. Magic Reservoir and Mormon Reservoir depend on how the runoff comes off.

Rusty again went over the map showing the entire Water District 37B area, he said he would try to get another map made that also shows points of diversions. We have 376 irrigation rights with 53 in the water bank, 116 different users. There are 73 meters, 4 PCCs, 2 time clocks, and 44 surface devices now. Rusty stated he still gets a few questions about forfeiture dates. All water rights in this district were “decreed” in 2010 and in Idaho will be forfeited if not used for five consecutive years.
Rusty gave a list of his duties and responsibilities -
- Measuring all devices – surface water and groundwater
- Make sure all devices are up to IDWR standards
- Make sure all water amounts are recorded with the State
- Facilitate water cuts when the creeks dry up
- Help IDWR identify issues on non-compliance
- Keep the advisory board up to date
- Communicate with everyone in the District with what you need to know and any questions for WM

And also a list of Not the Job of the Watermaster but he is willing to help with –
- Can help with water right transfers and water bank applications
- Maintaining devices – replacing batteries, cleaning sand out flumes
- Policing water delivery after the point of diversion

He also mentioned the continued dead battery issues with the Seametric meters. Almost all meters are hooked to power, that is the only way to prevent losing data.

PCCs are tentatively still approved by the District, most have been replaced with meters, only have 3 left in the District.

Surface water measuring devices – all streams and all reservoirs are required to have measuring devices. There are a few water rights that do not have a measuring device but they are in the water bank and are not being used. If they are taken out of the water bank, they will have to have a measuring device before they can be used. 44 devices, flumes, weirs, orifice boxes, as long as they are up and running, they need to be checked once a week. The surface water has 16 flowmeters - 100% compliance.

Rusty reiterated if you are ready to start irrigating, know the irrigation start and stop dates (most start dates are April 15th and stop date is October 31st). Surface water users need to make sure their bill is current and make sure they contact him before any water can be turned on. Pumps with a working meter and bill is paid can start up.

ITEM #6 on Agenda – TREASURER REPORT FOR 2019
Matt McLam gave the treasurer report. Matt reviews the bank statements and provides a proof of cash. Our budgets are getting finer tuned each year, which gives us a higher comfort level to carry over less money because we are spending very close to what we are budgeting and even under budget a little bit each year. Matt briefly went over the 2019 budget to actuals report and the 2020 budget stating that the 2020 assessment is very close to what the 2019 assessment was.

ITEM #7 and #8 on Agenda – DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED 2020 DISTRICT 37B BUDGET and ADOPTION OF PROPOSED 2020 RESOLUTIONS AND BUDGET
Lou went over the 2020 proposed budget, stating that most of the expenses stayed about the same, putting Rusty on a salary last year made a big difference keeping the budget more level since we now
know what that will be each month. Rusty is required to have commercial insurance on his vehicle, so we are reimbursing him for insurance, some maintenance on his 4-wheeler and part of his cell phone charges. This year we carried in $5,660 compared to last years $11,475, so we came closer to spending what we budgeted this year than last year. We agreed last year to contribute $5000 to the Cloud Seeding Project. We also continued to have the $5000 contingency for emergencies. The 2020 assessment is very close to last years assessment. Rusty explained what the unadjusted estimated cost per AF is—if we didn’t have the minimum charges, the assessment would be higher.

Rod asked about the Idaho Power Cloud Seeding Project, if there was a website or information we can get to follow the progress of the projects. Rusty was going to check into that.

Lou asked for a motion to approve the budget.

Janet Dennis made a motion to approve the 2020 Proposed budget. Terry Ruby seconded. No discussion. Motion passed unopposed.

Lou next asked everyone to look over the 2020 Proposed resolutions. Nothing has changed on the resolutions and the bottom line of the new resolutions is Electing a Watermaster, Electing a Treasurer, and deciding whether we want to change the Advisory Board. Lou read through each resolution with some discussion and then asked for a motion to approve the Proposed Resolutions.

Mitch Fleming made a motion to approve the proposed 2020 Resolutions. Rod Gonsales seconded. No discussion. Motion passed unopposed.

Lou introduced Brian Ragen and Rob Whitney from IDWR. Rob stated that IDWR was very appreciative of having exemplary Water Districts like 37B because it makes their jobs easier, which allows more time for other districts that need more help. Rob introduced Brian as IDWR’s resident PCC variance, flow meter expert. He coordinates measurement efforts for the Eastern Snake Plains, he was hired three years ago to spearhead the department’s support of the agreement between the surface water coalition and the Idaho groundwater pumpers on the Eastern Snake Plains. Brian is a good resource for surface water measurement and PCC.

Lou asked if there was any other business.

Terry Ruby made a motion to adjourn.
Jerry Strickland seconded. No discussion. Motion passed unopposed. Meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

(Attendance at the meeting included 19 attendees)