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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ADA

IDAHO GROUND WATER APPROPRIATORS, INC., ET AL.,

Petitioners,

VS.

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, and GARY SPACKMAN, in his official capacity as Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources,

Respondents.

IN THE MATTER OF DISTRIBUTION OF WATER TO VARIOUS WATER RIGHTS HELD BY AND FOR THE BENEFIT OF A&B IRRIGATION DISTRICT, AMERICAN FALLS RESERVOIR DISTRICT NO. 2, BURLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT, MILNER IRRIGATION DISTRICT, MINIDOKA IRRIGATION DISTRICT, NORTH SIDE CANAL COMPANY, AND TWIN FALLS CANAL COMPANY,

Intervenors.

Case No. CV01-23-8187

DECLARATION OF W. KENT FLETCHER IN SUPPORT OF MEMORANDUM OF COSTS AND ATTORNEY'S FEES STATE OF IDAHO)
County of Cassia)

- W. Kent Fletcher being first duly sworn, deposes and states:
- 1. He is the attorney for Intervenors Minidoka Irrigation District (MID) and American Falls Reservoir District #2 (AFRD2) in the above entitled action.
- 2. To the best of his knowledge and belief, the items set forth in this Declaration are correct and the costs claimed are in compliance with Idaho Code § 12-117(1) and IRCP 54(d) and (e).
- 3. The costs and disbursements incurred by MID and AFRD2 in the above entitled action are as follows:

Attorney's fees claimed pursuant to IRCP 54(d) and (e) and Idaho Code § 12-117 as itemized on Exhibit A attached: \$3,150.00

Costs as a matter of right pursuant to IRCP 54(d)(1)(C)(i): \$140.76 (filing fee).

- 4. Factors to be considered:
- 4.1. The time and labor required: The time and labor required are itemized on Exhibit A.
- 4.2. Novelty and difficulty of the questions: This case involved an expedited defense of motions and petitions. The case involved a significant review of statutes and case law pertaining to the jurisdiction of the Idaho Department of Water Resources and other matters.
- 4.3. Experience and ability of attorney: W. Kent Fletcher was licensed to practice law in the State of Idaho in 1978 and since the early 1980's has represented irrigation entities in various matters, including litigation, and has significant experience in litigation.

4.4. Prevailing charges for like work: In this matter, MID and AFRD2 agreed to pay W. Kent Fletcher Two Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$225.00) per hour. It is believed by the undersigned to be a customary and reasonable charge per hour for an attorney having in excess of forty-four (44) years of experience practicing law.

4.5. Fixed or contingent: MID and AFRD2 agreed to pay W. Kent Fletcher the hourly rate described above.

4.6. Time limitations: There were no unusual time limitations in this case.

4.7. Amount involved and results obtained: The case did not involve an "amount"; rather it involved defending against an attempt to stay a pending administrative action. MID and AFRD2 obtained favorable decisions in front of the District Court.

4.8. Undesirability of the case: The case is not particularly undesirable.

4.9. Nature and length of professional relationship with client: W. Kent Fletcher has represented MID for approximately forty (40) years and has represented AFRD2 for approximately thirteen (13) years.

4.10. Awards in similar cases: The undersigned is unaware of the amounts of awards in similar cases.

4.11. Automated legal research: No cost claimed.

5. Summary of Costs Claimed:

Attorney's fees claimed: \$3,150.00

Court Costs \$ 140.76

TOTAL \$3,290.76

CERTIFICATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

I certify under penalty of perjury pursuant to the law of the State of Idaho that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATED this 16th day of June, 2023.

FLETCHER LAW OFFICE

W. Kent Fletcher

Attorney for American Falls Reservoir District #2 and Minidoka Irrigation District

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 16th day of June, 2023, the foregoing was filed electronically using the Court's e-file system, and upon such filing the following parties were served electronically.

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DATE	DESCRIPTION OF WORK PERFORMED	HOURS	AMOUNT
5/20/2023	Review Petition, Motions, Brief, Declarations, proposed OSC	2.0	\$450.00
5/21/2023	Emails to and from SWC attorneys	.4	\$90.00
5/22/2023	Call with Travis Thompson and Garrett Baxter regarding filed pleadings	.7	\$157.50
5/23/2023	Prepare Notice of Appearance	.2	\$45.00
5/24/2023	Review Motion to Shorten Time, Notice of Hearing, proposed Order and email	.4	\$90.00
5/24/2023	Review Court Notice of Hearing	.2	\$45.00
5/27/2023	Emails to and from SWC attorneys regarding filings and SWC Response	.5	\$112.50
5/28/2023	Review and revise SWC Motions, Response, Memo and Declaration	1.0	\$225.00
5/30/2023	Review Declaration of Candice McHugh and Response (McCains)	.5	\$112.50
5/30/2023	Review IDWR Motion, Brief and Response	.8	\$180.00
5/31/2023	Prepare for Hearing (split with 8258)	1.0	\$225.00
5/31/2023	Review Cities' Response	.5	\$112.50
6/1/2023	Hearing (split with 8258)	2.0	\$450.00
6/2/2023	Review Orders Granting Intervention, Dismissal and Judgment	.4	\$90.00

6/6/2023	Review copy of Transcript of Decision	.4	\$90.00
6/14/2023	Research, emails to and from SWC attorneys, prepare Memorandum of Costs, Declaration and Brief (split with 8258)	3.0	\$675.00
TOTALS		14	\$3,150.00

Total hours 14 x \$225.00 = \$3,150.00