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**BIRCH CREEK WATER USERS ANNUAL MEETING
MINUTES**

January 08, 2024

11:00 AM

OAKLEY CANAL COMPANY OFFICE

PRESENT:

Steve Manning

Kent Aasa

Heidi Lloyd

Ryan Cranney

James Mullen

Jana Reeder

Chantry Whittle

Secretary , Steve Manning called the meeting to order at 11:11 a.m. The meeting was held at the Oakley Canal Company Office at 100 West Elm Street, Oakley, Idaho.

I. Elections:

1. Election of Officers: Ryan Cranney made a motion to keep officers as elected, Steve Manning Seconded. All agreed, motion carried.

The officers will be as follows:

Blake Matthews – President

Steve Manning – Sec/ Treas.

2. Meeting Secretary: Ryan Cranney made a motion to appoint Heidi Lloyd the meeting secretary, Steve Manning seconded the motion. All agreed, motion carried.

3. Water master appointment: Ryan Cranney made a motion to continue the contract with Oakley Canal Co. for Water master responsibilities, with Chantry Whittle acting as the water master. Steve Manning seconded the motion, all approved, motion carried.

II. Minutes:

The minutes of the 2023 Birch Creek Annual meeting were read by Chantry Whittle. Ryan Cranney made a motion to approve the minutes, Steve Manning seconded the motion, all approved, motion carried.

III. Financial Report:

Heidi Lloyd was asked to present the financial report. The current bank balance is \$25,350.43. Four fees were presented for payment: \$3000.00 to Oakley Canal Company for the 2024 water master fees, \$500.00 to Heidi Lloyd for Secretarial Fees, \$2000 for Assessment Fees and \$3,473.00 to James Mullen for the catwalk. Ryan Cranney made a motion to pay the bills, Steve Manning seconded the motion all agreed, motion carried.

IV. Water master Report: The water master report was given by Chantry Whittle.

Cranney used 11,250", Manning used 6,183", Matthews used 509".

V. Old Business:

1. Budget – Noland Critchfield made a motion to approve the proposed budget, Ryan Cranney seconded. All approved, budget adopted.

2. Ryan Cranney inquired about paying OCC for Water Master and Secretarial Fees then having OCC pay the Water Master and Secretary. After little discussion it was agreed that the subject would be discussed in the OCC meeting and go from there.

3. Delinquent Accounts – Heidi Lloyd reported two delinquent accounts for 2022. One being Matthews and the second being Manning. Steve Manning replied that he is on his way to pay it after the meeting. Upper Birch Creek will continue to get billed through the county with a 1% interest rate per month on late payments.

4. Manning Inlet Box and Screen – Steve Manning said he has spoke with Chantry Whittle. James Mullen said the three of them need to get together and see what needs to be done so it can be taken care of soon. Steve Manning said there is a small leak just below the cement ditch that needs repaired and he would also like the settling pond to be cleaned of cat tails.

VI. New Business:

1. Budget – Ryan Cranney made a motion to approve the proposed budget, Steve Manning seconded. All approved, budget adopted

2. Delinquent Accounts – Heidi Lloyd reported one delinquent account for 2023. One delinquent account being Matthews. Upper Birch Creek will continue to get billed through the county with a 1% interest rate per month on late payments.

3. Chantry Whittle presented revised rates based on percentage used rather than water right. Steve Manning asked Jana Reeder if that would change anything with their water right. Jana Reeder replied that the water right stays the same no matter what the assessment is. After little discussion they decided to leave the rate as if for now.

The next Annual board meeting was scheduled for Monday, January 6th, 2025 at 11:00 am at the Oakley Canal Company office. Meeting was adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

President

Secretary