

March 2, 2023, Cassia Creek Water 43-C Water District held their annual meeting at the Sage Grill in Malta Idaho. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Tom Ottley.

Corey King and Jana Reeder were present from Dept of Water Resource, Twin Falls Idaho.

There were 23 in attendance.

Nominations were open to call chairperson for meeting. Bill Wickel nominated Tom Ottley and Alvin Carpenter seconded it. Nolan Branch ceased nominations. The vote was unanimous.

Nominations were open for secretary. Brent Sainsbury nominated Dawnette Hutchison. Wendy McLean seconded it. Tom Ottley ceased nominations. The vote was unanimous.

Dawnette Hutchison read the 2022 minutes. It was proposed by Mike Ottley that the minutes be approved, Bill Loughmiller seconded it.

Watermaster Roger Musser then gave his report which included the following:

The watermaster is responsible for letting the appropriate amount of water from the diversion down the ditch. From there it is the individual water user's responsibility to work together. If there are problems they can contact the watermaster or dept of water resources.

Flow meters are where they should be including the diversion off the main creek.

2.90 was the cost per acre foot 2022 year.

2.68 was the cost per acre ft for the 2021 year.

Continues to look good for the coming season.

It was stated by Tom Ottley that the following changes needed to be changed to the resolutions:

Paragraph 1 - change date from first Thursday to second Thursday of March for annual meeting.

Paragraph 6 – Budget be increased from \$19460.00 to \$19660.00 for 2023.

Paragraph 7 – remove Gus Oman from advisory board with Harper as replacement.

Nolan Branch proposed those changes be made.

Rob Cottle seconded it. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting was then open to questions and concerns.

Floor was given to Bill Loughmiller who shared that he felt there should be \$1-\$2 increase in water users assessment per acre ft to build more buffer for improvements. No certain improvements in mind. Corey King stated that yes water assessments can be increased for improvements. Bill proposed this motion, however motion died.

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This then brought up the discussion again about who is responsible for the lateral ditches. Corey King responded that the water district is not responsible for laterals, only the main diversion. Any problems between users need to be addressed with the watermaster and or dept of water resources and that also advisory board can make the decisions of how money is spent and on what projects.

The Flood district can help with any erosion problems.

Floor was given to Nolan Branch who shared information that he had come upon as board member of 143 Ground Water District that there were funds available for research to determine if a reservoir in the Elba Valley was doable.

Bill Loughmiller stated that an area at Brent Sainsbury place may be an option as there would be no public utilities that would have to be moved.

Interest was shown in this project and that it could be a positive project for the water users and also recharge the aqua fir up stream. Nolan Branch will continue to research this and update the board with any new information. Could be a year before the next step.

Tom Ottley proposed to end the meeting. Cottle second it. The vote was unanimous.

An Advisory board meeting was held March 2, 2023, at the Sage Valley Grill, with Tom Ottley, Brian Kincaide, Rob Cottle, Brent Sainsbury and Roger Musser.

Resolutions were gone over, and it was proposed that changes be made to the following:

Paragraph 1: Change date of annual meeting from first Thursday in March to the second Thursday in March.

Paragraph 7: Remove Gus Oman, replace with Jason Harper.

Dawnette Hutchison gave the financial report for fiscal year 2022: See attachment.

Rob Cottle proposed we increase the budget by \$200.00 to cover the increase of the State Insurance Fund. It was seconded by Brian Kincaide.

Items of discussion:

If money is needed for locks and boards it should come from the surplus in account.

Paula Nelson ditch was discussed / wanting Roger to monitor it.

Roger Muser was advised by the board to document any discussions or problems with water users so that there is documentation if ever needed.

Discussion on Zeb Bingham and water being piped into their irrigation pond.

Tom Ottley proposed meeting adjourn and Brent Sainsbury seconded it.

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