

March 7, 2023, Cassia Creek Water District held their annual meeting at the Sage Grill in Malta, Idaho. Meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Tom Ottley

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

23 were in attendance.

Nominations were open to call meeting chairperson and secretary. Brent Sainsbury nominated Tom Ottley as chairperson and Dawnette Hutchison as secretary. Bill Wikel ceased motion and Alvin Carpenter seconded it.

Reading of the 2023 minutes was read by Dawnette Hutchison. Tom Ottley proposed approval of the minutes. Wally Ward seconded the motion.

Roger Musser presented the Watermaster report which included:

Cost for the past year was 2.64 pr acre foot.

Cost for the previous year was 2.90 per acre foot.

In 2022 the 1880 turned off June 15, while in 2023 it was not turned off until mid-August.

Major project for 2023 was at Rob Cottle where one channel goes east and the other goes to Malta. Work is being done so that there will be a dam through each channel. Roger stated that this will improve water management and extend the water going through the north channel. Also looking at the entire system there are around 6-7 headgates and weirs that will need repaired this year. Flow meters have been installed where needed and by the end of the year water structures will be in good condition.

Presentation of the 2023 budget was given by Dawnette Hutchison (see attachment).

Tom Ottley led the discussion on the 2024 budget. It was decided that the budget remain the same at \$19660.00.

The motion was made by Bill Loughmiller to approve the Resolutions, while Rob Cottle seconded the motion.

Roger Musser announced that this would be his last year. He suggested that a part time assistant/trainee be hired for the 2024 season to learn the system to help in a smooth transition for the following water year. Much constructive discussion and comments from the members took place after which Jeff Greggerson made a motion to advertise the position of assistant water master and then allow the board members and Roger Musser to make the hire. Bill Wickel seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

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It was decided by unanimous agreement the new assistant would be paid \$1000.00 per month from May 15 through October, while using their own vehicle. Roger will still remain head water master and will train the individual with the possibility of having the new hire fill in if needed by Roger.

Floor was given to Bill Loughmiller who stated that he had done some research on the possibility of building a reservoir in Elba. He found that Idaho does have funds for such projects. Process would go through the Farm Service Agency who would be the agency to help us with the proposal. If anyone is interested in moving ahead with this project, contact Nolan Branch.

Corey King brought maps to pass out to show the snowpack throughout the state, which showed our area at 127%.

No more matters to be discussed. Brian Kincade made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jason Harper seconded it.

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