

**REDLANDS MESA WATER USERS, INC.**  
**ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS MEETING**  
**January 31, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The annual meeting of the Redlands Mesa Water Users, Inc. was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President Reg Cridler.

**QUORUM**

The credentials committee (of Veronica Minch, Sue Whittlesey and Deb Christner), reported that 12 shareholders were present and 28 were represented by proxy, for a total of 40. A quorum was declared.

**CALL OF THE MEETING**

Secretary, Debbie Christner read the call of the meeting.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Reg Cridler, the president introduced himself and the other board members: Dan Hawkins, Kay Adams, Karen Marty and Pete Klaseen. He then introduced the personnel: Debbie Christner secretary/treasurer, Bryan Klaseen, ditch manager, and Doug Christner and Lawrence McKendrick box setters

**DITCH MANAGER'S REPORT**

Bryan Klaseen, ditch manager reported that it was a decent water year. The boxes were set early, this worked well although it is a challenge due to the water fluxuation that time of the year. Ditches were cleaned and willows were eliminated. Work was done on some of the boxes.

The Cedar Gulch Split was worked on, the Water Commissioners tried to read lawhead but it was submersed and could not be read. The floor of the box was deteriorating and the North side was low, it was repoured which added 6" to the bottom. Work will probably have to be done at the entrance to the box. The box will be watched for a year then reevaluated. When the work was being done verbiage on the center divider was uncovered, it said dedicated to Hotchy and the man with the long black cigar. After Bryan inquired around it is believed that the man with the long black cigar was Harry Lettington, who owned the property that Marvin and Billie White currently own and Hotchy was Huey Hotchy who owned the west ½ of the current Kuntz property.

Billy Varner advised to watch for water backing up at Cedar Gulch with the recent work that was done.

Extensive work was done on the Parnell later and a new weir board was installed.

Veronica Minch asked if the Willows could be cleaned along P25 road.

Stock water had to be shut down as ditches are frozen solid and the water was running out of the ditch and into the road.

Dave Kuntz said that setting boxes early worked well, several others agreed. Bryan thanked Doug and Lawrence for all their work throughout the season.

## **MINUTES**

Debbie read the minutes of the 2013 annual meeting. Kay Adams made the motion to approve the minutes, 2nd by Bryan Klaseen. Motion passed with all in favor.

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & BUDGET**

Shareholders received copies of the 2013 Balance Sheet. 2013 Budget comparison and proposed 2014 budget. The budget and budget comparison are on a cash basis.

Ditch maintenance in 2014 is a possible new parshell at the Moore box and Cedar Gulch split, this will have to be engineered. This work would be split with Overland.

Veronica Minch made the motion to accept the 2013 financial statements, 2nd by Sue Whittlesey. Motion passed with all in favor.

Veronica Mitch asked why Leroux Creek water dues were higher for 2014. Pete Klaseen, who sits on the Leroux Creek board, stated work needs to be done on several Reservoirs.

Bryan Klaseen moved to accept the 2014 budget and set the assessment at \$7.00 to be called as needed, Sue Whittlesey seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no funding for Salinity work in 2013, the next funding round will be in the Fall of 2014.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Bryan Klaseen read an e-mail that Annie Sievers sent:

1. Thank you for the excellent job in the leveling off the floor in the main split box located on the Barney Place which was accomplished last fall (the cedar gulch/lawhead split). Johnny Burritt did a great job. Because this structure has a lot of freezing/thawing on a regular basis, which heaves the floor and can create an uneven measurement, I would appreciate the board continue to have the flows measured (fished – is that what it's called?) at the beginning of every season by the water commissioner. The company received grant funds from the NF Conservancy District in the past to purchase parshall flumes and added more funds for installation so that shareholders could have a more accurate measuring system. At the very least it is an excellent way to double-check what sort of condition the split box is in. The box setters were never directed to read the parshall flumes located below the split box in cedar gulch ditch and lawhead ditch for the past 3 (or was it 4) years. Under new business in last year's annual minutes, it was brought to the board's attention to have more measuring devices in the system, especially the laterals. Dan Hawkins agreed. I think it's important to have this become a regular part of box setting. There's no point in having measuring devices if they are not used or read.
2. Thank you for the ditch cleaning and work done in cedar gulch above the Purnell Lateral last fall. I request that this spring cleaning include the removal of all the rocks and

completion of “evening” up the irregularities along the south side of the ditch above the split box. It’s still a silt trap. There should be no submerged rocks there which can deflect water flow as you well know.

The area will have to go through a water cycle to be properly assessed, the Water Commissioners will be asked to re-measure.

Billy Varner would like to have a fence put around the Hawkins and Varner box so the cows cannot get into that area and ruin the ditch bank. The upper area could join into the current fence and lower area would be apx 100’.

### **ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS**

The terms of Kay Adams and Dan Hawkins is expiring. They both agreed to serve again.

Veronica Minch moved to retain the present board, Bryan Klaseen 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed, by acclamation, with all in favor.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Kay Adams made a motion to adjourn, Bryan Klaseen 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Debbie Christner, Secretary