**BIG COTTONWOOD WATER USERS**
**ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**
**January 23, 2024**
**10:00 a.m.**
**OAKLEY CANAL COMPANY**

| PRESENT: | NOT PRESENT: | OTHERS PRESENT: | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Tyler Cranney | Nate Pickett | Heidi Lloyd | Adam Taylor (Patterson) |
| Jared Mitton | Arden Cranney. | Chantry Whittle | Slade Beck (Patterson) |
| Russell Patterson | | James Mullen | Skylar Farnsworth (F&G) |
| | | Jana Reeder (IDWR) | Mike Peterson (F&G) |
| | | David Pickett | |

**I.** Jared Mitton, President called the annual meeting of the Cottonwood Water Users to order at 10:05 a.m., on January 23, 2024. The meeting was held at the Oakley Canal Company Office located at 100 West Elm St. Oakley, Idaho.

**II. Appointment of Secretary:** Russell Patterson made a motion to appoint Heidi Lloyd as secretary, Tyler Cranney seconded the motion, All agreed, motion carried.

**III. Minutes:** The minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting were read individually. Tyler Cranney made the motion to approve the minutes. David Pickett seconded the motion. All approved.

**IV. Election/reappointment of officers**:

1. Russell Patterson made a motion to retain the officers and board of advisors for another year, David Pickett seconded the motion, all approved, motion carried.
   The officers are: Jared Mitton – President
   Tyler Cranney - Secretary/Treasurer.
   The board of advisors is as follows:
   Arden Cranney
   Nathan Pickett
   Russell Patterson- Triple Ace

2. David Pickett made a motion to retain the services of Oakley Canal Company for another year with James Mullen as Watermaster. Russell Patterson seconded the motion, all agreed, motion carried.

**V. Financial Report**: The board reviewed the financial reports. As of December 31, 2023, there was $15,392.13 in the checking account. The Oakley Canal Company's 2024 Watermaster fee is $7000; the secretarial fee is $400.00. Tyler Cranney made a motion to pay the bills, David Pickett seconded the motion, all agreed, motion carried.

**VI. Budget**: Tyler Cranney made a motion to approve the budget for 2024. Cottonwood will continue to get billed through the county with a 1% interest rate per month on late payments. David Pickett seconded the motion, all agreed, motion carried.

**VII. Watermaster's Report:** James Mullen gave the Watermaster's report.
The 2024 Snow level at Bostetter is: 46" snow depth – 12.5" water equivalency
2023: 45" snow depth - 12.3" water equivalency
Reservoir Level is 78.8 or 24,494 acre feet
Stream flows: Trapper: 12.2 or (610") Goose: 27.9 or (1395")

**VIII. Old Business:**

1. Assessments – Chantry Whittle reported that he had spoken with James Mullen about raising the assessment. James Mullen told Chantry Whittle the increase should be an additional $2000 but he would settle for $1500.00. David Pickett suggested the $2000 increase on assessments and increasing the Watermaster fee from $5000 to $7000. Nate Pickett made a motion to increase the assessments and Watermaster fee. Tyler Cranney seconded, all agreed motion carried.

2. Cement Ditch – Tyler Cranney reported there are 3 sections that need repairs. David Pickett suggested framing it with 2"x12" boards and pouring cement around them. Tyler Cranney said he has spoken with David Mabey at NRCS and they can apply for a program for next year to put pipe in. Tyler Cranney said he will call another meeting later in the year to go over that information. David Pickett suggested patching the areas for the time being.

3. Arden/ Patterson Split – Chantry Whittle reported they would like to straighten and clean the ditch at the split to the mountain road. Arden Cranney replied from the weir to the mountain road is straight and very deep. Chantry Whittle replied OCC would need permission to clean the ditch from Big Cedar Rd. to Cranney, Patterson split. After little discussion it was agreed that OCC will clean the ditch this year.

4. Tyler Cranney stated that for the 2023 season it is Cranney's turn to burn the ditch.

**IX. New Business:**

1. James Mullen reported that the west ditch needs burned this year. James Mullen said that it really needs burned to clear all the weeds out. David Pickett suggested looking into some liability insurance. James Mullen suggested talking to the Oakley Canal Company board about adding Cottonwood and Birch Creek Irrigation Districts under their umbrella. All agreed with checking into that and moving forward with getting some insurance. Jared Mitton said that if they set a date to burn he can have a fire truck out there as a precaution.

2. Tyler Cranney stated that for the 2024 season it is Picketts turn to burn the ditch.

The next meeting was scheduled for 10:00am, Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at the Canal office.

David Pickett made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Tyler Cranney seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 am.

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President Secretary/Treasurer

# Cottonwood Water Users
## Profit & Loss Budget Overview
### January 1 through June 14, 2024

| | Jan 1 - Jun 14, 24 |
|---|---|
| **Ordinary Income/Expense** | |
| **Income** | |
| Agricultural Program Payments | 0.00 |
| Commodity Credit Loans | 0.00 |
| Cooperative Distributions | 0.00 |
| Crop Insurance Proceeds | 0.00 |
| Crop Sales | 0.00 |
| Fuel Tax Credits and Other Inc. | 0.00 |
| Reimbursed Repairs | 0.00 |
| Taxing district funds | 7,765.78 |
| **Total Income** | 7,765.78 |
| **Expense** | |
| Bank Service Charges | 0.00 |
| Car and Truck Expenses | 0.00 |
| Chemicals Purchased | 0.00 |
| Computer and Internet Expenses | 0.00 |
| County taxing fees | 9.00 |
| Depreciation Expense | 0.00 |
| Fertilizers and Lime | 0.00 |
| Freight and Trucking | 0.00 |
| Gasoline, Fuel and Oil | 0.00 |
| Insurance Expense | 0.00 |
| Interest Expense | 0.00 |
| Office Supplies | 0.00 |
| Payroll Expenses | 0.00 |
| Professional Fees | 400.00 |
| Reconciliation Discrepancies | 0.00 |
| Rent Expense | 0.00 |
| Repairs and Maintenance | 0.00 |
| Seeds and Plants Purchased | 0.00 |
| Small Tools and Equipment | 0.00 |
| Storage and Warehousing | 0.00 |
| Telephone Expense | 0.00 |
| Utilities | 0.00 |
| Watermaster Fee | 7,000.00 |
| **Total Expense** | 7,409.00 |
| **Net Ordinary Income** | 356.78 |
| **Other Income/Expense** | |
| **Other Income** | |
| interest income | 0.00 |
| **Total Other Income** | 0.00 |
| **Other Expense** | |
| Ask My Accountant | 0.00 |
| **Total Other Expense** | 0.00 |
| **Net Other Income** | 0.00 |
| **Net Income** | **356.78** |