Water District 11 Proposed Budget
2023

Description	Proposed 2023 Budget 2-1-2023 to 1-31-2024		2022 Budget 2-1-2022 to 1-31-2023	
Salary Watermaster	$56,143.00		$53,469.00	
Wage - Watermaster Assistant	0.00		0.00	
Total Salary and wages		$56,143.00		$53,469.00
Payroll benefits				
SS & Medicare	4,842.00		4,612.00	
Workers Comp Ins	3,700.00		3,000.00	
Medical Insurance (Include in Salary)	7,152.00		6,816.00	
Retirement	7,558.00		7,198.00	
Total payroll taxes & benefits		23,252.00		21,626.00
Accounting		6,000.00		5,700.00
Financial Statement Audit/Review		0.00		0.00
Board Meetings		150.00		150.00
Equipment Purchases		2,000.00		2,000.00
Miscellaneous		405.00		505.00
Postage and Delivery		100.00		100.00
Repairs and Supplies		1,500.00		2,000.00
Telephone & internet		2,500.00		2,500.00
Travel				
Meals	200.00		200.00	
Mileage	4,500.00		4,500.00	
Other	250.00		250.00	
Total travel		4,950.00		4,950.00
Total Estimated Expenditures		97,000.00		93,000.00
Cash reserve		(20,000.00)		(20,000.00)
Estimated cash carryover		20,000.00		25,000.00
Amount to be raised by assessment		$97,000.00		$88,000.00

WATER DISTRICT #11 BEAR RIVER

Minutes of Annual Meeting

February 7, 2023 In Person and Via Zoom

Attending	Representing
Connely Baldwin	Pacificorp Energy & Advisory Board
Alan Smith	Cub River Irrigation & Advisory Board
Lyle Hoffman	West Cache Irrigation
Scott Holliday	
Buffi Morris	Pacificorp
Nolan Crowther	
John W Rowley	Read Lane Irrigation
Bill Robison	Black Otter Canal
Guy Robbins	Thatcher Small Irrigators
Trent Lytle	A & R Hughes Grazing
David Miles	Last Chance
Ryan Merrill	West Cache Irrigation
John Jensen	Green Acre
Bill Henesh	
Rusty & Wendi Young	
Ethan Geisler	IDWR
Heidi Smith	IDWR
Christopher Holmes	IDWR
Jill Woodhouse	IDWR
Koby Allen	
Bryce Lamont	
Janean LaMont	
Jason Westover	Cub River Irrigation
Paul Nelson	Preston Montpelier Irrigation Co.
John Fuqua	
Josh Hanks	Water Master
Austin Moses	Treasurer

Connely Baldwin opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. and asked for introductions, then nominations for meeting chairman. Ryan Merrill moved to have Connely Baldwin act as Chair and Austin Moses act as secretary. Alan Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Austin Moses read a summary of the minutes of the February 8, 2022 annual meeting. John Jensen moved to approve the minutes. David Miles seconded. Motion carried.

Advisory Board Election. Alan Smith moved to nominate Connely Baldwin, David Miles, Alan Smith, Lyle Hoffman, Keith Jorgensen and Laurie Harris to serve on the

advisory board. Bill Robison moved to add Paul Nelson from the Central Division to the Advisory Board. John Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

Water Master Election. Paul Nelson moved to approve Josh Hanks as Watermaster. Scott Holliday seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer Election. Ryan Merrill moved to retain Austin Moses. Alan Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Josh Hanks presented the annual Water Master Report. The 24 hr/CFS usage for irrigation was 103,707 and 433,230 for power generation with a cost of $.17 per 24 hour CFS. Natural flow was not good but early and late precipitation slowed the use of storage considerably. The flow model ran through the end of October in order to determine stock water usage. The Bear River Canal in Tremonton Utah continued to take water during this time. Two new telemetry stations will be added this year. David Miles moved to accept the watermaster report. John Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

Connely Baldwin reported on the distribution from Bear Lake with usage for irrigation and power supply. He noted that 2022 high level of the Lake was at 5913.69 ft. and projected peak level for 2023 will be approximately 5914.3 ft. The forecast for 2023 is that 216,000 acre ft will be available. Current snowpack is at 145% of normal with average soil saturation.

Ethan Geisler of IDWR indicated that 2022 water rights accounting model started on June 11, 2022. Central Division water regulation started on May 6, 2022. Monitoring of the Bear River Wild Life Refuge usage continued through October 2022 since their water right stipulates through October. Only natural flow was used. He noted that the outlook for this year is good.

Financial results. Austin Moses reported that the District ended the year with $20,490 cash in the bank. This is a decrease of approximately $5,000 and is the targeted reserve amount for the District. A small payable of payroll tax of $75 is the only liability. The total expenses for the year were $92,941. Paul Nelson moved to approve the financial report. Alan Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Budget. Austin Moses presented the proposed budget indicating that it showed an increase in salary and medical insurance of 5% for the watermaster. Assessments would increase from $88,000 to $97,000 in order to maintain the reserve and provide for the additional expenses. John Jensen moved to accept the budget and proposed assessment. Scott Holliday seconded. Motion carried.

Review of unpaid assessments totaling $68, noting that this was the lowest it had been in many years. A credit of $250 represents prepaid assessments by two users.

Other business: Connely noted that Pacificorp was researching and making application for the proposed Dry Canyon pumped storage project near Mud Lake which would use

excess power generated during low usage times to pump water to a high lake which could then be reversed for power generation at peak usage times.

Chris Holmes of IDWR stated that IDWR has set up a Preston office to handle adjudication of water rights in the Bear River Basin. Notifications for water rights applications in the area north of Montpelier to Soda Springs have been sent out with initial filings due by October of this year. The next area of focus will be the Preston/Grace area starting next winter. Irrigators were told that they would need their service boundaries and irrigated acreage numbers for the applications.

John Jensen asked if the Utah action concerning the Great Salt Lake would affect water users of the Bear River. Connely responded that they are watching activity by the legislature and at this point it appears no action will come before 2024. It could affect the usage from Bear Lake if handled the way it is proposed.

Next meeting will be held February 6, 2024 at 2:00 pm at Soda Springs City Hall if possible.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:50 p.m.

Austin L Mares