

# ELS 5692 - Irrigators

## Meeting Minutes – Tentative

April 4, 2019

Present:

- Karen Hammond
- Rich McClintick
- Bob Nelson
- Todd and Jen Montgomery
- Kristin Moore
- Tim Sullivan
- John Conners
- Troy Van Houten
- Darryl Wishart
- Nick Miller
- Rudy Weisshaupt
- R. Daniel Fell
- Gail Struhs
- Kent Sundbye
- Damion Lowe
- Bethany Muffley-Ahlin
- Justin Ahlin

### 1. Call to order

- April 4<sup>th</sup> 2019 @ 6:01 pm at 4424 Alpine Street

### 2. Old Business

- 2018 minutes reviewed and accepted.
- Account balance at end of the 2018 season is \$4378.64.
- There were two blockages in 2018, one at Simplot and one at the Idaho Statesmen.
  - o Cost of Simplot repair was at the expense of the landowner and they finished all repairs this week.
  - o Steve Purdue, Justin and manager of the Statesmen met to discuss options and decided to hire a Roto Rooter to use a camera to find the blockage and remove it. The cost was at the landowner's expense and was over 5,000 dollars.
- There was a hit-and-run car accident on Garden Street that damaged one of the irrigation boxes. The expense of repair was \$200 and paid for with ELS funds.
- Insurance was purchased and acquired for \$1,122.
- Metal was purchased for irrigation box lids at from Pacific Steel at a cost of \$159.53

- Justin Ahlin was hired out privately by Prestige Motor Sports to pipe the ditch behind it. This should cut the time of our yearly ditch cleanout and burning by half.
- Pacific Recycling installed a large grate to prevent debris from going down the system.
- No major repair costs were incurred by the ELS in 2018.

### 3. New Business

- Question was asked, "Do we want to purchase insurance again for 2019?"
  - o The ELS voted yes to pursue insurance options so that the ELS will be covered for the upcoming season if the quote is \$1400 or lower.
- Question was asked, "Does the ELS wish to keep dues at the same level as last season at \$100?"
  - o The ELS voted to keep dues at \$100.
- Question was asked, "Does the ELS see the website as a value and would like to have it compensated out of ELS dues?"
  - o The ELS voted to keep the website and pay for it using ELS dues (\$14.95 for Domain Name and \$60.00 for site).
- Water is ready when we are.
- The ELS voted for the following officers:
  - o Bethany Muffley-Ahlin – President
  - o Damion – Vice President
  - o Justin Ahlin – Watermaster
  - o Justin Ahlin - Treasurer
  - o Bethany Muffley-Ahlin – Secretary
- The watermaster, treasurer and secretary positions are paid titles and the ELS voted to increase compensation for the holder of watermaster based on the amount of time required to keep our system maintained and operating. Compensation rates are as follows...
  - o Watermaster – \$1000 (increased from \$600)
  - o Treasurer – \$400
  - o Secretary – \$600
- The Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District installed a new gate for our system off the Ridenbaugh Canal. It is smaller but has more pressure due to the elevation it was installed, so there should be no difference in the amount of water delivered to users.
- The secretary will send out hardcopy schedules along with user invoices.
- Facebook group for ELS 5692 will continue to post water related alerts, schedule, etc. This page shall only be used as an announcement board **for** water users **from** the watermaster.

- Ditch burning and prep is planned to occur on Sunday April 14<sup>nd</sup> at 10am, meeting in our normal place at the Bench Commission. The ELS decided that attendees who participate will receive a 25% discount on 2019 dues.

**4. Adjourned**

April 04, 2018 @ 6:34pm