

Minutes of the Annual Stock Holders Meeting of the Richmond Irrigation and Power Company  
March 10, 2022

Annual Stock Holders meeting for 2022 convened at 7:05 p.m. on Thurs., March 10, 2022. Bret Christensen conducted. Board members in attendance included Bret Christensen, John Apedaile, Timothy Christensen, John Gilbert, and Gary Dent. Shareese Hunsaker (Treasurer), Van Skidmore (Water Master), John Gilbert (Training Water Master), and Aimee Johnson (Secretary). Stock Holders in attendance: Name, phone #, shares owned, proxy shares represented and email; Vivian S. Christensen (435-770-2138; 256; [haslamv321@gmail.com](mailto:haslamv321@gmail.com)), Dave Erickson (435-770-0283; 67; [crowmtn59@gmail.com](mailto:crowmtn59@gmail.com)), Gerald & Judy Smith (435-770-1698; 18; [gasmith1969@comcast.net](mailto:gasmith1969@comcast.net)), Terrie Wierenga (435-770-9061; 1; proxy city & cemetery 119.5; [terlou38@gmail.com](mailto:terlou38@gmail.com)), Alan Lower (435-757-0654; 385; [alan@llranch.com](mailto:alan@llranch.com)), Clay Rawlins (435-770-9522; 4), Steven Buttars (2), Amy Jensen (435-757-1103; 4; [amydjensen@msn.com](mailto:amydjensen@msn.com)), Nick Sanders (435-799-9869; 65; [nicksandfarmboy@gmail.com](mailto:nicksandfarmboy@gmail.com)), Brandon Spackman (435-77-9877; 45; [agneeds@hotmail.com](mailto:agneeds@hotmail.com)), Gale Alvey (435-258-2088; 7). A total of 974.5 shares were represented at the meeting.

Bret Christensen welcomed everyone to the annual stockholders meeting. Aimee Johnson read the minutes of the annual stock holders meeting held on March 11, 2021. Bret C. asked if there were any questions or corrections on the minutes. Not hearing any Brandon Spackman moved to accept the minutes as read, Terrie Wierenga seconded and the vote was unanimous. Shareese Hunsaker went over the annual financial report. Gale Alvey had a question about the Lateral balances and wanted to know if the bill that was sent out recently was to cover the cost of the Laterals. John A. explained the Lateral balances and said when there is a repair made on a Lateral and the RIPC pays the bill, then the Lateral owners have to reimburse the RIPC. Shareese explained that the bill that was sent was a drought assessment that all the share holders in the company received; with the lack of water and the high costs to run the pumps the RIPC split the cost among all the share holders. Shareese pointed out on the financial report that the amount of bills and expenses was more than the RIPC was bringing in and the RIPC had to send the drought assessment to cover that difference. John Gilbert made a motion to accept the financial report as printed and Dave Erickson seconded, the vote was unanimous.

Bret C. opened the meeting up for discussion. Gale Alvey asked about the new water master. Bret C. introduced John Gilbert and had him stand up. Gale Alvey expressed his appreciation for having such a tough water year he felt everyone still had water. Bret C. explained that Richmond City worked well with the RIPC and they were able to help maintain water for all the users. RIPC paid the pump bill for the Richmond City well in turn for this and the board felt it worked very well during these times with such low water.

Bret C. said one board member was up for re-election, John Apedaile. Bret C. asked for nominations for a board member to serve a 3 year term. Alan Lower nominated John Apedaile be put back on the board by acclamation, Dave Erickson seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Gerald Smith asked what the flow of high creek was compared to last year. Van S. said it drops between 3 and 5 CFS, and normal is about 7. All winter it has been very low. Van S. reported that we were at 7 CFS at the end of summer. Bret C. explained that the water is really bad again and the ground water is not there. This year he feels it is not any better and might actually be worse than last year.

Gale Alvery shared a story of how he remembers in 1976 in the middle of winter and there was no snow and you could walk out in the fields and there was maybe a little dew is all.

Alan Lower expressed his concern about making sure that all the water is being used including the well that is down below Richmond that is owned by Richmond City. He is worried if we don't fix this and find a way to use all the water resources we have that Great Salt Lake will come in and take the water from RIPC. Terrie W. explained that they have been working on this for years and they need to figure out a way to get it across the street. There is quite a bit that needs to be done to be able to use this. She said the city is open to working with RIPC on this and anyone that would have suggestions about how to best use this. It has about 150 gallons per minute on average and could run roughly 15 rain birds. Bret C. explained that there is a lot of work that needs to be done within the whole RIPC system including some old pipe in the company that is Transite pipe. Bret C. said there will be projects that continually come up with this old system. Brandon Spackman asked if the Lateral owners are required to pay for these repairs. Bret C. explained yes they are and will be split among the owners on these Laterals.

Bret C. said the RIPC does a water report each year that we had to do again this year. There are 8 different sources that RIPC has to report on. Dave Erickson commented that he thinks the well on 400 North, is actually what saves everyone. He said it puts out 9 to 10 CFS at times and has a meter on it.

Gale Alvey asked about meters on all of the share holders and if anyone knew when this would become a requirement. Bret C. said this is at the state level now and is not sure when or if they will decide to make this mandatory. Brandon Spackman thought it would be smart to have subdivisions or groups of people collaborate and do a meter for groups rather than individually. Bret C. said they are pushing for each individual to have one.

Brandon Spackman asked with all the development going on in Richmond City how they will be able to provide water to all of this. Terrie W. explained that the city has made it a requirement when you build to have a water share to give to the city or they are required to pay a fee. Brandon wanted to make sure that with all the irrigation water that Richmond City is acquiring that they are able to use it all. He also expressed his concern that the City is getting all of the good farm irrigation water. Terrie W. said the city has a lot to figure out but their intent is to use this water and get lines to these subdivisions so they are able to use irrigation water and not waste culinary water.

Dave Erickson expressed his appreciation on behalf of himself and the Irrigation share holders to Van Skidmore for his years of hard work. He felt he was always on the phone, working hard and great to work with all the share holders to get them water and answer their questions.

Bret C. asked if there were any more questions or comments before we adjourn, hearing no further comments Alan Lower moved to adjourn the meeting until next year, Dave Erickson seconded and the vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Approved:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary Richmond Irrigation & Power Company