

Minutes of the Annual Stock Holders Meeting of the Richmond Irrigation and Power Company
March 11, 2021

Annual Stock Holders meeting for 2021 convened at 7:05 p.m. on Thurs., March 11, 2021. John Apedaile conducted. Board members in attendance included John Apedaile, Bret Christensen, Timothy Christensen, Curtis Dent and John Gilbert. Connie Ward (Treasurer), Van Skidmore (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), Robert Rhoten (435-452-8068; 3; robert.rhoten@ifa-coop.com), Alan Lower (435-757-0654; 365; alan@llranch.com), Gary Dent (435-760-9227; 23; gwdmudman@gmail.com), Brandon Spackman (435-770-9877; 16; agneeds@hotmail.com) Zane Christensen (435-770-5661; 1; zane.christensen@ccsdut.org), Connie Ward (435-512-5103; 9; connieward0930@gmail.com), Sharik Peck (435-258-4545; 3; sharik@rezzimax.com), Craig Harris (435-881-5135; 67; harrisdairyland@gmail.com), Chris Allen (435-760-1203; 147; allenseedgrain@gmail.com), Edward Mendenhall (435-258-5269; 90.833; toffeemd@hotmail.com), Larry Copeland (435-563-9594; 5; larcoprob@gmail.com), Wade Goodridge (435-760-7220; 3; wade.goodridge@aggiemail.usu.edu), Gale Alvey (435-258-2088; 7), Terrie Wierenga (435-770-9061; 1; terlou38@gmail.com), Jeff Young (435-232-8056; 3; jeff@askalltech.com), Richmond City (435-232-8056; 100; jeff@askalltech.com), Sharon Nelson (435-258-2111; 82). A total of 1,181.833 shares were represented at the meeting.

Bret Christensen welcomed everyone to the annual stockholder meeting. Aimee Johnson read the minutes of the annual stock holders meeting held on March 12, 2020. John asked if there were any questions or discussion on the minutes. Curtis D. noted that at the time of the meeting the statement about not needing meters was correct but immediately following the meeting Curtis D. was notified that it would affect any new secondary irrigation users as of April 1, 2020. Gale Alvey asked how much a meter would roughly cost someone; Bret C. answered roughly \$1800.00 depending on the meter and size needed. Gary Dent so moved to accept the minutes, Chris Allen seconded and the vote was unanimous. Connie Ward presented the financial report. Zane Christensen asked about the interest on the Hydro project. Connie W. reported it is 1 percent. Brandon Spackman made a motion to approve the financial report and Zane Christensen seconded.

Bret C. asked John A. to conduct this portion of the meeting. John A. said that two board members were up for re-election (Bret Christensen: President, and Curtis Dent; board member). John A. asked for nominations for board members to serve a 3 year term. Edward Mendenhall nominated Curtis Dent be put back on the board by acclamation, Gary Dent seconded and the vote was unanimous. Craig Harris nominated Bret Christensen be put back on the board as President by acclamation, Vivian Christensen seconded and the vote was unanimous. Chris Allen moved to cease nominations. Bret Christensen will serve as President of the Richmond Irrigation and Power Company for another 3 year term and Curtis Dent will serve as a board member of the Richmond Irrigation and Power Company for another 3 year term.

Bret C. opened the meeting up for discussion. Bret C. said he met with Brandon from the Utah Water Board. He had to submit water usage for the Richmond Irrigation and Power Company. Bret C. reported that the pressure is getting tighter to make sure the water is being used so everyone within the RI&PC. doesn't lose the water. Bret C. said we are going to try and keep good records so we are able to report on this every year. Gary Dent asked if it could be taken away from the company or an individual if the water isn't used. Bret C. explained that ultimately they would take away a CFS from the total amount of the RI&PC. Bret C. asked to make sure everyone keeps in close contact with Van Skidmore (water master), on how much water you're using so he can keep close track. Bret C. also discussed how they count turns for farm use for those questioning this. Brandon Spackman asked the city how they use all the shares that they own and why they are obtaining more shares. Mayor Young explained they want to work on getting secondary water put in for the all new subdivisions. Mayor Young explained shares will go to the city and the city will facilitate how these are used. Mayor Young said the city helps make sure these are utilized to make their culinary work with this as well. Gary Dent asked why not have the person doing the subdivision be in charge of the shares. Mayor Young said

those representing the city feel it's best to have the city facilitate this. Gary D. asked how the city can lease shares to individuals in a subdivision when they don't own any shares. Currently the bi-laws state that you have to own one share in the irrigation company in order to lease a share. Tim C. asked Mayor Young why 150 gallons of water per minute are being discharged out of Cub River. Mayor said they agree that someone needs to step up and cover the cost to have it pumped and be able to use it. Mayor Young said that they are invested in trying to come up with a solution for this. Mayor Young also stated that years ago Kip Panter filed for this so they have it and did good to get this started but now it needs to get finished so that all this water can be utilized. Gary D. has some concerns with a partnership with the city. He's concerned the city's involvement makes things complicated. Mayor Young said there is more to this and that years ago a subdivision came in and later sold the shares for money and now only 5 of those people still own shares. Mayor Young said as a city they have to be involved for a delivery system. The city would agree with irrigation to follow the meters. John A. posed a scenario, if 20 acres only has 8 shares to use within the subdivision and they use 80 gallons per minute, and the city meters each yard how will the city bill for this if someone uses more than their allotment. Mayor Young said they are still in early stages and they are trying to figure this out themselves and this is why they want to discuss it to figure this all out. John A. said they will have to have a meter and it would also be good if they did an H.O.A. to manage this and did one meter for the whole subdivision instead of each individual. Gary D. says over the years the RI&PC has a real good idea of who uses the water and how the laterals work with the users on them. There is only a certain amount of water per lateral so he's worried they might not be able to provide for all the people being added into these subdivisions. Zane Christensen asked if as a company we are using all of the water so that we don't lose it. Bret C. explained that yes we are using all we have. Richmond City has a lot of water and they need to use it as well so they don't lose it. Bret C. said it's so important that the city and the irrigation company work together now more than ever to make sure that all the water is being used.

John A. took some time to discuss with all the irrigation holders how much water they can use for the shares they own. He stated that with one sprinkler if you have one share of water that is equal to 10 gallons per minute or 1 rain bird 7/32 in size. It is more efficient to have a sprinkler system than moving a sprinkler around your yard. Those with a sprinkler system need to figure out how much they can water and how many gallons depending on shares owned and just shorten the amount of watering time depending on how many gallons they are using with the sprinkler system. John A. also said that it's important to get with Van S. on this so he can make sure everyone has pressure and is aware of your watering situation. Mayor Young asked how RI&PC would like everyone from the city to let Van S. know their water situation. Mayor Young also asked if going to the 2 watering days helped regulate water pressure for everyone and make sure everyone had good pressure. Van S. and the board agreed that this made a huge difference and would like to start the watering season off this way. Van S. said it would be best to send him an email when people have sprinkler systems or specific questions about their water needs that may be different than the normal. John A. said he watches the snow pack every year, and this year specifically he stated will be rough. He said right now we are the same as 2016 when water was extremely low starting out the season. Bret C. also commented that back in 1890 high creek recorded the lowest flow rate of 6.5 and as of right now it was measuring 3.5 in January. The State estimated we would be at 18 percent of normal. Now we are at 10 cfs so up a little but no moisture in the ground and this is good for everyone to know going into this watering year. Jeremy with the city reported this to the city as well and is seeing the same things going into this season. Van S. is thinking it will be important to cut water use in the middle of June or even sooner. Van S. explained that on average the city users always end up with more water than the farmers. Mayor Young said they are good to help city users understand this. Curtis D. explained that everyone will start off with 2 days to water at 24 hours, and then cut back to 2 days at 12 hours most likely, and then to 1 day and this will probably happen easily by July 4th. Mayor Young said the storage is a huge problem and would be interested in helping with this. Bret C. said he is working with NRCS on this and hoping they will be able to help somehow.

Bret C. discussed an issue that we have several share holders that have passed away in the company and the certificates still remain in their name. He wanted to make sure everyone was aware that this is a problem and we need

to start having those family members fix this and get these certificates in trust names or corrected going forward. Curtis D. said we are checking with the attorney as the best way to start clearing this up.

Bret C. opened up the meeting for discussion. Sharik Peck wants a better system in place because he feels he was threatened and was frustrated with how things were handled for him with his water use. He said a statement was made to him that "he would be arrested." He feels this was unfair and there should be a better way to deal with this. Sharik has a lot of sprinkler heads at his house. He said he feels he is very careful with his water use and that he shouldn't be accused of not following policy or using too much water. Sharik said he is happy to figure out some zones and water this way. John A. has worked with Sharik on this and says Sharik is not the only one and that he has discussed this with many users trying to help them. John A. expressed appreciation to Sharik for sharing his situation and working with the irrigation company on this. Bret C. said there is a procedure in place and that warnings are given first before a citation is issued.

John G. asked how to calculate one sprinkler that's 7/32 in size. John A. said that sprinkler systems have a nozzle size and they will give you a gallon per minute and PSI. He said in the old days you could take a 5 gallon bucket and put a sprinkler in a bucket and set a timer to get an accurate amount. Zan C. asked if someone would be charged an overage for going over on the meters. John A. said yes they would get charged. Gary D. asked if city users have ever paid an overage. The board said no they have never had too. Craig H. asked what laterals have meters on them. Bret C. said Lateral 8 and 9. Bret C. said that they are about 85 percent accurate. It is different than an individual meter. Curtis D. says once meters are required some people will end up paying and some will get more water than they have been using. Curtis D. thinks you'll find out that the city users have been getting more than they have been paying for. Mayor Young said the city supports this. Zane Christensen asked how it makes sense for the city users not to pay an overage when he pays as a farmer, he just doesn't feel like this makes sense at all. Curtis D. says the board understands his frustration and will continue trying to make progress but until meters are required they are doing their best. Zane C. asked about the Spencer Well easement. Timothy C. said that this is owned by the railroad and there is nothing they can do about this. Gary D. asked if they can water previous to turning pumps on. John A. said the RI&PC keeps track of it before they turn them on and John A. said to go through the water master with any questions.

Bret C. asked if there were any more questions or comments before we adjourn, hearing no further comments Craig Harris moved to adjourn the meeting until next year, Gary Dent seconded and the vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Approved:

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Secretary Richmond Irrigation Company