

On motion Louis Voli was elected president, and Justus Edwards was elected secretary, when the following laws were enacted.

Whereas the Congress of the United States provides that miners may make local laws regulating the location, possession, and working of mining claims in the district; and whereas the statutes of the State of Oregon provide that miners may make local laws in relation to the possession of water rights and working of placer claims, Therefore be it enacted by the assembly of miners and claim owners of upper main Dixie Creek:

SEC. 1. That a district be made, to be known as main Dixie Creek District, for the creek placer claims therein, and for the gulch claims above, and ditches on said creek, and that said district be bounded as follows, to wit: commencing at a certain canyon about 500 yards, more or less, below the head of a certain ditch known as the lower ditch, and extending up said creek to the main divide above the source thereof, 10 miles more or less; thence descending on each side thereof—of said creek—along the divide, around the heads of the gulches emptying into said creek, back to the place of beginning.

SEC. 2. That any person or persons entitled by the laws of the United States and this State to hold mining claims shall be entitled to one claim each by location, and not exceeding two by purchase, of 200 feet each along the creek, and from rim rock to rim rock each side thereof, and a like number of gulch claims above all ditches, 200 feet long and from bank to bank in width.

SEC. 3. The boundary of claims shall be marked by a stake, mound, tree, or rocks at the head of each claim, with a notice thereon with name or names of claimants attached.

SEC. 4. That from April to December of every year, every claim when in workable order and water can be had shall be worked unless prevented by sickness or other good cause, or the same will be considered as abandoned and forfeited, provided that all work can be done on one claim, and the same shall represent two or more claims owned by same person or company, and claim-holders shall have ——— days after locating to commence work.

SEC. 5. That creek claim owners shall be entitled to a sufficient quantity of the natural waters of the creek channel flowing over their creek claims at the time the same was taken to work the same, and shall use the same in a workmanlike manner, with slum dams to settle the water, and shovel or dump tailings out of creek or dam so as to prevent injury to others claiming below as much as possible by using the water for mining purposes.

SEC. 6. That in the location and claim of water rights the use of a ditch constructed is the measure of appropriation and right of claimant to the common of natural waters of Dixie Creek, and that right commences at the head of the ditch, where it takes the natural stream.

SEC. 7. That there shall be a recorder elected, who shall record all claims, notices, and water rights within 30 days after filing, and return said record every month to the county clerk of Baker County. He shall keep a copy of these laws subject to inspection of the public at reasonable hours, and all persons holding claims in this district, or water rights, shall record them in 30 days.

SEC. 8. These laws shall take effect and be in force from and after June 5th, 1868.

LOUIS VOLI, *President.*

(Signed) JUSTUS EDWARDS, *Secretary.*

On motion of Louis Voli L. H. Blanchard was put in nomination for recorder of main Dixie Creek District, and upon a vote being taken was elected unanimously.

LOUIS VOLI, *President,*

(Signed) JUSTUS EDWARDS, *Secretary.*

Filed June 8th, 1868, at 1 o'clock P. M.

(Signed)

JOSEPH H. SHINN, *Clerk [of Baker County].*

BAKER COUNTY.—PINE CREEK MINING DISTRICT.

TRANSCRIPT. PINE CREEK MINING DISTRICT LAWS.

Minutes of Miners' Meeting.

The resident miners of Pine Creek in North Burnt River Basin, in the County of Baker and State of Oregon, assembled in meeting at Jackass Point, on the aforesaid creek, on Monday, August 3rd, A. D. 1868, for the purpose of enacting laws and rules for the regulation of the mining interests within the limits hereinafter specified.

Organized by temporarily appointing E. D. Boone chairman, and George Tykle secretary of the meeting.

Whereupon the chairman announced the meeting fully organized, and in readiness to proceed with the business under consideration.

When the secretary presented for consideration a draft of the following code of laws hereunto annexed.

On motion of W. W. Jones the aforesaid code of laws was received, and on being read by the secretary was on motion of Ferdinand Bowman submitted to a vote of the meeting, which resulted in their unanimous adoption as follows, to wit:

ARTICLE 1st.

SEC. 1st. The title of this mining district shall be known as the Pine Creek District.

BOUNDARY LIMITS.

SEC. 2nd. The limits of this district shall commence on North Burnt River, near the head of the rapids in the cañon at the lower extremity of the mountain spur intersecting said North Burnt River on its right bank, extending up the crest of said mountain spur or ridge to the summit of the divide separating the waters of the former from John Day's River; thence along the crest of said mountain in a northwesterly direction to the intersection of a diverging spur adjacent to west and source of Jones's Creek; thence down said spur in a northerly [or] northeasterly course, an recrossing North Burnt River at the mouth of Bennet's Creek; thence up the point of dividing ridge between the former and Lost Horse Creek, having its ——— in North Burnt River and the waters flowing into Camp Creek, to a certain point on the mountain summit at the head of Craven's Creek; thence northward down the crest of the ridge terminating on

Camp Creek opposite the mouth of Red Rock Gulch; thence up said gulch to its source, and continuing in a northwesterly (?) course up the divide to the summit of the mountain bordering on Bull Run; thence eastward along the crest of mountain to a diverging ridge separating the waters of Clear from Pine Creek; thence down the crest of said ridge to the confluence of Clear with Pine Creek; thence down the left bank of the latter and North Burnt River to the point of beginning.

ARTICLE 2ND. OF CLAIMS—DESCRIPTION.

SEC. 1st. River, creek, and gulch claims may be 300 feet in length, and extend across from rim to rim-rock.

SEC. 2nd. Bur claims to face 300 feet in front, and extend back to the pitch of the hill.

SEC. 3rd. Flat claims shall be 300 feet square if practicable, otherwise to be in compact form any other shape, and may embrace an equivalent amount of surface.

SEC. 4th. Hill claims may be 300 feet in length at the base, and run back to the summit (provided not exceeding 300 feet).

ARTICLE 3RD. RIGHTS OF LOCATION.

SEC. 1st. Any person over the age of 16 years may hold by location one of each of the foregoing species of claims in each and every distinct locality, and any unlimited number by purchase, excepting Chinamen shall be restricted to purchased claims.

SEC. 2nd. Discoverers of any new diggings, either singly or in companies, are entitled to hold an additional claim in virtue of such discovery in every distinct locality, and [the same] shall be designated as a discovery claim.

SEC. 3rd. Claims shall be deemed in working condition when a sufficient amount of water flows over the same.

SEC. 4th. All workable claims must be represented by one day's labor in every two weeks, either singly or in companies, upon any one of their own selection.

SEC. 5th. Unworkable claims may be laid over until such disability ceases to exist, by filing a notice thereof with the district recorder for record descriptive of locality and boundary limits.

SEC. 6th. The recorder shall upon tender of lawful fees proceed at his earliest convenience to the described premises, measure off and establish the boundaries thereof, and post in a conspicuous manner adjacent thereto his certificate of record.

SEC. 7th. A sufficiency of water shall consist of, in Burnt River, 200 inches, Pine and Camp Creeks, 50 inches above their junction, and 75 inches below—all other creeks and gulches, 36 inches.

SEC. 8th. Original locations of claims described by notice and accompanied by contributions of labor, shall hold for two weeks in virtue of priority against all adverse claimants.

SEC. 9th. All transfers of claims shall be entered upon the district records, exhibiting the names of the negotiating parties, within one month thereafter.

ARTICLE 4TH.

SEC. 1st. A majority of the resident miners holding claims within these limits shall be required to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business relating to the mining interests of this district.

SEC. 2nd. A majority of those assembled in meeting in due form, as prescribed by law and foregoing section, shall be empowered to ratify amendments, and effect any alterations in existing laws; provided such legislation does in no manner conflict with Federal or State laws, or infringe upon the rights of persons having availed themselves of prior established privileges, without the voluntary relinquishment of those rights by the parties affected thereby.

ARTICLE 5TH. FOR CONVENING LEGISLATIVE MEETINGS.

SEC. 1st. By a written petition of six or more resident miners calling for such a meeting the district recorder shall cause to be posted in each habitable mining camp a notice of such meeting at least 10 days prior thereto, stating the time and place thereof, and the object for which said meeting is to convene, which shall be a limit to its action.

SEC. 2nd. It shall be the duty of the district recorder to preside and officiate as clerk of the miners' meetings.

ARTICLE 6TH. OF JUDICIAL MEETINGS.

SEC. 1st. Any parties feeling aggrieved through an alleged infringement of their rights may present an oral or written statement of the nature of their complaint, and demand a miners' meeting within the immediate camp wherein the cause of action exists before the district recorder, who thereupon shall summon the defendant in litigation to appear and answer the complaint.

SEC. 2nd. Any number of miners the litigants may agree upon to sit as jurors in the pending issue shall be forthwith summoned to convene at some convenient place of meeting to try the cause of action upon its merits, according to law and evidence adduced on trial.

SEC. 3rd. Upon the rendition of judgment the recorder shall enforce the same, and be empowered to summon assistance.

ARTICLE 7TH.

SEC. 1st. All mining claims previously located and laid over by the recorder of any adjacent district in a lawful manner prior to the promulgation of these laws shall be respected and deemed valid in virtue of priority.

ARTICLE 8TH.

SEC. 1st. That upon application of interested parties the district recorder shall furnish a certified copy of these laws to each distinct and separate mining camp within this district.

ARTICLE 9TH.

SEC. 1st. There shall be held an annual election on the first Monday in August of each succeeding year and elect a recorder [and a recorder elected], whose term of office shall be one year, or until his successor is elected.

SEC. 2nd. The district recorder may appoint a deputy during his absence from the district, or additional ones for each separate mining camp.

SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS.

Upon motion of W. W. Jones, George A. Tykle was put in nomination for recorder to serve the ensuing term, whereupon the vote of the meeting being taken the chairman announced the result of Geo. A. Tykle having been duly elected recorder for Pine Creek Mining District for the ensuing term of one year.

Resolved that the secretary write out copies of the proceedings in duplicate, including the laws enacted thereunder, in convenient form, and file one copy in the records of Baker County, State of Oregon, and retain another in the district.

Adopted and ratified the foregoing laws and proceedings in meeting assembled this Aug. 3rd, 1868.

E. D. BOONE, *Chairman.*

GEO. A. TYKLE, *Secretary.*

Filed for record August 19th, A. D. 1868.

JOSEPH H. SHINN, *Clerk [of Baker County].*

BAKER COUNTY.—WEBFOOT BASIN MINING DISTRICT.

TRANSCRIPT. MINING LAWS OF WEBFOOT BASIN DISTRICT.

This district shall be known as the Webfoot Basin District—bounded as follows: on the north by Powder River; on the south by the summit of the Mountain; on the east by Sticer's Gulch; on the west by Canyon Creek.

ARTICLE 1. Creek claims shall be those through which six inches of natural water runs. Two hundred feet in length, and in width from rim rock to rim rock.

ARTICLE 2. Gulch claims shall be those that are considered as tributaries or heads of the creeks. Three hundred feet in length, and in width from rim rock to rim rock.

ARTICLE 3. Flat claims shall be level ground, and commence where creek and gulch claims end, and [be] two hundred feet square.

ARTICLE 4. Hill claims shall be two hundred feet front, and extend back to the summit of the hill.

ARTICLE 5. There shall be nominated by this district a recorder, whose duty it shall be to measure, stake off, and record all claims, transfers, and bills of sale, and who shall keep a book of records open to the public inspection, and who shall receive one and one-half dollars for each and every transfer, notice of location, and bill of sale, as fees.

ARTICLE 6. Persons may hold by location one creek claim, one gulch claim, one flat claim, and one hill claim, and an unlimited number of claims by purchase, provided said purchase is *bona fide*.

ARTICLE 7. Persons having claims of any kind adjoining—work done on one shall be deemed sufficient to represent all. Notices of locations set up on the ground shall hold for ten days. Then the original notice of location, or copy, must be filed and recorded by the local recorder, or the ground forfeited.

ARTICLE 8. Claims must be represented one day in seven by labor done on the same, [or shall] otherwise [be] forfeited. Forty inches of water shall be deemed sufficient to work said claims. No claims will be considered forfeited for want of labor done unless there is forty inches of water, natural or otherwise, running over said claims.

ARTICLE 9. The above laws are subject to amendments by the consent of two-thirds of all the resident miners of this district.

Laws adopted August the 24th, 1868.

(Signed)

“ JOHN F. CHORD (?) *Secretary.*

THOMAS PORTER, *Chairman.*

V. J. Roberts nominated and elected local recorder.

(Signed)

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THOMAS W. PORTER

J. F. CHORD (?)

CHARLES BLACKLEE

H. B. PORTER

V. J. ROBERTS

Filed August 29th, 1868.

(Signed)

JOSEPH H. SHINN, *Clerk [of Baker County].*

BAKER COUNTY.—SPRING GULCH MINING DISTRICT.

TRANSCRIPT. SPRING GULCH DISTRICT.

At a meeting held at the camp of Jas. Richardson & Co. Feb. 15th, 1869, for the purpose of making mining laws to govern themselves in a new mining camp, the following laws were passed

H. C. Furman was elected president, and R. H. Haines was elected secretary.

On motion of Jas. Richardson it was resolved that Cow Creek and its tributaries be and hereby are made a district, and called Spring Gulch District.

ARTICLE 1. Each miner shall be entitled to one creek claim, one gulch claim, one hill claim, and one bar claim, by location. The creek and gulch claims shall consist of 300 feet in length, and [extend] from rim rock to rim rock on the sides. Hill claims shall consist of 200 feet front, extending back 300 feet. Each bar claim shall consist of 200 feet front, and extend back to rim rock or hill.

ARTICLE 2. Each party or parties discovering diggings of either denomination in this district shall be entitled to one claim by right of discovery.

ARTICLE 3. All claims in this district shall be represented by one day's work in seven until laid over, provided all claims may be represented by work on any one claim or claims in this district.

ARTICLE 4. Work done for the benefit of claims shall be considered representing the same.

On motion of Jas. Richardson, H. C. Furman was elected recorder by acclamation.

It was resolved that the recorder be allowed \$2 for recording each claim.

(Signed) R. H. HAINES, *Secretary.*

H. C. FURMAN, *President.*