MINING LAWS

OF THE

REESE RIVER MINING DISTRICT,

REESE RIVER, NEVADA TERRITORY.

A meeting of the miners and inhabitants of the Reese River Mining District, was held at Jacob's Ranch, on Thursday, July 17th, 1862.

Mr. G. W. Jacob's called the meeting to order, and nominated Mr. A. J. Hewett for President or Chairman, and Mr. J. B. Marshall for Secretary. Carried.

Mr. G. W. Jacobs moved that the chair appoint a committee of three to draft a set of laws and regulations for the government of the Reese River Mining District, and to report the same to the meeting for its consideration. Adopted.

The chair appointed Mr. J. R. Jacobs, Mr. J. B. Marshall, and Mr. Wm. Talcott, as the Committee, who retired, and through their chairman, Mr. J. B. Marshall, reported.

Mr. Wilson moved that the Preamble, Laws, and Regulations reported from the Committee, be adopted. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Hewett nominated Mr. G. W. Jacobs for President of the District. Carried unanimously.

Mr. J. Towne nominated Mr. Wm. Talcott for Recorder for one year. Carried unanimously. Adjourned.

A. J. HEWETT, Chairman.

J. B. MARSHALL, Secretary.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, It has been the practice, custom and privilege of miners, and those interested in mines, to form Mining Districts, specifying the boundaries of the same, and making laws, rules and regulations for the location, holding and working of Mines; and

WHEREAS, The miners and others interested in mining in this (Reese River) District, did assemble in said District, on the 10th day of May, 1862, and passed a few rules by which the District should be governed:

AND WHEREAS, It has been generally conceded that the rules and regulations heretofore existing, are defective in form, and insufficient to secure, in a proper manner, the important interests which may grow up through a thorough development of the mines in this District:

AND WHEREAS, In the absence of laws made by the General Government, properly applicable and suitable to encourage and protect the rights and interests of those who search for, discover, locate, hold and work mines, it becomes necessary on the part of miners and those interested in mining—

1st, To originate and agree upon such rules and regulations as they desire for their government.

2d, To encourage a full and fair prospecting of the mining grounds in this District.

3d, To encourage their due and proper exploration and development, after discovery and location.

4th, To obviate disputes and conflict of title between claimants of mining ground, and prevent any and all interference therewith.

5th, To do all things which tend to the security, stability, development and thorough working, and active advancement of the mining interests in this District.

6th, To make it safe for capitalists and enterprising men to invest money in mining grounds, and mining stocks, in the erection of machinery and in giving extensive employment to labor.—Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the mining rules heretofore existing in this District, be and the same are hereby repealed.

RESOLVED, That the Rules, Regulations, and Mining Laws hereto attached and following, be, and they are, hereby adopted, as the Rules, Regulations and Mining Laws of this District, and that they are henceforth, until their repeal or alteration, to be relied upon as governing locators and workers of mines, and all other persons within the limits of this District.

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Sec. 1. The District shall be known as the Reese River Mining District, and shall be bounded as follows, to wit; On the North by a distance of ten miles from the Overland Telegraph Line, on the East by Dry Creek, on the South by a distance of ten miles from the Overland Telegraph Line, and on the West by Edwards' Creek. The Officers of this District shall consist of a President, Secretary, and Recorder, elected by those taking part in these proceedings, and shall hold their respective officers for the term of one year from the date of the election.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the President to call all necessary meetings of the miners of this District, to preside thereat, and to discharge the duties pertaining to said office.

Sec. 4. In the absence of the President from the District, or his inability to act, it shall be the duty of the Recorder to act in his stead.

Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of the Recorder to keep in a suitable book or books, a full and truthful record of the proceedings of all public meetings, to place on record all claims brought to him for that purpose, when such claim shall not interfere with or affect the rights and interests of prior locators, recording the same in the order of their date, for which service he shall receive fifty cents for each claim recorded, and fifty cents per folio for recording the transfer bill of sale, or deed of and to any mining property. It shall also be the duty of the Recorder to keep his books open at all times to the inspection of the public; he shall also have the power to appoint a deputy to act in his stead, for whose official acts he shall be held responsible.

Sec. 6. All examinations of the record must be made in the full presence of the Recorder or his deputy.

Sec. 7. Notice of a claim or location of mining ground by any individual, or by a Company, on file in the Recorder's Office, shall be deemed equivalent to a record of the same.

Sec. 8. Each claimant shall be entitled to hold by location 200 feet on any lead in the District, with all its dips, spurs and angles, offshoots, outcrops, depths, widths, variations, and all the minerals and other valuables therein contained—the discoverer of and locator of a new lead being entitled to one claim extra for discovery.

Sec. 9. The locators of any lead, lode or ledge in the District shall be entitled to hold, on each side of the said lode or ledge located by him or them, two hundred feet. Any lateral veins, lodes, or leads, bearing minerals, within the space of the said two hundred feet, on each side of the main ledge, shall be considered as claimed by and entirely belonging to the locator and locators of a lead, and his or their assigns, and part or parcel of the same mine.

Sec. 10. It shall be the privilege of any person, persons, or company, when the vein, ledge, or lode of mineral is not distinctly traceable upon the surface, to take up the ground they desire to prospect, stating in their notice the manner in which they intend to prospect the same, whether by running a tunnel, cut and drifts, or shafts, and the length or depth of such tunnel, cut, or shafts and drifts. If the locator or locators who claim ground for mining purposes, shall declare their intention to run a tunnel into, through or across the line of their claim, then it shall be understood that the length of the tunnel which their notice declares it to be their intention of running, shall be and is hereby intended to grant and determine the width of claim located; and no person or persons shall be allowed to locate claims coming within the distance and bounds claimed by such notice of record.

Sec. 11. Any person or persons, company or companies, who shall locate ground under these laws, shall be entitled to hold, and enjoy, and receive all the profit of working any and all leads, lodes or ledges of mineral deposit found on and within the limits of their location claim, by the running of tunnel, cut, or shafts and drifts, on any part of the ground claimed, which shall be considered as work done upon the claims; and if such work amounts to that required by these laws, the title of the ground claimed shall be deemed to vest in the locators and their assigns.

Sec. 12. Every claim (whether by individual or by company) located, shall be recorded within ten days after the date of location.

Sec. 13. That all claims heretofore or shall be hereafter recorded in this District, shall hold good until the 1st day of June, 1863, without further labor being expended on said claims, and if work be not commenced on said claims on the 4th day of June, 1863, they shall be considered as abandoned, and subject to re-location.

Sec. 14. Whenever one thousand dollars shall have been expended on the claims of a company, in this District, the ground so claimed by the company shall be deemed as belonging in fee to the locators thereof, and their assigns, and the same shall not be subject to location or re-location by other parties ever after, except by an acknowledged abandonment by the company of the ground.

Sec. 15. The Recorder shall go upon the ground with any and all parties desiring to locate claims, and shall be entitled to receive for such service, say for a company location, of ten or more names, Five Dollars, and for each location numbering less than ten names, fifty cents each.

Sec. 16. Location of claims to mining ground may be made within this District between the dates of May, 1862, and the 1st day of June, 1863, and any such claims so located and recorded, shall not be subject to forfeit, or deemed forfeited, and subject to re-location, for not working within these dates.

Sec. 17. These laws contemplate and provide for the location of two classes of claims—one to be denominated "Croppings" claims, being ledges or lodes visible, and the other to be called "Tunnel" claims, indicating that the ledge or lode claimed is not distinctly traceable on the surface.

Sec. 18. An election of officers shall be held at a place within this District, to be designated by public notice of the President, in one year from the date of the adoption of these rules and laws. A vacancy can be filled by an election on the call of the President, at any time, by giving ten days' notice—all officers to hold office until their successors are duly qualified. No person shall be allowed to vote, after the adoption of these laws, and the election of officers at any subsequent election, except such voter be an actual owner of a claim or claims in this District.

Sec. 19. These Rules or Mining Laws may be altered or amended by a two-third vote of those owning claims in the District, at any time after twenty days' notice of such intention shall have been given in the "Territorial Enterprise" and "Sacramento Union," and shall have been posted in three public places in the District.

G. W. JACOBS, President.

J. B. MARSHALL, Secretary.