

Annual Water District Meeting Checklist

Water district annual meetings must address certain topics. The checklist below will help ensure each water district is addressing the necessary topics during the annual meeting. Please return this completed checklist to the appropriate IDWR regional office along with the adopted budget, resolutions, and annual meeting minutes.

Water District Number and Name:

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Department of Water Resources
Eastern Region

Meeting Date, Time and Location:

2 Mar 23, 7 PM, Arimo City Hall

- ☒ Election of meeting chairman and secretary (*chairman facilitates meeting and secretary must record meeting minutes and submit to IDWR within 5 business days following the meeting*)
- ☒ Read and approve previous year annual meeting minutes
- ☒ Watermaster report and presentation of proposed budget
- ☒ Treasurer financial report
- ☒ Adopt budget (*must be submitted to IDWR immediately following the meeting*)
- ☒ Elect watermaster*
- ☐ Elect assistant watermaster(s)* (optional)
- ☒ Elect water district treasurer*
- ☐ Select an advisory committee (optional)
- ☐ Adopt resolutions (*must be submitted to IDWR immediately following the meeting*) none
- ☐ Determine next year's meeting date, time and location

Date 7 Mar 24 Time 7 PM Location Arimo City Hall

* An oath is required before the first year of service.

By signing below I verify that all required actions have been addressed at the water district annual meeting.

Completed by:

Theron M. Toler, Outgoing Sec/Treas 3 Mar 23
Water District Representative / Title Date

Garden Creek Water District, District 29-B
Minutes of the Annual Meeting

2 March 2023

Call to Order: Theron Toler (Sec/Treas) called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. He proceeded to conduct the meeting. Wendall Marley (Vice President) joined the meeting shortly after it started.

Members Present: See attached roster of attendees.

Last Year's Minutes: Theron reviewed the minutes from last year's meeting. There were no suggested changes. Doug Armstrong made the motion that the minutes be accepted. Wendell seconded. Motion carried.

Old and New Legislation: None was discussed.

Financial Report: Theron presented the financial report for the year 2022 and explained it. Corey made a motion to accept the financial report. Doug Armstrong seconded. Motion carried.

Water Master's Compensation, Adopt Budget, and Collect Revenue: Theron reviewed the historical rates and methods used. The district's main expenses are the Water Master's compensation and Worker's Compensation insurance. We have been paying the Water Master \$7/stream/day and charging the users \$8/stream/day. While this covers the Water Master's compensation and the small administrative expense, the insurance premium is not covered. It was agreed that the Water Master's compensation would be left at \$7/stream/day with a user's fee of \$8/stream/day. This allows a margin of \$1/stream/day for miscellaneous administrative expenses. The Worker's Compensation premium, however, possess a big problem. Historically we have charged each entity that is authorized to use the water out of Garden Creek a flat \$11 assessment. If everyone paid, that would generate \$308 which would be enough to cover the historical premium of \$300. However, everyone does not pay, and the State Insurance Fund raised the annual premium to \$400. After some discussion, it was agreed to raise the assessment to \$25 and hopefully that would make up the shortfall. Doug Armstrong made this motion. Doug Loertscher seconded. Motion carried.

Pool and Rotate: There is never enough water in Garden Creek for all users to use it at once, or to just use it arbitrarily. It was suggested that as in years past the water be pooled at rotated on turns or as directed by the Water Master. This method seems to provide the most beneficial use of the water. Doug Loertscher made a motion to "pool and rotate" as in years past. Doug Armstrong seconded. Motion carried.

Election of Officers: Current officers are: Sheldon Hatley, President; Wendall Marley, Vice President; and, Theron Toler, Secretary/Treasurer. Theron indicated that he was tendering his

resignation as he will no longer be available for service to the district. Theron also indicated that Sheldon would also like to resign. After some discussion Theron made the motion that Wendall be promoted to President, Cory be elected Vice President as well as Water Master, and Anna Capel be elected Secretary/Treasurer. Elaine seconded. Motion carried.

Advisory Committee: Theron pointed out that the appointment of an Advisory Committee is optional. Historically the district has had one but there is no evidence that they have ever met in a formal capacity. Problems and issues are resolved informally by communication of the water users involved. Therefore, Theron moved that the district no longer appoint a formal advisory committee. Elaine seconded. Motion carried.

Election of Watermaster: As indicated above, Corey was re-elected Water Master in conjunction with also be elected Vice President.

Old and New Business:

Old:

- There was no update on the problem of not being able to deliver water to Sage Lish. He was not at the meeting to express his views, and nobody else knew anything about it.
- Jared, from the IDWR, gave an update on the effort of the state to form administrative districts to management and control ground water. Hopefully this year, information will be forth coming regarding that effort.

New:

- Doug Armstrong suggested a letter be written to those people who do not pay their water bill and inform them that action is going to be started with the IDWR to decommission their water right. By them not paying, it is causing financial problems for the district. If they don't want the water right, it can be sold to some else who may be able to use it.

Adjournment: At 8:20 PM Doug Armstrong made the motion to adjourn. Wendall seconded. Motion carried.

Attest:



THERON M. TOLER
Outgoing Secretary/Treasurer

ROSTER OF ATTENDANCE

20 23 ANNUAL MEETING

WATER DISTRICT NO. 29-B

WATER DISTRICT AREA Garden Creek

ANNUAL MEETING

Date 2 Mar 23 Time 7 am/pm

Location Arimo City Hall

Address _____

NAME	ADDRESS	REPRESENTING
Theron Toler		self
Jared Adamson		IDWR
Doug Loertscher		SELF
Brett Loertscher		Self
Doug Armstrong		Self
PRICE Armstrong		Self
Parker Armstrong		Self
Wendell Marhey		Self
Cory Losce		Self
Elaine Christensen		Self

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Department of Water Resources
Eastern Region

3 March 2023

Hi Christina,

Last night at our district meeting, we had a substantial change in officers. It is all spelled out in the minutes but thought I would give you a "heads up".

Sheldon Hadley resigned as President, and I resigned as Secretary/Treasurer. Sheldon has served for a long time and needed a change, and my life is taking me in a direction where I probably wouldn't be able to serve very good anymore.

The new roster of officers looks like this:

Wendall Marley is President

Cory Losee is Vice President and Water Master

Anna Chapel is Secretary/Treasurer

You have contact information for Wendall and Cory. I have provided Anna's on the appropriate forms. She is currently living in Montana with some of her family, but she still maintains her property here in Idaho and uses the irrigation water. She has been involved with the Irrigation Company we have here for some time so she is familiar with the over all process. You can contact her via text message or email and she is usually very responsive.

Hopefully, my work has been beneficial to the district, but I must move on. If there is anything you need to contact me about, feel free.

Theron