

Water District 130

Annual Meeting Minutes - February 6, 2024

Idaho Department of Fish and Game
Magic Valley Regional Office – Sublett Conference Room

Attendance: Jim Henderhan, Brian Ragan, Dan Suhr, Justin Temple, Jim Redmond, Lynn Carlquist, Dean Stevenson, Meribeth Lomkin, Corey King, Benton Palmer, Mark Okelberry, Nathan Erickson, Ken Ruby, H. Broghan, Kent Heady, Joey Wallace, Bob Shepard, Wayne Smith, Zack Fabsicius, Ron Smith, Jordon Smith, Ryan Shurtliff, Jason Brown, Sidnee Hill, Jake Bledsoe, Ron Cota

Watermaster Corey King called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Justin Temple moved that Dean Stevenson serve as WD-130 Advisory Committee meeting chairman and that Meribeth Lomkin serve as WD-130 Advisory Committee meeting secretary, Jim Henderhan seconded the motion, motion passed.

All in attendance introduced themselves. Meribeth Lomkin reminded everyone to be sure to sign the roster of attendance in the back of the room.

The 2023 meeting minutes were reviewed and two errors were noted. Jim Henderhan moved to approved the minutes as corrected, Justin Temple seconded the motion, motion passed.

Corey King introduced the Subdistrict advisory committee members and asked if there were any Subdistrict Reports: None at this time.

Those in attendance separated into subdistrict groups around the room for selection of advisory committee members. Large group reconvened and subdistricts reported to Corey King to update advisory committee list.

Watermaster Report – Corey King:

Water District Summary – 2023 was a good water year – able to carry over a good amount of water. As of today – the reservoir system overall is about 76%. So far snowpack is not great.

Brian Reagan gave a brief Snow Water Equivalent (SWE) report – showed the current Idaho SWE map and read a summary on snow totals and future weather forecast from IDWR's weather forecaster.

Cost apportionment for the Water District: 2019-2022 usage amount was within 1000 acre feet of the previous 5 year span.

2023 – no curtailments issued

Water Master Report – Corey King (continued):

Water meter maintenance numbers are similar to previous years. About 11% of the meters in the District need work. Most of the problems are typical – what we've seen in the past. Out of just over 1000 meters, about 120 need work. IDWR meter maintenance letters will go out in mid-February.

Financial Report and Balance Sheet (see handout). Fiscal Year ends February 28, so reports estimate the Fiscal Year end numbers, but they look to be on par with past years and the budget.

Budget – no change from last year – it seems to be working so we're keeping it.

Review Proposed Resolutions & Budget:

Changes to the Resolutions from last year are: updating dates, updated Watermaster, changed dates in the budget, but the budget numbers stayed the same. Dean Stevenson noted that the WD-130 expenses are split 50/50 between consumptive and non-consumptive users.

Dean Stevenson asked if anyone had questions on the Resolutions? To be clear – by adopting the Resolutions, we elect the WD-130 Watermaster, Treasurer, and approve the budget.

Dan Suhr moved to adopt the 2024 WD-130 Resolutions. Justin Temple seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Other Business:

Jim Henderan asked how we quantified 2023 as a good water year when nearly all of the Riverence springs were at the lowest flow of historic record in the heat of summer? Corey King replied that the tributary flows were good, there were no water calls in the tributaries.

Lynn Carlquist summarized the Ground Water irrigation users water consumption cut back per the ESPA Settlement Agreement, the State of Idaho is completing groundwater recharge nearly per the agreement levels, and aquifer levels are still declining. Lynn is looking at well levels that the North Side Canal Company is measuring and wondering where the water is going.

Jim has observed a two year delay from "good" water years until they see the results in increased spring flows.

Lynn mentioned that hydrology experts say you have to look at long term numbers to see the trend/results of groundwater changes (10-12 year cycles).

For the 2025 meeting – the group requests the Watermaster report on the status of recharge and pumping across the ESPA.

Brian Ragan explained Ground Water Districts and talked about the ESPA Ground Water Management Area Advisory Committee (GWMAAC). The GWMAAC is a 10 person group working on plans/actions to implement to influence groundwater levels.

Lynn Carlquist is on the committee and said that it is diverse – including canal companies, groundwater users, Idaho Power, and spring users. They have had presentations on aquifer balance.

Justin Temple moved to adjourn the meeting, Jason Brown seconded the motion, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Meribeth Lomkin,
Secretary

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Don Duh	167 W 500 S Jarom	Self
Justin Temple		ABID
Jim Redmond	925 N. 8th E Mountain Home	Brown Willow
Lynn Carlquist	1092 S. 2500 E. Hazden	N/SGWD
Regan Stevenson	575 W. 600 N Paul	MVGWD
Meribeth Comkin	324 S. 417 E Jerome	IDL
Mark Okeberry	1170 S 1900 E Hazelton	Self
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Ken Raby	1984 E 2800 S	Wendell
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Kent Heady	538 River Rd Bliss	

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