

WATER DISTRICT 170 (UPPER SALMON RIVER BASIN)

ANNUAL MEETING – JANUARY 23, 2024

MINUTES

Meeting was held at the Challis Court House, 801 Main St., Challis.

In attendance: Mike England, Jane Sandstrom, Scott Zeigler, Cliff Hansen, Dave Schuler and David Graybill

- Meeting was called to order by Watermaster David Graybill at 2:00 PM.
- Motion by Schuler nominating Mike England as Meeting Chairman, 2nd by Sandstrom, motion passed.
- Motion by England nominating Schuler as meeting secretary, 2nd by Zeigler, motion passed.
- Chairman England asked attendees to review minutes from the 2023 Annual Meeting.
- Motion by Schuler to accept the minutes as written. 2nd by Sandstrom, motion passed.
- David Graybill gave a presentation on WD 170 2023 activities and 2024 goals. (see attachment) He also discussed a planned effort to work with stakeholders regarding the funding and installation of stream gauges for Tower, 4th of July and the North Fork.
- Chairman England asked the group to review the 2024 proposed resolutions (changes).
- Motion by Schuler to approve the proposed changes to the resolution pertaining to the election of meeting officers. 2nd by Zeigler, motion passed.
- Motion by Sandstrom to re-adopt the 2023 motions concerning Advisory Committee members, Watermaster Services and Budget. 2nd by Hansen, motion passed.
- Concerning "Other Items of Business", David Graybill discussed issues he experienced with water users on Withington Creek. A discussion took place concerning the reimbursement/billing for WD 170 watermaster services while supporting the Withington Creek watermaster. Discussion resulted in no action. Much discussion followed concerning IDWR's ability to enforce existing state statutes.
- Next meeting will be held on January 27th at 2:00 PM in Salmon.
- Meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM.

Water District 170 2024 Annual Meeting

2023 Activities

- I. WD 170 modification incorporating Administrative Basin 75
 - a. WD75A Annual Meeting Jesse, Wallace and Perreau Creek
 - 1. Elected a watermaster and adopted resolutions and a budget.
 - 2. Assisted watermaster to calculate assessments.
 - 3. Watermaster resigned in May. The district did not find a replacement so David Graybill delivered water in the district.
 - b. WD75F Annual Meeting
 - 1. Elected a watermaster and adopted resolutions and a budget.
 - 2. Elected watermaster inventoried the district.
 - c. Issued measurement order for Administrative Basin 75, including reporting requirements for mainstem Salmon river diversions with a compliance deadline of spring 2025.
- II. Conducted a measurement plan update in WD 74W which includes Texas, Hawley, Timber, Junction, Bull, Jake and Canyon Creeks inspected 80 diversions. This update involves inspecting control works and measurement devices for compliance.
- III. Presented at a Idaho Water Resource Board meeting regarding a Lemhi Settlement implementation update.
- IV. Held a water district workshop to educate water users on water district operations
- V. Participated in a water district workshop held by the Lemhi Soil and Water Conservation District to educate water users concerning measuring device compliance.
- VI. Worked with water district staff to get into compliance with registry requirements.
- VII. Testified in an injury to ditches criminal trial.

2024 Goals

- VIII. Conduct a measurement plan update WD 73 which includes the Pahsimeroi River and tributaries.
- IX. Develop watermaster instructions for new streamflow maintenance water rights in Lemhi Basin
- X. Collaborate with stakeholders regarding the potential installation of stream Basin 75 gauges on Tower Creek, 4th of July Creek and the North Fork of the Salmon River.
- XI. Work with advisory committee to recruit new watermaster for WD 75A The Greater Salmon area.