

**Water District 36A – Annual Meeting**  
**January 17, 2023, 2:00 pm**  
Hagerman American Legion Hall, Hagerman, ID 83332

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**(1-3 ) Call to Order, Welcome, Meeting Chairman/Secretary Elections**

Matt Doperalski, WD 36A Water Master, opened the meeting at 2:00 pm, welcomed everyone and identified IDWR employees in attendance (Cory King, Steve Visosky, Rob Whitney). Forty two people were in attendance representing 32 of the 72 assessed diversions in the District, plus individual water rights.

Frank Erwin, 2022 Meeting Chairman and Advisory Board member, asked for nominations for a meeting Chair and meeting Secretary. **Rudy Shokal nominated and Bud Huntley seconded Frank Erwin as meeting Chair.** No other nominations were offered and nominations were closed. **Motion carried by voice vote with none opposed.** Frank Erwin asked for nominations for a meeting Secretary. **Catherine Daily nominated and Bud Huntley seconded Linda Lemmon as meeting Secretary.** No other nominations were offered and nominations were closed. **Motion carried by voice vote with none opposed.**

*Handouts available on the entry table for review: Agenda for today's meeting, Minutes from the January 18, 2022 Water District 36A Annual Meeting, the 2022 Treasurer's Report and Proposed 2023 Water District 36A Budget, and the proposed 2023 Water District 36A Resolutions.*

**(4) Approval of FY 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes**

Frank Erwin asked for a motion to approve the minutes from last year's annual meeting as presented. **A motion was made by Rudy Shokal and seconded by Bud Huntley to approve the minutes from the January 18, 2022 Annual Meeting as written and presented. Motion carried by voice vote with none opposed.**

**(5) Adoption of Proposed 2023 Budget**

Frank Erwin asked Matt Doperalski to review the handout titled **Water District 36A Budget Summary** which included both the 2022 Treasurer's Report (adopted and actual budgets) and the 2023 Proposed Budget. Matt explained that there was no change proposed for the assessment rate per 24-hr second foot for 2023. Matt proposed an overall budget increase of about 5% from the actual amount spent in 2022. The increase included an approximately 3% increase in the Water Master salary and an increase in the Secretary salary, the latter of which had not been increased for many years. He also noted that the amount to be assessed in 2023 will be calculated based on flow amounts diverted in 2021. Water volumes diverted in 2021 were about 3% less than those diverted during 2020 which were used to calculate last year's assessment. To help defray the proposed budgetary increase, he proposed increasing the minimum amount charged per diversion from \$200 per diversion to \$225 and dipping into the contingency carryover category.

Frank asked for a motion to approve the budget. **A motion to accept the proposed budget as presented was made by Catherine Daily and seconded by Bud Huntley.** There was no further discussion. **Motion carried by voice vote with no opposing votes.**

**(6) Adoption of Proposed 2023 Resolutions**

Matt reviewed the handout titled **Water District 36A - Proposed Resolutions for 2023** which describes the rules under which the District will operate this year. The proposed resolutions had been reviewed and approved previously by the Advisory Board at their annual meeting in December 2022. Matt explained that the changes in the proposed resolutions from last year were limited to updating dates in resolutions 5, 6 & 10 and changing the minimum charge in resolution 10.

Frank asked for a motion to adopt the resolutions. **Bud Huntley moved and Rudy Shokal seconded that the 2023 proposed resolutions be adopted as presented.** There was no further discussion. **Motion carried by voice vote with none opposed.**

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**(7) Election of Water District 36A Advisory Board for FY 2023**

Frank explained that the current Advisory Board members indicated that they would be willing to serve again this year.

***Bud Huntley moved and Catherine Daily seconded that the Advisory Board members who served in 2022 be re-elected to serve in 2023. No other nominations were offered and the nominations were closed. Motion carried by voice vote with none opposed.***

**2023 Advisory Board Members are:** Frank Erwin, Hagerman Water Users Association  
Skyler Farnsworth, Idaho Fish & Game  
Philip Henderson, Riverence Farms  
Bud Huntley, Big Bend Irrigation & Mining Co.  
Gary Lemmon, Big Springs Water Users Assoc.  
John Mavencamp, Brailsford Ditch  
Billy McCarthy, Curren Ditch, Hunt Ditch, Bar-S Ditch  
Howard Morris, Hoagland Tunnel  
Dan Yore, Buckeye Ditch

**(8) Water Master's Report & Goals for 2023**

Matt shared that he will continue to discuss several needed upgrades to delivery systems that are in various stages of completion, including building a control structure along Big Bend Irrigation & Mining ditch (still in discussion), ditch cleaning and repair and/or replacement of an IDFG weir (in progress), and a meter repair and weir location maps on the USFWS property (in progress). He reminded those people who read and maintain the weirs in the District to keep the weirs clean, as dirty weirs and unreadable staff gages can over-estimate water use, resulting in higher assessments. Matt would like to continue to be notified of and attend lateral user meetings.

Matt also summarized a priority delivery situation which occurred this past summer as water flows at the end of Billingsley Creek were decreasing. When the Sands ditch requested more water, a cascade of priority date delivery decisions were implemented by the Water Master, resulting in temporary reductions to the Barlogi, Padgett and Sands ditches. The initial reduction scenarios were supported by Tim Luke from IDWR's compliance division and reviewed with water users at a joint meeting along the creek. Eventually, creek flows recovered, and restrictions were lifted.

**(9) District Q&A**

In response to an audience question, Frank reviewed recharge efforts in progress. Water delivered to the Shoshone recharge site appears to benefit the District more than water delivered to other sites, but water has not been delivered to the Shoshone site in recent years. Injection wells have been drilled near Dietrich.

Matt responded to a question on Billingsley Creek flow levels, saying that the creek is running about 110-120 cfs currently, but dropped to the low 40's during the summer. Flow at this time of year in the creek is about the same as it was at this time last year.

**Meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm.** Motion to adjourn was made by Bud Huntley and seconded by Catherine Daily. There were no opposing votes.

Minutes recorded by



Linda Lemmon, Secretary

Attachments: 2023 Adopted Budget, 2023 Adopted Resolutions

Minutes certified for submission to IDWR by



Frank Erwin, Meeting Chairman

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