

WD 78C Meadows Valley Goose Creek
Annual Water District Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 18, 2024, 1PM

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WATER RESOURCES
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P&IN Depot
Conference Room
101 Commercial
New Meadows, ID 83654

Attending: Dean Dryden, President; Jesse Chapman; Darrell Clay; Wyatt Greig; Tim Farrell, Watermaster; Jeff D. Luff, Sr.; Jeffrey Luff.; Calvin Low; Adam Lukes; Dana Purdy; Scott Storms, IDWR; Steve Weaver.

Meeting called to order by Dean Dryden, President.

1. Election of meeting chairman and secretary: Cal Low moved to elect meeting chairman, Dean Dryden, and meeting secretary, Sandy Dryden; seconded by Jeffrey Luff, motion passed.
2. Read and approve previous year annual meeting minutes: Sandy Dryden read the previous year's annual meeting minutes. Darrell moved to approve, Tim seconded, motion passed.
3. Watermaster report and presentation of proposed budget – Tim stated that the snowpack report states 79-80% of normal. Forecast is for cooler and rainy. Darrell went up about a month ago, at which time there was a lack of snow. Tim had Darrell shut Goose Lake's north headgate down and south gate ½ way down. Brundage headgate is shut off. Scott Storms noted that filling reservoirs is not restricted to certain dates but is year-round until capacity is reached.
4. Treasurer financial report -Sandy presented the Bills Paid and Cash Flow report, along with budget scenarios. Tim requested a 1% increase in salary coming to a net salary of \$4391.32.
5. Adopt budget. – Darrell moved to charge an assessment of \$2.60 per 24 hr. second feet; seconded by Cal; motion passed with verbal vote.
6. Elect watermaster – Darrell nominated Tim Farrell as Watermaster, seconded by Cal, Tim was elected by verbal vote.
7. Elect water district treasurer- Darrell nominated Sandy for Treasurer, seconded by Jeffrey Luff; Sandy was elected by verbal vote.

8. Select an advisory committee.

a. Cal nominated the same advisory committee:

- i. Darrell Clay,
- ii. Buddy LaFay,
- iii. Tim Farrell.

Darrell seconded. The advisory committee was elected by a verbal vote of the body.

9. Other Discussion-

a. Scott Storms, IDWR updated the group on relevant information.

- i. He reported that the legislature is working on clarifying regulations regarding ditch maintenance.
- ii. It is expected to be changes requiring a home within a subdivision to file for a water right for the drilling of a well. It is not expected to require a water right for a single home outside of a development.
- iii. It is expected that Brundage Ski Resort will be making an application for snow making from a pond. They are also planning a residential development at Brundage Ski Hill. For any water right application within the water district, IDWR sends notice to the current water right owners for comment. Brundage Ski Resort owns some Brundage stock that is associated with their Creek Side RV Park (formerly Perk Rose's property). However, Brundage Reservoir water cannot be used on the ski hill as the ski hill is not within the digital boundary nor does the ski hill constitute beneficial use.
- iv. Tim asked Scott to report on an audit performed on the diversion structures in the Goose Creek Water District 78-C last summer. Wes Keller with the Nez Perce tribe and Little Salmon River Water Collaborative requested the audit. Tim took Scott on a tour of diversions. Scott will provide the report for the water district's records.
- v. Scott will check with IDWR if the district secretary and watermaster could be notified of water rights transferred as a result of land ownership changes or name changes.
- vi. Scott will check if there is a notice of watermaster appointment

requiring 3 signatures from the water district.

- b. Little Salmon River Watershed Advisory Group (WAG). DEQ is revisiting the Little Salmon River watershed. The DEQ will be monitoring for pollutants (e coli, sediment, etc.). Concerns about agricultural runoff and bank degradation. Methods to mitigate such concerns include fencing off the Little Salmon River and tributaries. Dean urges irrigators to be proactive. Scott does not think that DEQ can force a landowner to fence nor can the DEQ jeopardize existing water rights. Several water users requested to be added to the WAG meeting notice. Sandy will forward those water users' emails to the WAG organizer.

10.Next Meeting: Monday March 17th, 2025 1 pm at the depot. Darrell moved, seconded by Jeffrey Luff, motion passed.

11.Jeffrey moved to adjourn, seconded Darrell; motion carried.

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

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by:

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Dryden, Secretary/Treasurer