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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE WATERUSERS OF THE BLACKFOOT RIVER WATER DISTRICT #27  
HELD AT THE BINGHAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
BLACKFOOT, IDAHO  
JANUARY 9, 2017

Advisory committee chairman Rob Reid called the annual meeting of Water District 27 to order at 1:05 p.m. January 9, 2017.

Layne Hamilton nominated, seconded by LaVerelle Stecklein, Bob Reid as meeting Chairman and Wendy Murphy as meeting Secretary. The motion passed by those in attendance.

Minutes of the meeting held January 11, 2016 were read by Wendy Murphy. Larry Hinderager moved to accept the minutes as read; Marvin Yancey seconded, and the minutes were approved as read.

Lyle Swank indicated Rob Keller moved on to another job and indicated Craig Chandler has taken his place. Travis Soderquist was introduced and will be assisting Craig in Water District 27. A summer intern will continue to measure during the irrigation season.

Craig Chandler, Water District 27 Deputy Watermaster, provided a review of the last season. In 2016, the precipitation was significantly drier than normal for June, July and August. Rains at the end of September and October helped the end of the irrigation season. As in 2015, 2016 temperatures were higher than normal for 9 months out of the year. In 2016 the Fort Hall diversions totaled 216,379 acre-feet and the North Side Users diverted 52,770 acre-feet. The Blackfoot River Management Plan's Primary Volume, with adjustments, was equal to 42,690 acre-feet. A projection of a worst case scenario using 2015 and 2016 data for the primary volume is 45,053 acre-feet. Craig reviewed the information available online at [www.waterdistrict27.com](http://www.waterdistrict27.com). There will be additions to include a link to the Corbett Slough water use, and measurement shifts taken during the season. The current weather patterns are favorable for the upcoming season but it is early in the snow accumulation for the season. The snow water content for the Blackfoot Basin is 117% of median for this time of year. The Blackfoot Reservoir content as of January 9, 2017 was 211,020 acre-feet which is about 63% full.

Bob Reid opened the floor for nominations for the advisory board. It was moved by Layne Hamilton to retain the current advisory board as it is, LaVerelle Stecklein seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The 2017 advisory board is Bob Reid, Chairman, Marvin Yancey, Mark Pratt, Trish Arave, and David Bollinger with the BIA.

The checking and savings account balance as of December 31, 2016 totaled \$37,203. The Accounts Receivable balance was -\$788. Liabilities at the end of the year were \$10,647. The total equity of the district is \$25,767. The profit and loss budget comparison was also presented. The 2016 income from assessments was \$48,650. Miscellaneous income received was \$33. Expenses included the website for \$240, the Water District 1 contract expenditures were \$40,602, measurement equipment cost was not spent, and travel cost totaled \$3,749. The total

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expenses of the district were \$44,590. The net income for the year was \$4,093. Marvin Yancey motioned to approve the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Larry Hinderager and the motion carried.

The 2017 Resolutions were presented by Lyle Swank. The first 2017 resolution sets the date of the 2018 annual meeting for January 8, 2018. The budget is proposed to be increased 2.5% to \$49,860 for this year. Additional language was added to resolution 5 to allow the advisory board to modify the budget/expenses if the need arises. If the budget is exceeded without this language a special meeting of the district would need to convene. Currently the board does not anticipate a circumstance when this might be needed. David Bollinger expressed caution when utilizing this in regards to when BIA or the Tribes are not involved in the expense. Marvin Yancey moved to approve the resolutions as presented. David Bollinger seconded the motion and the motion carried.

TJ Budge was asked to update the water users regarding the SWC/IGWA agreement, in particular the recharge efforts Speaker Bedke has referred to in the press. Mr. Budge indicated after both parties went through the court process and had questioned answered the water users entered into an agreement in 2015. Both parties agreed to stabilize the aquifer to an average water level. The groundwater users agreed to reduce pumping by about 12 ½ %. The state agreed to recharge about 250,000 acre-feet annually. In 2016 the state recharged approximately 60,000 acre-feet; pumpers recharged an additional 80-90,000 acre-feet. This fall the state has recharged an additional 30,000 acre-feet, and have put in more recharge infrastructure to increase this effort in future years. IGWA is still waiting for a report on the levels in 20 wells that will monitor the aquifer recovery. The goal to achieve the average level is in 2026, with some checkpoints in 2020, and 2023.

As follow up to TJ Budge's discussion there were questions to BIA regarding using the equalizing reservoir for recharge efforts. David Bollinger indicated there is a major rebuild this year but is an option to be considered and studied for future years.

LaVerelle Stecklein moved to adjourn the Water District 27 Annual Meeting, Marvin Yancey seconded the motion and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2:33 pm.

Wendy G. Murphy  
Wendy Murphy, Secretary

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Idaho Falls, ID 83402

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*State of Idaho*  
*Department of Water Resources*  
***Certificate of Appointment***

*This is to certify that I have on this day appointed Alan Kelsch as  
Treasurer of Water District 27 from this day until the 2017 annual  
meeting or until his/her successor is appointed and qualified under the provisions of Idaho Code Section  
42-619, at such rate of compensation as established by applicable law.*



*This certificate has been issued and the seal of the  
Director fixed at Boise, Idaho, this 17th January, 2017.*

*Gary Spackman*

*Director - IDWR*



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  ) ss  
County of Bonneville

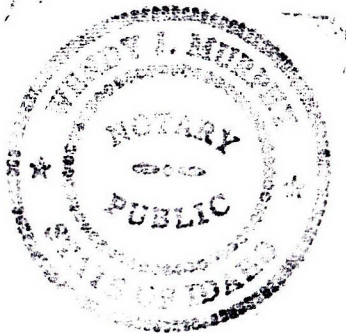
Official Oath

I do solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of the State of Idaho, specifically including the provisions of Sec. 42-619, Idaho Code, and that I will faithfully discharge all the duties of the office of treasurer of District 27 for the calendar year of 2017 according to the best of my ability. So help me God.

Alan D. Kelsch  
Treasurer

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017

Seal



Wendy G. Murphy  
Notary Public

Residing at Idaho Falls

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*State of Idaho*  
*Department of Water Resources*  
***Certificate of Appointment***

*This is to certify that I have on this day appointed Lyle Swank as  
Watermaster of Water District 27 from this day until the 2018 annual  
meeting or until his/her successor is appointed and qualified under the provisions of Idaho Code Section  
42-605, at such rate of compensation as established by applicable law.*



*This certificate has been issued and the seal of the  
Director fixed at Boise, Idaho, this 11th     
day of January, 2017.*

*Gary Spackman*

Director - IDWR



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State of Idaho )  
County of Bonneville ) ss

Official Oath

I do solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution and laws of the State of Idaho, specifically including the provisions of Section 42-605 and 42-607, Idaho Code, and that I will faithfully discharge all the duties of the office of Watermaster of District 27 according to the best of my ability. So help me God.

Lyle Swank  
Watermaster

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 10th day of Jan., 2017



Wendy J. Murphy  
Notary Public  
Residing At Idaho Falls  
Commission Expires 11/6/2019

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*State of Idaho*  
*Department of Water Resources*  
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*This is to certify that I have on this day appointed Travis Soderquist as  
Assistant Watermaster of Water District 27 from this day until the 2018 annual  
meeting or until his/her successor is appointed and qualified under the provisions of Idaho Code Section  
42-605, at such rate of compensation as established by applicable law.*



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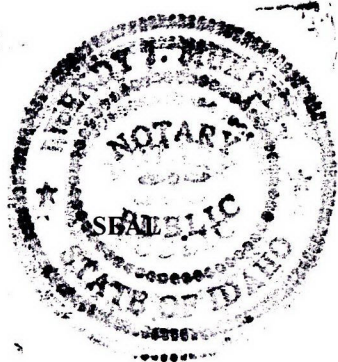
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County of Bonneville ) ss

Official Oath

I do solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution and laws of the State of Idaho, specifically including the provisions of Section 42-605 and 42-607, Idaho Code, and that I will faithfully discharge all duties as Assistant Watermaster of District 27 according to the best of my ability. So help me God.

[Signature]  
Assistant Watermaster

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 10 day of January, 2017



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*Department of Water Resources*  
***Certificate of Appointment***

*This is to certify that I have on this day appointed Craig Chandler as  
Assistant Watermaster of Water District 27 from this day until the 2018 annual  
meeting or until his/her successor is appointed and qualified under the provisions of Idaho Code Section  
42-605, at such rate of compensation as established by applicable law.*



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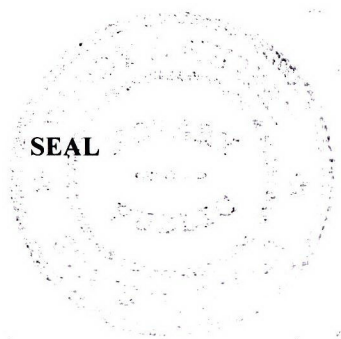
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County of Bonneville ) ss

Official Oath

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Craig Chandler  
Assistant Watermaster

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 10 day of 01, 2017



Wendy J. Murphy  
Notary Public  
Residing At Idaho Falls  
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## **Water District 27 Year 2017 Resolutions**

1. BE IT RESOLVED that the annual Water District 27 meeting shall hereafter, or until changed by further resolution of the district, be held on the second Monday of January of each year unless the director and advisory members should find it necessary to change the meeting date. The next annual meeting is to be held January 8, 2018.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that it is the watermaster's responsibility to apply the best available methods and technology to assure accurate deliveries of natural flow and stored water, consistent with regulatory procedures and the availability of the water supply; that he maintain accurate records of water delivered to each water user.

That, the watermaster shall accurately allocate the expenses of delivering water of the district to each ditch, canal company, irrigation district, or other water user as provided by law; and that he shall prepare the annual watermaster's report required by Idaho Code 42-606 and a proposed budget for the succeeding year as required by Idaho Code 42-615.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

The watermaster will investigate ways to expand and maintain automation where it can effectively improve water management, reduce personnel costs, travel costs, or result in cost or water savings for water users in Water District 27, or assure better and more current data.

The Watermaster will adjust the headgates of all natural flow rights. The Fort Hall Project Manager or his designee will adjust the central gates of the Blackfoot Reservoir, the equalizing reservoir, the Little Indian Canal, and the North and Main Canal headgates. The Watermaster will be duly advised of all changes made in the gates regulated by the Fort Hall Project Manager or his designee.

Lyle Swank be elected watermaster for the ensuing year, and be authorized to appoint deputies and hire such other assistants as provided by the adopted budget. The watermaster may hire additional assistants as authorized in Idaho Code 42-609 in an emergency.

Alan Kelsch be elected Water District 27 Treasurer.

The duties of the watermaster and treasurer shall continue until the next annual meeting.

The budget for Water District 27 for the 2017 year beginning January 01, 2017, and continuing until the annual meeting in 2018, shall be as follows:

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# Water District 27 2017 Budget

Expenses	Budget	Notes
Water District 1 Contract	\$41,860.00	
Travel	\$4,200.00	
<b>Total WD1 Expenses</b>	<b>\$46,060.00</b>	
Website	\$ 300.00	
Measurement & Reporting Equipment	\$3,500.00	
<b>Total to Assess</b>	<b>\$49,860.00</b>	

3. WHEREAS, it is the watermaster's responsibility to assure the proper delivery of water to all water users, and

WHEREAS, the normal water district cost of delivering water to many water users is greater than their normal assessments would be based upon their total annual use of water;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the watermaster of Water District 27 is hereby authorized to assess a \$50.00 minimum charge for every point of diversion within his jurisdiction.

4. WHEREAS, the water users of Water District 27 meeting in regular annual session find it necessary to confirm the continuation of the following "on-going" resolutions which direct the watermaster and the treasurer of the district in certain aspects of Water District 27 operations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the budget of Water District 27 adopted at the annual meeting shall become the basis for the aggregate amount to be collected from all water users in the district for the current year based upon historical average delivery to each user. Debits and credits for the preceding year will be added to the current approved budget before assessments for the irrigation season are made.

It is hereby agreed that the natural flow users shall pay 40% of Water District 27 Budget, and that the Fort Hall Project shall pay 60% of said expense. The rate of assessment per 24 hour second feet shall be computed in accordance with the above proportions.

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No water shall be delivered to any delinquent water user until all delinquencies have been paid, and no water shall be delivered after June 1 2017, until the current year's assessment has been paid.

That the treasurer shall establish and maintain a general account and shall cause all monies received to be deposited and shall make all disbursements as necessary to conduct the business of the water district;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no ditch, canal company, or other water users shall have the right to demand and receive water, and the watermaster shall not deliver to such person until receipt of the amount due and payable from such user, and

That copies of the minutes of the annual meeting, the approved budget, and related resolutions, shall be filed with the Director of the Department of Water Resources in accordance with Idaho Code 42-612 and 42-617.

5. WHEREAS, the water district meets in regular annual session, as provided by state law, and;

WHEREAS, there are, from time to time, decisions related to water district contracts, or policies that may not have been specifically addressed by resolution at the annual meeting;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the advisory committee of Water District 27 is authorized to take such actions as they, by consensus deem necessary and appropriate to fulfill the duties for which the district was created.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the advisory committee be authorized to modify the budget and approve the expenditure of funds held by the water district for unanticipated expenses of the water district.

6. WHEREAS Idaho Code 42-605 provides for voting by water users and election of an advisory committee, the water users of Water District 27 hereby resolve that the credentials for voting in any district meeting and for serving on the district advisory committee will be as follows:

- 1) The advisory committee is to consist of 5 members, geographically distributed to represent the interests within the district.
- 2) Each advisor must be a landowner and water user within the boundaries of Water District 27; except for the Designated Representative from Fort Hall.
- 3) Must have paid all assessments owed Water District 27.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall continue from year to year until repealed or changed by the water users.

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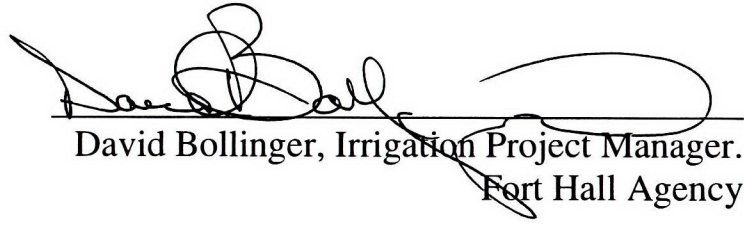


7. ACCEPTANCE BY THE UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

BE IT RESOLVED that adoption of all resolutions become effective with respect to the Fort Hall Project and all water distributed to the Fort Hall Project from any source, when the Fort Hall Irrigation Project Manager has affixed his signature.



Bob Reid, Chairman  
Blackfoot River Water User's Association



David Bollinger, Irrigation Project Manager.  
Fort Hall Agency

Approved and accepted this 9th day of January, 2017.

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