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Water District 130

Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - February 4, 2025

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

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Attendance: Justin Temple, Bart Webster, Benton Palmer, Gary Lemmon, Meribeth Lomkin, Joey Wallace, Brian Ragan - IDWR, Lynn Carlquist, Dean Stevenson, Cayden Henslee – IDWR, Corey King - IDWR

Lynn Carlquist moved that Dean Stevenson serve as WD-130 Advisory Committee meeting chairman and that Meribeth Lomkin serve as WD-130 Advisory Committee meeting secretary, Benton Palmer seconded the motion, motion passed.

The group reviewed the 2024 minutes. Justin Temple moved to approve the minutes, Gary Lemmon seconded the motion, motion passed.

Water District Operations - Watermaster Report:

Water District Update/Review Financial Report:

Corey King noted that the budget is in the handouts, numbers have been carried forward from last year. Financial report/balance sheet shows the Water District's current financial status.

The surplus is primarily in measurement and administration – there was some chaos at IDWR this year in a lot of ways – Carrie Hahn their administration assistant retired, Jan moved, so staff openings led to some salary savings. Cayden has been hired to fill one position, and the other position will be advertised soon.

For the 2025 proposed budget, Corey carried everything over the same as we did for 2024.

Discussion on Carryover Balance – general consensus of group is to hold onto it for 2025 and review again for 2026. We don't want to change the billing assessment for this amount if this is going to be short term reduction in costs.

Question: How was the workload handled with the staff shortages in 2024?

Answer: Water Well Consultants – working on the water district, does a lot of the water meter maintenance which reduces the IDWR field staff time.

Discussion: Lynn Carlquist noted that the new Groundwater agreement being implemented in 2025 and required in 2026 should catch some more of the meter issues. Dean Stevenson noted that we consistently see 5-10% meter failure every year, Dean thinks that's just what there will be.

Review and Endorse proposed budget and proposed resolutions:

Watermaster updated the 2024 resolutions by changing the dates throughout, used "bold" type for Watermaster (Corey King) and Treasurer (Lynn Carlquist) names, and updated the budget within the resolutions. Discussion on who the group wanted to sign the Water District checks – consensus to continue with Lynn and Dean signing them. Resolutions were reviewed and discussed by the group.

The last page in the meeting packet is Cost Apportionment for 2025 which calculates the assessment amount using the proposed budget.

Justin Temple moved that the WD-130 Advisory Committee endorse the 2025 proposed resolutions, including the WD-130 budget within them, and bring them to the full membership of WD-130. Benton Palmer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Brian Ragan noted that a single vote by the group on the resolutions has four actions for WD-130 – selection of Watermaster, Treasurer, Advisory Committee, and Budget.

Water District Meeting Agenda:

The Advisory Committee reviewed the meeting agenda for the Annual Meeting and got a preview of the water meter status presentation that Corey prepared for the Annual Meeting.

Other Business:

Discussion of Cloud Seeding in Central Idaho – it has been suspended for now due to avalanche danger. Cloud seeding continues in Eastern Idaho.

General discussion on groundwater recharge projects and spring flows.

Gary Lemmon moved to adjourn the meeting, Benton Palmer seconded the motion, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Meribeth Lomkin,
Secretary