

Water District 120
Annual Meeting Minutes (Draft)
Bingham County Courthouse (Room 3)
February 10, 2025

At 1:03 p.m. Craig Evans called the meeting to order.

Connie Christensen moved to elect Craig Evans as meeting chairman and Christina Henman as meeting secretary; seconded by Dane Watkins: motion passed.

Time was given to review the 2024 annual meeting minutes. Dane Watkins moved to accept the minutes; seconded by Connie Christensen: motion passed.

Blake Jordan introduced Harrison Hadsock and Tanner Wood as new IDWR employees who will be assisting with water district work.

Blake Jordan presented the 2024 financial report. Blake mentioned that the Fuji Ultrasonic Flow Meter in the Fixed Asset document was in good working condition. Blake also clarified that the water district's fiscal year runs from 11/1 to 10/31. Blake explained that the accounts receivable balance was due to unpaid assessments. A question was asked regarding how much the curtailment cost the water district; Blake explained that IDWR had covered most of the efforts, so the fiscal impact to the district was minor. The district spent significantly less than the IDWR contract amount due to being short staffed most of the year; which resulted in only the bare necessary work was able to be completed. Blake discussed shifting the \$50,000 surplus budget amount into the state savings account in order to earn more interest income.

Blake Jordan presented the 2025 proposed budget. Assessment amounts will remain the same as the previous year. Last year's expansion brought in new water users, otherwise collections methods will stay the same as the previous year. The district does not anticipate too much additional spending, but having a buffer will allow for uncertainty regarding collecting assessments from new water users. A question was asked why the district does not provide a refund to return excess funds to water users. Blake explained that the administrative burden of processing the refunds would be significant; and that the better route would be to reduce assessments to water users in upcoming years, or to allow the extra funds to act as a buffer to avoid increased assessments in the future. Craig Evans mentioned that this had been discussed at the advisory committee meeting, and ultimately it was decided not to reduce assessments this year to allow a buffer while new users transition into the district.

Dane Watkins moved to accept the financial report and approve the budget; seconded by Shaun VanOrden: Motion passed.

Blake Jordan presented the resolutions and proposed changes. The resolutions reflect the appointment of the Watermaster (Blake Jordan) and Treasurer (Stephanie Mickelsen). Proposed changes included updating years to reflect 2025. A question was asked regarding why the director of IDWR ordered the curtailment instead of the Watermaster. Blake clarified that per statute, the director has the authority to issue a curtailment, and the water district follows the order. Shaun VanOrden moved to approve the 2024 resolutions; seconded by Dane Watkins: motion passed.

Harrison Hadsock presented the Water Master's Report. The report included a field season review, information from IDWR, 2024 water use, and a 2025 water outlook. Harrison mentioned that there was an overall increase in functioning meters. There was discussion regarding why the Blackfoot Reservoir is not included in the 'teacup' diagram as well as whether water used by the reservation is accounted for. Blake clarified that Water Districts 1 and 27 would be responsible for their respective locations, and that they would be the better resources for that relevant information. Shaun VanOrden moved to accept the watermaster report; seconded by Connie Christensen: motion passed.

Craig Evans gave time to review the current advisory committee and recommend changes. Cole Clark requested to join the advisory committee. After some discussion, it was decided that Alan Jackson would be removed and Cole Clark added. Dane Watkins moved to approve the advisory committee as changed; seconded by Connie Christensen: motion passed.

Craig Evans presented the Chairmans Report. He had nothing new to address and opened for questions. There was some conversation regarding the Chesterfield dam and who controls it. A question regarding when Water District 120 became an entity was answered, clarifying that it was formed in the early 2000s and had undergone 4-5 modifications with the most recent one in 2024. Another question was asked to clarify the difference between a state-formed water district and a ground water district. A Water District has a watermaster appointed by the Director of IDWR, and has the authority to regulate and measure water. A ground water district is not regulated, and generally focuses more on the legal issues and representation of the water users.

Craig Evans opened for other business. Hearing none, Connie Christensen moved to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded: Meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.



Christina Henman, Meeting Secretary

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