

**Water District 120
Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes (Draft)**

February 3, 2025

IDWR Eastern Region Conference Room, Zoom

Those attending in-person were Brad Butters, Shaun VanOrden, Dane Watkins, Craig Evans, and Kirt Schwieder. Those attending via Zoom were Connie Christensen, Shaun Tischendorf, Alan Jackson, Dylan Anderson, BJ Lott, and Carl Taylor. IDWR representatives were Blake Jordan, Tanner Wood, Harrison Hadsock, and Christina Henman.

At 1:04 pm Craig Evans called the meeting to order.

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

Time was given to review the previous year's minutes. Shaun Tischendorf moved to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded: Motion Passed.

Blake Jordan presented the financial report. The Balance Sheet Previous Year Comparison showed an increase in the Accounts Receivable. Blake explained that this was due to unpaid assessments and clarified that it is the same 10-15 accounts not paying over multiple years. There was discussion regarding what actions the district could take to collect unpaid assessments, and Blake explained that they could refuse to deliver water to those users; however, it is extremely difficult to turn off domestic diversions. Brad Butters addressed an ~\$40,000 surplus, and asked whether it would be possible to move the funds into an interest-bearing account. There was discussion regarding moving funds into the state account. Blake reviewed the Profit and Loss form, and explained that the district did not spend as much as anticipated due to being short staffed for 8-9 months; which resulted in only the core duties of the district being able to be performed. There was discussion about whether the cost of the curtailment efforts was covered by the district, and Blake explained that it was primarily covered by IDWR; however, now that the water district is fully staffed, any future curtailments will be covered to the water district.

Brad Butters moved to transfer \$50,000 from the Bank of America account into the LGIP/State account; seconded by Shaun VanOrden: Motion Passed.

Blake Jordan presented the 2025 proposed budget. There was significant discussion regarding whether to decrease, increase, or hold assessment rates. It was decided to keep the assessment rates the same as last year in light of inflation concerns and uncertainty regarding receiving payments from new users within the district. It was also decided to increase the IDWR contract from \$85,000 to \$90,000.

Shaun VanOrden moved to accept the financial report and proposed budget as adjusted; seconded by Dane Watkins: motion passed

Blake Jordan reviewed the resolutions. Potential changes regarding budget and assessment information were reverted; so the only changes proposed were to adjust dates to reflect the current year. There was discussion regarding who covers the cost of assistant water district staff. Blake clarified that the district is responsible for their staff compensation, and that the Watermaster does have the ability to delegate authority as needed. It was asked whether employees of a ground water district could be appointed as an assistant watermaster. Blake explained that it is possible, but they would need to be employed under the IDWR contract, and subject to direction of IDWR for curtailment. Blake also explained that ground water districts would be notified when curtailments are in effect. Shaun VanOrden moved to accept the resolutions as reverted; seconded by Dane Watkins: motion passed.

Blake Jordan asked if the committee would like to review the Watermaster's Report or wait to hear it at the Annual Meeting. It was decided to present it at the Annual Meeting.

Blake Jordan addressed the reasonable shortfall carryover. The majority of those affected are non-irrigation rights; but not much is being done at the current time due to low use. The department is currently reviewing any actions that may be needed regarding non-compliant users; they may be contacted by the department regarding their use. Ground water districts may see an increase in water users asking to join them. Blake also addressed upcoming water district expansions. Time was spent discussing the new Water District 129 (Portneuf/Marsh Valley area.) Water District 120 may also see another expansion to bring in water users close to the current boundary; in which case, the new water users may attempt to join existing ground water districts or create their own.

Craig Evans moved to adjourn the meeting; Brad Buttars seconded: Motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:17 pm.


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