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WATER RESOURCES
WESTERN REGION

Water District No. 161
Annual Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2025

Water District No. 161 annual meeting was held at the Mountain Home Elks Lodge on Tuesday January 21, 2025 at 7:00 pm. Refer to attached roster sheet for attendees.

Larry Jewett called annual meeting to order.

Jim Blanton nominated Larry Jewett to be the chair for the meeting, second by Karen Tucker. Vote taken, all in favor, non opposed motion passed. Jim Blanton nominated Chris Alzola to be the secretary for the meeting. Second by Karen Tucker. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Chris read the minutes from the January 16, 2024 annual meeting. Motion made by Jim Blanton to accept minutes as written, second by Larry Jewett. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed motion passed.

Larry introduced Watermaster Ed Van Etten. Ed said he traveled around 2,200 miles in 2024 and visited 200 wells. All wells that need meters are installed except one at a trailer park. Ed has been in contact with them. Ed said he goes and reads and checks meters in the spring, again in July and he is just getting finished with the fall readings. Ed said there are three new wells for the new development at Mayfield, he is keeping track of them. Ed introduced Bob Howe from Idaho Dept. of Water Resources. Jim Blanton made motion to accept Ed's reporting, second by Larry Jewett. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Chris provided financial report. Jim Blanton made motion to approve financial report. Seconded by Karen Tucker. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Review Proposed 2025 Budget in the amount of \$51,244.00. Motion by Jim Blanton to approve the budget in the amount of \$51,244.00, Karen Tucker second motion. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Jim Blanton made motion to elect Ed Van Etten to be 2025 Watermaster, Karen Tucker second motion. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Jim Blanton made motion to leave minimum fee at \$45.00, second by Larry Jewett. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Karen Tucker made motion to elect Chris Alzola to be 2025 Treasurer, Jim Blanton second motion. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Karen Tucker made motion to elect the same members as last year to the 2025 Advisory Committee, second by Jim Blanton. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

2025 Advisory Committee Members:

Member#1: David Olson – Large Irrigation

Member#2: Jim Blanton – Domestic

Member#3: Kresta Davis – (or as designated by Idaho Power) - Commercial/Industrial

Member#4: Larry Jewett – Small Irrigation

Member#5: Katie Gomez – (or as designated by USAF) MHAFB

Member#6: Eric Orr – Large Irrigation


Member#7: Daniel Brennan (or as designated by City of Mtn. Home) – Municipal

Karen Tucker made motion to adopt the 2025 Proposed Budget and Proposed Resolutions with the existing Resolutions already in place, second by Jim Blanton. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Motion by Larry Jewett to set 2026 annual meeting for Tuesday January 20, 2026 @ 7:00 pm at the Mtn. Home Elks Lodge, second by Jim Blanton. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

No other items of business were presented

Motion by Jim Blanton to adjourn, second by Larry Jewett. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 PM.


Chris Alzola, Secretary/Treasurer