

Minutes of the Annual Water District Meeting 29G - Birch Creek

February 13, 2023 – 7pm at the American Legion Hall

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Roster of attendance is attached.

Chairman: Dianna Burden - was nominated as chairman. All were in favor.

Secretary: Larry Burden – was nominated as Secretary. All were in favor.

Dianna called the meeting to order and reviewed prior year financial status, all funds were paid as approved. Prior year minutes were read. Mike Vaughan made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Jodi Gardner seconded. All were in favor.

Watermaster report – Kent Winward – discussed the issues up Cherry Creek and said there might be some NCRS funds to install a diversion at the Cherry Creek split. Rex and Mike agree that something needs to be done to fix the problem, but the Nieslen's and Barnes are allowed stock water that must be delivered year around and Rex described the winter issues. All agreed to get together and install a diversion before fall. Kent said other than that, the season was as expected.

Election of Watermaster – Rex Nielsen nominated Kent Winward and David Bloxham seconded, all were in favor. David Bloxham made a motion to allow Kent to appoint an assistant watermaster, Mike Vaughan seconded and all were in favor.

Proposed Budget - Dianna Burden presented the proposed budget of \$1,200. After some discussion on additional funds for Kent's travel to Cherry Creek, Mike Vaughan made a motion to approve a \$1,300 budget. It included an additional \$100 for watermaster, Kent Winward, to be paid for by the Cherry Creek water users. Jodi Gardner seconded and all were in favor. Fractional billing will continue.


Election of Treasurer – Phil Fergus nominated Dianna Burden as treasurer and Jodi Gardner seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Advisory Committee – It was decided the advisory committee would consist of two water users from Cherry Creek and one water users from Birch Creek. David Bloxham nominated the advisory committee, Kent Winward seconded and all were in favor. The advisory Committee will be Cherry Creek - Mike Vaughan and Rex Nielsen – Birch Creek Phil Fergus.

IDWR update was given by Jared Adamson. Jared stated that ground water will be managed conjunctively with surface water. As of today, the timeline is not known, but watch for notices from IDWR.

The **next meeting** will be held on February 12, 2024 at 7 pm in the American Legion Hall – Downey. Motion made by Kent Winward, seconded by Phil Fergus and all were in favor.

Tanner McNee made a motion to Adjourn, seconded by Jodi Gardner. All were in-favor.


Minutes submitted by Larry Burden - Secretary

ROSTER OF ATTENDANCE

20 23 ANNUAL MEETING

WATER DISTRICT NO. 296

WATER DISTRICT AREA Birch Creek

ANNUAL MEETING

Date 2/13/23 Time 7 am/pm

Location American Legion Bldg

Address Downey Idaho

NAME	ADDRESS	REPRESENTING
Phil Fergus	25319 So Marsh Valley Downy	Birch Co.
Kent Winward	699 E Big Hollow	Birch creek
Heritage Farms	23010 S. Marsh Valley Rd,	Birch creek
DAVID Blockman	2955 E Woodland RD	Cherry Creek
Rex Nielsen	47 N. 3 rd East	Cherry Creek
Nick Phillips For Phillips Ranch	23882 S old malad Hwy	Birch Creek
Jody Gardner	24286 S. Marsh vly Rd.	Birch Creek
Kana Markle	24544 S Marsh Vly Rd	Birch Creek
Jared Adamson		IPWIC
Mike Vaughan	26500 S old malad Hwy	Cherry Creek