

Henman, Christina

From: Whitney, Rob
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 10:23 AM
To: Henman, Christina
Cc: Graybill, David; Visosky, Steven
Subject: FW: WD74W Watermaster Resignation

Christina,

Can you please add this email to WD 74W documents along with the documents related to the resignation and subsequent advisory committee meeting concerning replacement watermaster(s)?

Thanks!

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From: Whitney, Rob
Sent: Thursday, June 1, 2023 2:22 PM
To: kauer10@live.com; beyelerd@yahoo.com; carlellsworth@me.com; fjwhitt@yahoo.com
Cc: Graybill, David <David.Graybill@idwr.idaho.gov>; Carter, Meghan <Meghan.Carter@idwr.idaho.gov>; Luke, Tim <Tim.Luke@idwr.idaho.gov>
Subject: WD74W Watermaster Resignation

Gentlemen,

After communication with members of the WD74W Advisory Committee, it is evident that the recently elected WD74W Watermaster, Greg Ellingford, resigned via text message sent to Doug Beyeler on or about May 9, 2023. On May 19, 2023, IDWR received written a complaint from James Whittaker concerning Ellingford's "Unsatisfactory" performance. Subsequent communication between IDWR and members of the advisory committee suggest Ellingford has not attempted to perform watermaster services for WD74W since sending the text message to Doug Beyeler.

Copied below is part of Idaho Code § 42-605(10) outlining the process that must be followed when a watermaster resigns. The complaint submitted by James Whittaker will be retained by IDWR, but it would be premature for IDWR to schedule a hearing to consider removal of the watermaster when a more expeditious process can be initiated by the water district advisory committee.

If a duly elected or appointed watermaster resigns, dies or is physically unable to perform the duties of the office during the remainder of the elected or appointed watermaster term of service, then the director is authorized to appoint a successor for the unexpired term as provided in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection.#

(a) If a water district advisory committee has been chosen as provided in subsection (6) of this section, the water district advisory committee shall meet to either nominate a successor watermaster or request a special meeting as provided in subsection (11) of this section to elect a new watermaster. Upon receipt of a nomination from a majority of the members of the water district

advisory committee, the director is authorized to appoint the nominated successor watermaster for the unexpired term.#

Please remember that advisory committee meetings are subject to open meeting law. Any related meeting notice and the meeting agenda should be sent to me or David Graybill for posting to Townhall Idaho. If you have any additional questions, feel free to contact me or David.

Regards,

Rob Whitney
Water Distribution Section